

2008 Alaska CruiseTour 19 14-Day Glacier Bay, Alyeska & Double Denali



CRUISE TOUR 19: ULTIMATE INDULGENCE BEGINS AT SEA

7-day Glacier Bay Discovery
Cruise, 2 nights at Alyeska Prince
Hotel, Portage Glacier Cruise and
Double Denali — an irresistible
combination for luxury lovers.

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 Sail from Vancouver

You have been dreaming of this vacation with anticipation. Your five-star vessel boasts fewer passengers, larger staterooms and more space than any other in Alaska. Today you will notice this refined elegance as you sail under the Lion's Gate Bridge and enter the scenic wonders of the **Inside Passage**.

Day 2 Inside Passage scenic cruising

Steep coastal mountains and marine wildlife will be the backdrop to a relaxing day at sea. Whether with a massage in the Greenhouse Spa, a cooking lesson in the Culinary Arts Center or a game of chance in the casino, you'll discover exciting daily activities and elegant service.

Day 3 Ketchikan

Besides the main attractions — Creek Street, the Tongass Historical Museum, Totem Bight State Park and Saxman Village — there's one other thing we highly recommend you do. A flightseeing trip to breathtaking **Misty Fjords National Monument** is essential.

Day 4 Juneau

Today, explore the lush Tongass National Forest or visit the rustic shops in town. History buffs can browse the Alaska State Museum. You'll have the day to explore **Mendenhall Glacier** or go whale watching, fishing or even dogsledding on a glacier!

Day 5 Skagway

This is home to the **Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park** and today we recommend that you board the nostalgic 108-year-old **White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad**. Recount the trials of the gold seekers who packed their outfits over this rugged terrain back in 1898. Your ship will linger until late evening so you'll have ample time to fully explore this living museum of the gold rush.

Day 6 Glacier Bay National Park scenic cruising

This is Alaska's number-one glacier experience. Cruise from the Reid and Lamplugh glaciers to the mighty Johns Hopkins — surrounded by rugged peaks and sheltering a seal pupping ground. Linger for a full hour at the Grand Pacific and Margerie glaciers while a **National Park Service ranger** shares insights into the park's history and wildlife. And a **Huna Totem native speaker** will join the ship to impart the legend and lore of this sacred place.

Day 7 College Fjord scenic cruising

After a relaxing morning at sea, enter Prince William Sound to the only place in Alaska that surrounds you on three sides with flowing rivers of ice, named after the leading Ivy League colleges.

Day 8 Seward/Alyeska

Spend the morning in **Seward** with lunch onboard your ship included. You can relax onboard or take advantage of the shopping in town and the sightseeing on Resurrection Bay. Meet your **Tour Director** and board your luxury motor coach for the scenic drive through the Kenai and Chugach Mountains to the renowned Alyeska Resort. Arrive in time to explore your surroundings and enjoy your hotel.

Day 9 Alyeska Resort

Enjoy your **EXTRA DAY** relaxing and exploring in and around your lavish

Chateau-style hotel. Take the tram to the top of **Mt. Alyeska** to enjoy a relaxing hike and opt for lunch or dinner at the 4-diamond **Seven Glaciers** restaurant. Optional tours are available for everything from kayaking to running the rapids of Sixmile Creek.

Day 10 Alyeska/Anchorage

Drive past the tiny but charming town of Girdwood on your way to the **Seward Highway**. Stop for a scenic one-hour cruise to **Portage Glacier** aboard our exclusive *mv Ptarmigan*. Then continue along Turnagain Arm past Potter's Marsh and on into **Anchorage** enjoying mountain and ocean views in every direction.

Day 11 Anchorage/Denali National Park

Today you'll board our **McKinley Explorer**, the largest domed railcars on the historic Alaska Railroad route, an Alaska Scenic Byway. Upon arrival at **Denali National Park**, transfer to the finest lodge and spend your afternoon and evening at leisure. Optional adventures abound.

