

2008 Alaska CruiseTour 22 14-Day Arctic Ocean Journey & Hubbard Glacier



CRUISETOUR 22: ARCTIC EXPEDITION FOR TRUE ADVENTURERS

One night in Denali, a 2-day adventure to the Arctic Ocean and Prudhoe Bay, 7-day Holland America Hubbard Glacier Discovery cruise — earn an Arctic Circle Club certificate.

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 Anchorage

Fly into Alaska's largest city to begin your Alaska adventure with your **Tour Director**. Check into your downtown hotel and spend the day at leisure.

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/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 Fairbanks/Coldfoot

After breakfast, the motor coach travels the **Dalton Highway** with wildlife and wilderness spreading out for miles in every direction. After a photo stop at the **Arctic Circle**, you'll continue on and likely see more wildlife

in one day than most see in a lifetime. Arriving in Coldfoot, population 13, you'll feel a million miles from civilization.

Day 5 Coldfoot/Prudhoe Bay

The continuation of your journey along the North Slope Haul Road takes you past **Gates of the Arctic National Park** — four times the size of Yellowstone. After crossing over the Brooks Range at Atigun Pass, you'll descend onto the Arctic plain. Herds of caribou inhabit this area and are frequently seen with calves born in the spring. You'll overnight in Deadhorse, on the rugged, remote **North Slope of the Arctic** — a tiny outpost servicing Prudhoe Bay.

Day 6 Prudhoe Bay/Anchorage

The polar desert washed by the icy waters of the Arctic Ocean's Beaufort Sea, **Prudhoe Bay** is home to the North Slope oilfields and a permanent population of 47. More than 5,000 seasonal workers take part in drilling, pipeline operations, cargo transportation and a variety of support positions to supply about 20 percent of the United States' domestic oil supply. After a fascinating local tour, you'll depart on an afternoon jet flight to **Anchorage** where you'll transfer to your downtown hotel. Tonight, you'll be back to "civilization" as you spend the last night of your land tour in Alaska's largest and most cosmopolitan city.

Day 7 Anchorage/Seward

This morning depart by luxury motor coach skirting Cook Inlet and Turnagain Arm as you cross through the Chugach and Kenai Mountains on your way to Resurrection Bay and the port town of **Seward** where you can spend the afternoon exploring the downtown shops or take an optional tour. Lunch and dinner are served onboard. Say "good-bye" to your Tour Director and set sail.

Day 8 Hubbard Glacier/Yakutat Bay scenic cruising

Today you'll cruise to **Hubbard Glacier**, one of the premier attractions in Wrangell-St. Elias,

the largest national park in North America and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Come face to face with a gigantic wall of ice that fills your view and extends for miles in either direction. Here you will have your best opportunity to experience calving as you listen to commentary from a Park Service Ranger. Watch from your ship as you pass some of Alaska's largest mountains including 18,008 ft. Mt. St. Elias.

Day 9 Sitka

In the shadow of volcanic Mt. Edgecombe, Alaska's early Russian influence is still felt here. Stroll **Sitka National Historical Park** or get out on the water by kayak in search of seals, whales and eagles.

Day 10 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 11 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 12 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 13 Inside Passage scenic cruising

Day 14 Disembark in Vancouver

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Who will enjoy CruiseTour 22 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 Marine Wildlife Lover: This cruisetour offers unmatched marine wildlife-viewing opportunities through optional excursions in Juneau and Ketchikan. Take a day cruise and get even closer to many species of whale, seal, porpoise and otter. Don't forget extra film!

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 22 Departure Dates featuring Hubbard Glacier

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

Saturday Departures:

May 31
June 14, 28
July 12, 26
August 9, 23

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!

Coldfoot: Anaktuvuk Pass Adventure. Journey by air to the Nunamiut Eskimo village of Anaktuvuk Pass in the heart of Gates of the Arctic National Park. Experience the mix of modern Eskimo culture and subsistence living.

Juneau: Alaska-Style Salmon Bake. Featuring Alaskan-caught wild salmon grilled over an open alderwood fire plus baked chicken, ribs, beans, wild-rice pilaf, salads, corn bread and lemonade, coffee or tea. Dine beside Salmon Creek in the rain forest and listen to a local musician over dinner.

Ketchikan: Magnificent Misty Fjords by Floatplane. To fully appreciate the vastness of this National Monument you must see it from the air. See sheer granite cliffs, 1,000-foot waterfalls, crystalline lakes and the famous low-hanging mist. Window seats are guaranteed!

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 *ms 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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