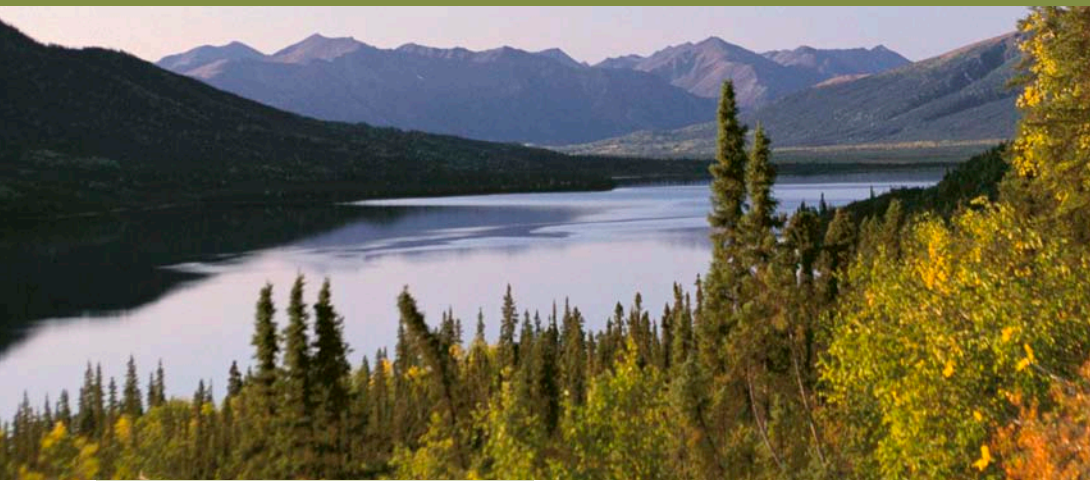


2008 Alaska & the Yukon CruiseTour 2 12-Day Glacier Bay & Klondike Explorer



CRUISETOUR 2: INTRIGUING ALASKA-YUKON IMPRESSIONS

One-night Denali experience
followed by Gold Rush Dawson/
Yukon River adventure & 4-night
Inside Passage Glacier Bay cruise
– popular land and sea attractions

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 Anchorage

Your **Tour Director** will welcome you to Alaska! Overnight Anchorage.

Day 2 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. Sit back and relax in the observation lounge and watch magnificent scenery glide by. Upon arrival at **Denali National Park**, transfer to the finest lodge and spend your afternoon and evening at leisure. Optional adventures abound.

Day 3 Denali National Park/Fairbanks

Depart your lodge for an early morning official **Tundra Wilderness Tour** (6-8 hours) of **Denali National Park**. Travel up to 53 miles of the Park Road for great wildlife viewing — **caribou, moose, grizzly, wolves and Dall sheep** are frequently sighted. Weather permitting, your vistas of **Mt. McKinley** will be unsurpassed. Later, reboard the **McKinley Explorer** and transfer to your downtown **Fairbanks** hotel.

Day 4 Explorer Coach to Tok

Depart this morning for a tour of Fairbanks. You'll see the sights, including the **TransAlaska Pipeline** on your way to **Gold Dredge No. 8**, a National Historic Site.

View the mining exhibits, pan for gold and then enjoy a hearty miner's lunch in the authentic dining hall. The **Alaska Highway** travels the deep backcountry of Alaska. Today's discussion by your driver and Tour Director will focus on life above the Arctic Circle and the local wildlife as you sightsee to **Tok**, and check into your hotel.

Day 5 mv Yukon Queen II/Dawson City

Travel the Taylor Highway to the Alaskan village of **Eagle**, a National Historic Site. Next enjoy a tour with a resident guide before you embark our **mv Yukon Queen II** catamaran for a cruise up the mighty **Yukon River**. Hear tales of river pilots, mail carriers, Mounties and prospectors as you glide through a wilderness that goes on forever. Arrive this evening in **Dawson City, Yukon Territory**. Enjoy an overnight stay in the heart of this, the **Klondike National Historic Site**.

