



**CRUISETOUR 8: AL-CAN  
HIGHWAY GREAT LAND  
IMPRESSIONS**  
Denali and Fairbanks history, the scenic Alaska Highway, Glacier Bay National Park and a 4-night Inside Passage cruise – our nature lovers' tour

## 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.

### Day 3 Denali National Park/Fairbanks

Depart your lodge for an early morning **Natural History Tour**. Travel 19 miles on the Park Road and learn about this unspoiled ecosystem - one of the earth's last great wilderness areas. Later, reboard the **McKinley Explorer** and transfer to your downtown **Fairbanks** hotel.

### Day 4 Fairbanks

We have a full day planned. Start by boarding the **sternwheeler Discovery** for

native culture and local color. At **Gold Dredge No. 8**, a National Historic Site, browse the mining exhibits and pan for gold during an informative tour, with lunch included. Then visit the **Museum of the North** for a presentation and the exhibits.

### Day 5 Explorer Coach to Beaver Creek

Find yourself in the heart of true wilderness, passing the Tetlin Wildlife Refuge, the Wrangell Mountains, Delta Junction and more. Lunch is included in Tok. After a pause at **Rika's Roadhouse**, we'll welcome you to Beaver Creek with our famed **Yukon Rendezvous Dinner Show** (included).

### Day 6 Explorer Coach to Whitehorse

Enjoy wide-open vistas as the **Alaska Highway** weaves its way past the St. Elias Mountains and the sparkling waters of scenic Kluane Lake. You'll enjoy lunch and a natural history presentation at the entrance to Kluane National Park. Then enjoy the charming sled dogs of **Uncommon Journeys**. Arriving in **Whitehorse**, the capital of the Yukon Territory, you can relax at your downtown hotel or explore.

### Day 7 Whitehorse/Skagway

Today's travels take you to an amazing tapestry of ever-changing scenery. Discussion by your driver and Tour Director will focus on the region's natural and gold rush history. Next, board the nostalgic **White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad** and descend through some of Alaska's most spectacular country.

In **Skagway**, you'll transfer to your Holland America cruise ship and say "good-bye" to your Tour Director.

### Day 8 Cruising Glacier Bay National Park

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

### 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

# 2008 Alaska & the Yukon CruiseTour 8 11-Day Alaska-Yukon Explorer® & Glacier Bay



## 2008 CruiseTour 8 Departure Dates

<b>ms Ryndam:</b>	<b>Sunday Departures:</b>	<b>ms Statendam:</b>	<b>Wednesday Departures:</b>
	May 18, 25		May 21, 28
	June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29		June 4, 11, 18, 25
	July 6, 13, 20, 27		July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
	August 3, 10, 17, 24		August 6, 13, 20, 27

## Who will enjoy CruiseTour 8 most?

**The Wilderness Enthusiast:** Between Denali and Glacier Bay national parks, the broad open vistas from the AL-CAN Highway and the Inside Passage, wilderness and wildlife viewing opportunities abound.

**The History Buff:** You will travel the famous AL-CAN Highway. An engineering marvel during WWII, you will learn of Gold Rush history, its fascinating construction story and the lore of the local First Nations people between Whitehorse and Fairbanks.

**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:** Cabin Nite Dinner Theatre. Savor family-style platters of salmon and marinated ribs as you enjoy a historical musical based on the life of Fannie, an adventurous woman who found fame and fortune in Alaska. The young and young at heart will love this show!

**Fairbanks:** Ester Gold Camp & Buffet Dinner. These historic buildings date back to the early 1900's. Here you'll find a bountiful buffet featuring crab, halibut, reindeer stew, chicken and homemade biscuits. The Malamute Saloon is the perfect setting for an evening of entertainment with songs, sketches and Robert W. Service poetry.

**Ketchikan:** Misty Fjords Wilderness Cruise & Flight by Floatplane. Cruise on a high-speed catamaran through the national monument, surrounded by cliffs towering thousands of feet and cascading waterfalls. Then transfer to a floatplane and cross this 2-million acre wilderness with a bush pilot.

**Explore Historic Ketchikan.** Nestled between the sea and rain forest, Ketchikan is rich in history. Drive the shores of the Tongass Narrows to Libby Cannery to see natural salmon spawning streams. Then stop at Saxman Native Village to see the beaver Clan House and majestic Totems.

## 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:**