

# 2008 Alaska CruiseTour 21 14-Day Glacier Bay & Arctic Ocean Journey



## CRUISETOUR 21: ARCTIC CIRCLE WILDLIFE & WILDERNESS

A 7-day Glacier Bay Discovery cruise, a 2-day adventure to the Arctic Ocean and Prudhoe Bay, and one night in Denali — for true adventurers.

## Daily Itinerary

### Day 1 Sail from Vancouver

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**. 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/Anchorage

Enjoy the morning in lovely **Seward**, a picturesque fishing village on lovely Resurrection Bay. Meet your **Tour Director**, board your luxury motor coach and sightsee along the **Seward Highway**, a National Scenic Byway to **Anchorage**. Transfer to your hotel for a night's stay in Alaska's largest city.

### Day 9 Anchorage/Prudhoe Bay

Have breakfast and transfer to the Anchorage International Airport. Fly across the **Arctic Circle** to the community of **Deadhorse** on **Prudhoe Bay**. You'll see the sights on an afternoon tour that takes in the oil fields and production wells that feed the **TransAlaska Pipeline**. Imagine life at this secluded outpost on the shores of the **Arctic Ocean**.

### Day 10 Prudhoe Bay/Coldfoot

Today your **Dalton Highway** adventure begins. Your route skirts **Gates of the Arctic National Park** — four times the size of Yellowstone — and crosses over the scenic headland of the ancient **Brooks Range** at Atigun Pass on the Continental Divide. Watch for members of the famed Porcupine Caribou Herd as you travel to **Coldfoot**. This tiny outpost sits at the mouth of Slate Creek on the east bank of the Middle Fork of the Koyukuk River, population 13. Overnight in Coldfoot.

### Day 11 Coldfoot/Fairbanks

After breakfast, the motor coach drive continues along the **Dalton Highway** and crosses the **Arctic Circle**. A photo stop at the famed Arctic Circle sign makes for a great souvenir of your trip. Then continue across the mighty **Yukon River** and take in the abundant wildlife. Arriving in **Fairbanks**, Alaska's "golden heart" city, you'll check into your downtown hotel.

### Day 12 Fairbanks/Denali National Park

Board our **McKinley Explorer** luxury domed rail car and enjoy an optional breakfast onboard. Take in the sights of this, an Alaska Scenic Byway. This afternoon will find you exploring **Denali National Park**. Your **Tundra Wilderness Tour** travels deep into the park for great wildlife viewing — **caribou, moose, grizzly, wolves and Dall sheep** are frequently sighted — plus dramatic **Mt. McKinley** viewpoints.

### Day 13 Denali/Anchorage

Wake up to a morning at leisure and reboard the **McKinley Explorer** for the continuation of your rail journey. Arrive in **Anchorage** where the city backs up to a stunning skyline of mountains. Say "good-bye" to your Tour Director.

### Day 14 Tour ends

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## Who will enjoy CruiseTour 21 most?

**The Wilderness Enthusiast:** Offering the remote North Slope on the Arctic Ocean, Denali National Park and the scenic Inside Passage, wilderness and wildlife viewing opportunities abound on this cruisetour like no other.

**The Glacier Chaser:** Between Glacier Bay National Park's spectacular scenery, College Fjord's intimate setting and additional options like Mendenhall Glacier from Juneau, you will see more glaciers than on any other cruisetour.

**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.

## 2008 CruiseTour 21 Departure Dates featuring Glacier Bay National Park *ms Zaandam and ms Volendam:*

*\*Additional Friday departures are available featuring Haines, Sitka and Hubbard Glacier instead of Skagway, Glacier Bay and College Fjord.*

### Sunday Departures:

May 18, 25  
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
July 6, 13, 20, 27  
August 3, 10, 17

## Sample Optional Excursions

For complete listings and purchase details, see our website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com)

**Ketchikan:** Neets Bay Bear Watch by Floatplane. Depart via floatplane to one of the finest bear viewing locations in Alaska. Hike ¼ mile down a well-maintained wilderness road to the viewing area where black bears fish. The secure, covered viewing area allows for up close observation.

**Seward:** Kenai Fjords National Park Cruise. Board a dayboat in Seward for a wildlife and glacier cruise in Kenai Fjords National Park. This is an excellent opportunity for seeing whales, sea lions and otters, a massive tidewater glacier and the park's glacially-carved cliffs. (Late afternoon transfer to Anchorage.)

**Coldfoot:** Scenic Koyukuk River Float. Enjoy a scenic float down the Middle Fork Koyukuk River through the Brooks Mountain Range. Relax as your raft floats through the vast wilderness of Alaska's Arctic and your guide shares the rich history of the region.

**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!

## Extend your Vacation from Anchorage

**Alyeska Resort Post 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 conclusion to your 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.

**To Book, Contact:**