

2008 Alaska CruiseTour 26 11-Day Double Denali Quest & Hubbard Glacier



CRUISETOUR 26: DOUBLE DENALI VIA ALASKAN SCENIC BYWAYS

McKinley Explorer luxury rail to Double Denali, Explorer Coach to Seward and 7-day Hubbard Glacier Discovery cruise — a distinctive mix of adventures.

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 Anchorage

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

Day 2 Anchorage/Denali National Park

Today 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 **Denali National Park**, transfer to the finest lodge where your comfortable room awaits. Unpack and set off to explore. There's so much to see and do. Grab a take-out sandwich at the Sugarloaf Coffee Corner and head off on a rental bike for a ride to Horseshoe Lake. Organized flightseeing, horseback riding and golfing tours are another option. And don't miss the rollicking musical at the Cabin Nite Dinner Theatre.

Day 3 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 4 Explorer Coach to Seward

This morning, board your Explorer Coach for the drive along the Parks Highway watching for dazzling mountain views and wildlife — sightings of moose, squirrels, porcupines, eagles, hoary marmot and more are frequently reported. Then continue along the Seward Highway to picturesque **Seward**, a harbor town surrounded by mountains on the edge of Resurrection Bay. Embark your ship and sail.

Day 5 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 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 Skagway

This is the home of the **Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park** and today we recommend that you board the nostalgic **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 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

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Who will enjoy CruiseTour 26 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 Marine Wildlife Enthusiast: 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. 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 26 Departure Dates featuring Hubbard Glacier

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

Tuesday Departures:

May 20
June 3, 17
July 1, 15, 29
August 12, 26
September 9

Sample Optional Excursions

For complete listings and purchase details, see our website at www.hollandamerica.com

Denali National Park: Fixed Wing Flightseeing. Fly along the Alaska Range on this "round the mountain" tour, getting as close to Mt. McKinley as weather permits. Watch for views of Yanert Valley and of colossal glaciers while enjoying a fully narrated flight.

Skagway: Best of Skagway. Take the historic White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad all the way to Fraser, BC. You'll return to Skagway on the scenic Klondike Highway in a deluxe motor coach for a lunch at Liarsville Gold Rush Trail Camp complete with gold panning. End at the Red Onion Saloon as you learn the city's more "colorful" past.

Juneau: Juneau Sportfishing. The protected waters of the Inside Passage are home to bountiful salmon. Depending on the season, your 30-foot charter boat will seek king, chum, pink or silver salmon. Fish processing and shipment home are available.

Ketchikan: The Great Alaskan Lumberjack Show. An action-packed experience where the world's best lumberjacks go head to head in more than a dozen exciting events such as chopping, sawing, relay races, axe throwing, log rolling and speed climbing. This is rip-roaring entertainment for all ages.

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 *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.

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