Day 6 A Day in Dawson City or Tombstone Park

There are two major excursion themes: Tombstone Park and the Klondike Gold Rush. At **Tombstone Park**, join local interpreters and explore marvels two billion years old. This remote region is the ancestral home of North America's earliest peoples and a full range of wildlife roams free. Those who stay in **Dawson City** can enjoy a tour of the gold fields famous from the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898.

Day 7 Explorer Coach to Whitehorse

Sightsee along the Klondike Highway past Five Finger Rapids on the **Yukon River**. Today's discussion by your driver and Tour Director will focus on native history and culture in the Yukon, as well as early exploration. Arriving in **Whitehorse**, the capital of the Yukon, you'll check into your

downtown hotel. Tonight, take a stroll into town and kick up your heels at the uproarious **Frantic Follies Vaudeville Revue**.

Day 8 Whitehorse/Skagway

Today's travels take you to an amazing tapestry of every-changing scenery. Discussion by your driver and Tour Director will focus on the region's natural and gold rush history. Next, board the nostalgic **White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad** and descend through some of Alaska's most spectacular country. In **Skagway**, you'll transfer to your Holland America cruise ship and say "good-bye" to your Tour Director.

Day 9 Cruising Glacier Bay National Park

Calving glaciers are the star attraction today as you spend a full day exploring Alaska's best glacial attraction, with a backdrop of 15,000-foot mountains. On board today will be a **National Park Service ranger** and a local **Huna native storyteller** to explain the significance of this protected wilderness.

Day 10 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 11 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 12 Disembark in Vancouver

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2008 CruiseTour 2 Departure Dates

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May 20, 27
June 3, 10, 17, 24
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
August 5, 12, 19, 26

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Saturday Departures:

May 17, 24, 31
June 7, 14, 21, 28
July 5, 12, 19, 26
August 2, 9, 16, 23

Who will enjoy CruiseTour 2 most?

The Wilderness Enthusiast: Between Denali and Glacier Bay national parks, the Yukon Territory and the Inside Passage, wilderness and wildlife viewing opportunities abound.

The History Buff: You will retrace the route of the great Klondike Gold Rush of 1898 from the shores of Skagway to the Gold Fields of Dawson City in the Yukon Territory.

The Railroad Lover: Between Holland America Line's McKinley Explorer luxury domed railcars and the White Pass & Yukon Route's narrow gauge trip back in time, this tour includes 3 days riding the rails.

Sample Optional Excursions

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

Denali National Park: Cabin Nite Dinner Theatre. Savor family-style platters of salmon and marinated ribs as you enjoy a historical musical based on the life of Fannie, an adventurous woman who found fame and fortune in Alaska. The young and young at heart will love this show!

Dawson City: Top of the World Golf. A picturesque nine-hole course, this is the northernmost course with grass greens in all of North America. Watch for displays of mining equipment and the fantastic view of the Yukon River.

Tombstone Park: Chapman Lake Coach Tour. Enjoy a scenic drive from the Tombstone Visitor Center via deluxe motor coach to Chapman Lake. You'll see the area commemorated to the Royal North West Mounted Police and the sled dogs that assisted them, plus enjoy an interpretive walk on a scenic river trail.

Ketchikan: Alaska Bear Adventure by Floatplane. Travel with a bush pilot to a remote site in the Tongass National Forest noted for its rich streams and abundant wildlife. Then hike on improved trails to a viewing platform to view an area frequented by black bear feeding on spawning salmon. Between the aerial vistas and the wildlife, this is a photographer's dream.

Extend your Vacation from Anchorage

Alyeska Resort Pre-CruiseTour Option: The only Alaska hotel to be included on Condé Nast's Gold List, Alyeska Resort is nestled in the Chugach National Forest. Including a four-diamond restaurant with a view of seven nearby glaciers, extending your CruiseTour here will be a most relaxing journey.

Anchorage & Portage Glacier: Add an extra night in Anchorage plus a 7-hour tour including a cruise to Portage Glacier aboard Holland America Line's *mv Ptarmigan*. Traveling by deluxe motor coach, you will also see the wilderness of the Chugach and Kenai Mountains as you look for beluga whales in the scenic Turnagain Arm of Cook Inlet.

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