

# 2008 Alaska CruiseTour 25 11-Day Glacier Bay & Double Denali Quest



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7-day Glacier Bay Discovery cruise,  
Explorer Coach from Seward to Denali,  
two days at Denali National Park,  
McKinley Explorer to Anchorage —  
a true Alaskan adventure.

## 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 and tribulations 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 Explorer Coach™ to Denali National Park

Your adventure begins when you disembark in Seward and board your Explorer Coach for the scenic journey along the **Seward Highway**, a National Scenic Byway through the Chugach National Forest. The nation's second-largest national forest, its mountains and immense rivers of ice cradle the largest contiguous wetland area on the U.S. West Coast. Arriving

in Anchorage you continue on the Parks Highway with views of the mountains of the Alaska Range. After lunch in Wasilla, continue on the scenic Parks Highway to Denali National Park and check into your inviting lodge.

### Day 9 Denali National Park

Enjoy an **EXTRA DAY** to explore **Denali National Park** on an informative **Tundra Wilderness Tour**. Traveling by bus to mile 53 of the park road offers opportunities to view abundant wildlife from **caribou and moose to Dall sheep, wolves and grizzly bears**. A viewpoint at Stony Hill Overlook provides fabulous views of **Mt. McKinley**, weather permitting. After touring this unspoiled ecosystem — one of the earth's last great wildernesses, you will return to your lodge where you can take advantage of a number of optional tour activities — everything from flightseeing, fly fishing and river rafting to exploring via horse, jeep, or jet boat.

### Day 10 Denali/Anchorage

Wake up to a morning at leisure relaxing at your lodge or exploring your surroundings on an optional tour. Today you'll board the **McKinley Explorer**, the largest domed railcars on the historic Alaska Railroad route, an Alaska Scenic Byway. 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 11 Tour ends

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## 2008 CruiseTour 25 Departure Dates featuring Glacier Bay National Park

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

### 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 25 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 Cruise Enthusiast:** 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 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.

## Sample Optional Excursions

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

**Ketchikan:** Rain Forest Wildlife Sanctuary. Herring Cove is a natural environment for eagles, bears, seals and birds attracted to the estuary's salmon runs. Stroll with your naturalist guide along improved trails through spruce and cedar. At the conclusion, see reindeer and observe a totem pole carving.

**Juneau:** Glacier View Sea Kayaking. After being outfitted on Douglas Island, you'll see views of the glaciers of the Juneau Ice Field from a two-person sea kayak. Don't forget to look for wildlife while paddling for 1½ to 2 hours.

**Skagway:** White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad. An unforgettable roundtrip journey aboard the narrow-gauge White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad. Ride in comfortable, old-fashioned parlor cars to the summit of White Pass, learning the local story of both the Klondike Gold Rush as well as viewing the stunning natural beauty along this historic route.

**Denali National Park:** Fly Fishing. Those with or without prior experience will enjoy this fully outfitted excursion. Good opportunities exist for rainbow trout and native arctic grayling using lightweight fly-fishing gear. This tour is catch and release and includes a one-day license.

## 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 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:**