



CRUISE TOUR 24: MCKINLEY EXPLORER SOJOURN

McKinley Explorer to Denali National Park, luxury rail to Anchorage, 7-day Holland America Glacier Bay cruise — for tight schedules.

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 Fairbanks

Overnight downtown Fairbanks.

Day 2 Fairbanks/Denali National Park

This morning you'll board the **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. Watch for waterfalls, search for wildlife in forests of birch, aspen and fir, and marvel at mountains stretching out in all directions. Upon arrival at the **Denali National Park**, transfer to your inviting lodge and dramatic surroundings. Later, enjoy a guided tour of the park, spotlighting wildlife and awesome mountain views. Take in the new Visitor Center and explore the unspoiled home of towering Mt. McKinley.

Day 3 Denali National Park/Anchorage

Wake up to a morning at leisure relaxing at your lodge or exploring your surroundings on an optional tour. Then reboard the **McKinley Explorer** for the continuation of your rail journey. Optional lunch and dinner are available to enhance your sightseeing experience. Soak in the magnificent views as you cross the Hurricane Gulch Bridge and glide from one mountain, forest or

river scene to another. Arrive in **Anchorage** where the city backs up to a stunning skyline of mountains. This may be Alaska's largest and most cosmopolitan city, but moose are known to wander into the suburbs and true wilderness is as close as the back door.

Day 4 Anchorage/Seward

Step aboard a luxury motor coach for the breathtaking drive along the Seward Highway, an Alaska Scenic Byway. Watch for nesting birds in Potter's Marsh and beluga whales along **Turnagain Arm** as you leave Anchorage behind. Then wander through the Chugach and Kenai Mountains on your way to **Seward** on the shores of **Resurrection Bay**. You may board your cruise ship for lunch and then take some time in town to browse the shops for one last souvenir. Set sail from Seward.

Day 5 College Fjord glacier cruising

While spending 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 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 Haines/Skagway

This is the bald-eagle capital of Alaska. Tour the **Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve**, walk the historic fort or take a high-speed catamaran to nearby Skagway to ride the **White Pass & Yukon Route** railroad. This frontier port is full of options.

Day 8 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 9 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 10 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 11 Disembark in Vancouver

2008 Alaska CruiseTour 24 11-Day Denali Express & Glacier Bay



2008 CruiseTour 24 Departure Dates featuring Glacier Bay National Park

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Thursday Departures:

May 15, 29
June 12, 26
July 10, 24
August 7, 21
September 4

Who will enjoy CruiseTour 24 most?

The Value-Conscious Traveler: Better than just a cruise, this itinerary gives an introduction to Alaska's vast interior — all at a great price.

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.

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!

Haines: Chilkoot Lake Scenic Cruise. An open-air pontoon boat provides an enchanting tour of beautiful Chilkoot Lake. You may have the chance to see spawning sockeye salmon, bald eagles and hopefully, brown bears as they feed.

Juneau: Historic Juneau Gold Mine Tour. Relive Juneau's mining heritage at the once-largest producing gold mill. After a short ride to the mill ruins enter into the 360-foot long tunnel through which crushed ore was once transported to the mill below. Next, pan for gold as you learn of mining's current role in Juneau.

Ketchikan: Misty Fjords & Wilderness Explorer. Cruise in luxury aboard one of the fastest vessels in Alaska. Experience Behm Canal surrounded by the pristine beauty of 3,000-foot vertical cliffs. Feel the mist of the cascading waterfalls and hear the call of nesting seabirds.

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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