Day 12 Denali National Park

Your **EXTRA DAY** at **Denali National Park** begins with an early morning departure for the Denali **Tundra Wilderness Tour**. Enjoy 6-8 hours of narrated touring with a driver-guide as you travel 53 miles of the Park Road for great wildlife viewing. **Caribou, moose, grizzly, wolves and Dall sheep** are frequently sighted. And dramatic **Mt. McKinley** viewpoints are afforded from several lookouts. Later, return to your lodge to relax or take your choice of optional activities.

Day 13 Denali/Fairbanks

This morning, relax over breakfast at your choice of eateries and browse the wildlife exhibits and souvenirs at the Gift Shop. Later, reboard the **McKinley Explorer**, en route to Fairbanks. Enjoy a relaxing night in Alaska's second largest city.

Day 14 Tour ends

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2008 CruiseTour 19 Departure Dates featuring Glacier Bay National Park

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Sunday Departures:

May 11, 18, 25
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
July 6, 13, 20, 27
August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
September 7

Who will enjoy CruiseTour 19 most?

The Cruise Lover: A Glacier Discovery Cruise with Holland America Line offers the best frontier ports and finest onboard experience in one memorable week. You'll appreciate our spacious, elegant ships where unobtrusive service and sophisticated five-star dining are delivered flawlessly.

The Luxury Traveler: A five-star cruise is only the beginning. Alyeska Resort is home to the state's only 4-diamond hotel and 4-diamond restaurant. That, coupled with the best lodge in Denali National Park and you'll be living large.

The Explorer: Double Denali gives you the best chance to explore on your own. Your precious extra time in this 6.2 million acre protected wilderness can be spent alone hiking or in the company of others rafting, flightseeing or horseback riding.

Sample Optional Excursions

For complete listings and purchase details, see our website at www.hollandamerica.com

Ketchikan: Harley-Davidson® Motorcycle Tour. A guided tour on a late-model Harley-Davidson® motorcycle covering 55 miles of paved road. In addition to viewing Ketchikan, there will be a stop at Totem Bight State Park to see one of the world's largest collection of totem poles.

Juneau: Mendenhall Glacier By Helicopter. Travel into the ice age viewing rain forests, high alpine ridges, jagged mountain peaks and finally the crevasses, spires and deep blue melt-water pools of Mendenhall Glacier. Explorer the moon-like surface after landing with a guide. With this excursion you will have seen glaciers today by air and on foot.

Alyeska Resort: Kayak Prince William Sound. Explore the calm waters of Prince William Sound's scenic coastline. Experience waterfalls, rock formations and marine wildlife from a serene, natural perspective, plus a scenic narrated transfer along Turnagain Arm from Alyeska to Whittier.

Anchorage: Evening Tour with Sourdough Mining Company Dinner. Tour downtown and end with good food and light-hearted entertainment at a local favorite. Afterwards, shop at Alaska Wild Berry for some great local gifts to take home.

Denali National Park: Guided Horseback Tour: Your savvy horse will carry you across the alpine tundra, through the taiga forest and through a beautiful ravine. Stunning panoramic views will have you reaching for your camera. Also enjoy excellent natural history lessons and great chances to view wildlife.

Extend your Vacation from Fairbanks

Brooks Range Expedition: Explore the Dalton Highway crossing the Arctic Circle to a land of abundant wildlife and remote scenery. After seeing the Yukon River and spending a night in Coldfoot, continue to the Arctic Divide for a short walk near Gates of the Arctic National Park. A local host will share the village of Wiseman with you before a memorable float down the Koyukuk River. End your journey with a mid-afternoon flight to Fairbanks.

Gates of the Arctic National Park & Anaktuvuk Pass: A full-day tour starts with a flight into the most dramatic scenery in Alaska, 100 miles north of the Arctic Circle. Visit the Nunamiut (inland) Eskimo village of Anaktuvuk Pass on the edge of Gates of the Arctic National Park. You will learn of their rich cultural heritage and witness their modern ways blended with subsistence living. Ancient mountains, arctic tundra and Eskimo culture join for an unforgettable journey.

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