

# 2008 Alaska & the Yukon CruiseTour 4 14-Day Klondike, Double Denali & Glacier Bay



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## CRUISE TOUR 4: THE BEST OF ALASKA AND THE YUKON

Double Denali and a Gold Rush Dawson/Yukon River wilderness adventure followed by a 4-night Inside Passage Glacier Bay cruise —perfect, beginning to end.

## Daily Itinerary

### Day 1 Anchorage

Your **Tour Director** will welcome you to Alaska! Overnight Anchorage.

### 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 National Park

Your **EXTRA DAY** at **Denali National Park** begins with an early morning departure for the **Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour**. Enjoy 6-8 hours of narrated touring with a driver-guide as you travel 53 miles of the Park Road for great wildlife viewing. **Caribou, moose, grizzly, wolves and Dall sheep** are frequently sighted. And dramatic **Mt. McKinley** viewpoints are afforded from several lookouts including **Stony Hill Overlook**. Later, return to your lodge to relax or take your choice of optional activities.

### Day 4 Denali National Park/Fairbanks

This morning, sip an espresso by the fire. Relax over breakfast at your choice of eateries and browse the wildlife exhibits

and souvenirs at the Gift Shop. Later, reboard the **McKinley Explorer**, en route to Fairbanks. Then check into your downtown hotel and enjoy a relaxing night in Alaska's second largest city.

### Day 5 Explorer Coach to Tok

Depart this morning for a tour of Fairbanks. You'll see the sights, including the **TransAlaska Pipeline** on your way to **Gold Dredge No. 8**, a National Historic Site. View the mining exhibits, pan for gold and then enjoy a hearty miner's lunch in the authentic dining hall. The **Alaska Highway** travels the deep backcountry of Alaska. Today's discussion by your driver and Tour Director will focus on life above the Arctic Circle and the local wildlife as you sightsee to **Tok**.

### Day 6 mv Yukon Queen II/Dawson City

Travel the Taylor Highway to the Alaskan village of **Eagle**, a National Historic Site for a tour with a resident guide. You'll embark our **mv Yukon Queen II** catamaran for a cruise up the **Yukon River** through a wilderness that goes on forever. Arrive this evening in **Dawson City, Yukon Territory**. Enjoy an overnight stay in the heart of this, the **Klondike National Historic Site**.

### Day 7 A Day in Dawson City or Tombstone Park

At **Tombstone Park**, join local interpreters and explore marvels two billion years old. This remote region is the ancestral home of North America's earliest peoples and a full range of wildlife roams free. Those who stay in Dawson City can enjoy a tour of the gold fields famous from the Rush of 1898.

### Day 8 Explorer Coach to Whitehorse

Sightsee along the Klondike Highway past **Five Finger Rapids** on the **Yukon River**. Arriving in **Whitehorse**, the capital of the

Yukon, you'll check into your downtown hotel. Tonight, take a stroll into town and kick up your heels at the uproarious **Frantic Follies Vaudeville Revue**.

### Day 9 Whitehorse/Skagway

Today's discussion will focus on the region's natural and gold rush history. Board the nostalgic **White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad** in Carcross for a scenic rail trip along the shores of **Lake Bennett**. Stop for lunch (included) and a Parks Canada presentation about the **Chilkoot Trail**. Then reboard the **White Pass** for your dramatic trip to **Skagway**.

### Day 10 Skagway/Sail

In **Skagway** you'll have the day to explore the **Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park**. Say "good-bye" to your Tour Director and transfer to your Holland America cruise.

### Day 11 Glacier Bay National Park cruising

**Calving glaciers** are the star features as you spend a full day exploring Alaska's best glacial attraction, with a backdrop of 15,000-foot mountains. Onboard today will be a **National Park Service ranger** and a local **Huna native storyteller** to explain the significance of this protected wilderness.

### 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 Cruising

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 14 Disembark in Vancouver

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## 2008 CruiseTour 4 Departure Dates

### *ms Statendam:* Sunday Departures:

May 18, 25  
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
July 6, 13, 20, 27  
August 3, 10, 17, 24

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### Thursday Departures:

May 15, 22, 29  
June 5, 12, 19, 26  
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
August 7, 14, 21

## Who will enjoy CruiseTour 4 most?

**The Unhurried Traveler:** “Take your time to see the natural wonders of the Great Land” is our motto. Spend twice as much time at Denali National Park, a full day in Glacier Bay National Park, extra time for Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, plus Tombstone Park near Dawson City for comprehensive exploration.

**The History Buff:** You will retrace the route of the great Klondike Gold Rush of 1898 from the shores of Skagway to the Gold Fields of Dawson City in the Yukon Territory.

**The Railroad Lover:** Between Holland America Line’s McKinley Explorer luxury domed railcars and the White Pass & Yukon Route’s narrow gauge trip back in time, this tour includes 3 days riding the rails

## Sample Optional Excursions

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

**Dawson City:** Gold Fields Jeep® Tour. Tour the Klondike gold fields as you get behind the wheel of a Jeep Wrangler® 4x4 for sixty miles along the Upper Bonanza Creek. Climb to 4000+ feet for expansive views. Learn the local history using 2-way radios with your guide.

**Tombstone Park:** Grizzly Lake Hike. Located on the south side of the Tombstone Range, this is home to waterfowl including buffleheads and puddle ducks. This 2½ mile strenuous hike will introduce you to the Tombstone area and your guide will explain the history and geography along the way. Don’t forget a camera!

**Ketchikan:** Neets Bay Bear Watch by Floatplane. Depart via floatplane to one of the finest bear viewing locations in Alaska. Hike ¼ mile down a well-maintained wilderness road to the viewing area where black bears fish. The secure, covered viewing area allows for up close observation.

## 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.

**To Book, Contact:**