

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



**CRUISETOUR 25:  
ALASKAN SCENIC BYWAYS  
AND DOUBLE DENALI**  
7-day Hubbard Glacier Discovery  
cruise, Explorer Coach from  
Seward to park, 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 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 Railway. This frontier port is full of options.

### Day 5 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 6 Sitka

In the shadow of volcanic Mt. Edgecumbe, 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 7 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 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 for 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 at the back door.

### Day 11 Tour ends

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## 2008 CruiseTour 25 Departure Dates featuring Hubbard Glacier

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

### Friday Departures:

May 16, 30  
June 13, 27  
July 11, 25  
August 8, 22

## 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 Marine Wildlife Lover:** In addition to seven days at sea with Holland America Line, 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.

## Sample Optional Excursions

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

**Ketchikan:** Totems & Town. Totem Bight State Park is home to one of the world's largest stands of totems. Stroll the trail under majestic hemlock and cedar trees to learn about the culture of the Northwest Coastal Natives. Visit the quaint Alaska totem Trading Store and drive past Creek Street's historic red-light district.

**Juneau:** Mendenhall Lake Native Canoe Adventure. Paddle across an iceberg-studded lake to the face of the dramatic Mendenhall Glacier in a 12-person traditional, Native-style canoe. Your guide will share legends of the time when the region's first people, the Tlingit, traversed the waters of Southeast Alaska.

**Sitka:** Sea Life Discovery. Glide through eel grass beds, drift through giant kelp forests and explore rich, rocky shoals in comfortable style aboard Alaska's only heated, restroom-equipped, semi-submersible tour vessel. The cold waters of Alaska teem with life, including jellyfish, anemones, crab, fish, starfish, and a variety of aquatic plants. Large, underwater viewing windows allow you to encounter the undersea world up close. Return through Sitka Channel, with its fleet of fishing vessels, float planes, and bustling waterfront.

**Denali National Park:** Denali Jeep® Backcountry Safari. Take the wheel of a 4x4 Jeep Wrangler® and follow your guide on a spectacular off-road journey into the backcountry. Your Jeep will carry 4 guests and interactive radios allow your guide to explain the area's rich history while you watch for wildlife.

## 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:**