

2008 Alaska & the Yukon CruiseTour 6 15-Day Klondike, Denali & Glacier Bay National Parks



CRUISETOUR 6: IDEAL NATIONAL PARKS KLONDIKE TOUR

Wildlife and wilderness in Kluane, Tombstone and Double Denali, Gold Rush Dawson/Yukon River adventure & a 4-night Glacier Bay cruise – the “Ideal CruiseTour.”

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. Upon arrival at **Denali National Park**, transfer to the finest lodge and spend your afternoon at leisure.

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.

Day 4 Denali National Park/Fairbanks

This morning, 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. 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 including the **TransAlaska Pipeline** on your way to **Gold Dredge No. 8**. 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** for a tour with a resident guide. You'll embark our **mv Yukon Queen II** catamaran for a cruise up the **Yukon River**. Arrive this evening in **Dawson City, Yukon Territory** and the **Klondike National Historic Site**.

Day 7 A Day in Dawson City or Tombstone Park

There are two major excursion themes: **Tombstone Park** and the Klondike Gold Rush. 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. Today's discussion will focus on native history and culture in the Yukon, as well as early exploration. Arriving in **Whitehorse**, kick up your heels at the uproarious **Frantic Follies Vaudeville Revue** (included).

Day 9 Kluane National Park

This **UNESCO World Heritage Site** encompasses the second tallest mountain in

North America — **Mt. Logan** — and numerous other titanic peaks. Designed exclusively for Holland America guests, local interpreters lead you on your choice of optional hikes from easy to strenuous. And all feature rich wildlife habitat and superb scenery.

Day 10 Whitehorse/Skagway

Today your driver and Tour Director 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 11 Skagway/Sail

In **Skagway** you'll have a 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 12 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. On board today will be a **National Park Service ranger** and a local **Huna native storyteller** to explain the significance of this protected wilderness.

Day 13 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 14 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 15 Disembark in Vancouver

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2008 CruiseTour 6 Departure Dates

ms Ryndam: **Wednesday Departures:**
May 28
June 4, 11, 18, 25
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
August 6, 13

ms Statendam: **Saturday Departures:**
May 24, 31
June 7, 14, 21, 28
July 5, 12, 19, 26
August 2, 9, 16

Who will enjoy CruiseTour 6 most?

The National Park Collector:

Alaska and the Yukon's best wilderness parks are included on this tour. You'll have extra time for exploring Denali, Kluane and Glacier Bay national parks plus Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park in Skagway, the Klondike National Historic Site in Dawson City and nearby Tombstone Park.

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 new 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

Denali National Park: Husky Homestead Tour. Take in a personal tour of four-time Iditarod Sled Dog Race champion Jeff King's homestead at Goose Lake. You'll have the opportunity to hold Husky puppies and get acquainted with more than sixty world-class sled dogs.

Tombstone Park: Chapman Lake Coach Tour. Enjoy a scenic drive from the Tombstone Visitor Center via deluxe motor coach to Chapman Lake. You'll see the area commemorated to the Royal North West Mounted Police and the sled dogs that assisted them, plus enjoy an interpretive walk on a scenic river trail.

Dawson City: Diamond Tooth Gertie's. Follow the strains of a honky-tonk piano and the click of roulette wheels into historical Diamond Tooth Gertie's Saloon & Gambling Hall.

Kluane National Park: St Elias Lake Interpreted Day Hike. Enjoy the scenic St. Elias trail in the company of a local guide. As you travel through aspen strands, boreal forest and sub-alpine environments, you discover Kluane's diverse plant and animal life. Enjoy your lunch and marvel at the beauty of St. Elias Lake, a sub-alpine lake situated between 4,495-foot mountains.

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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