

2008 Alaska CruiseTour 12V 12-Day Denali Adventure & Glacier Bay



CRUISETOUR 12V: ALASKA BY LAND AND SEA

An extra day in Fairbanks,
McKinley Explorer sightseeing and
one night in Denali National Park
– the perfect complement to your
7-day Glacier Bay Discovery cruise.

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 Anchorage

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

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. Spend your evening at leisure, strolling the grounds, relaxing by the fire, or touring the nearby Denali Visitor Center.

Day 3 Denali National Park/Fairbanks

This morning, enjoy astounding scenery on your **Natural History Tour of Denali National Park**. Traveling 19 miles along the Park Road, you'll learn about this unspoiled ecosystem — one of the earth's last great wildernesses. Later, reboard the **McKinley Explorer**, sit back and relax in the observation lounge and watch magnificent scenery glide by. Then check into your downtown hotel for a relaxing night in **Fairbanks**.

Day 4 Fairbanks

Your **EXTRA DAY** in Fairbanks offers numerous adventures — lunch included. Start your adventure on a cruise aboard the **sternwheeler Discovery III**. You'll watch a bush pilot demonstration and meet native Alaskans talking about life up North. At **Gold Dredge No. 8**, browse the mining exhibits and pan for gold during your informative tour. Enjoy a second night's stay in Fairbanks.

Day 5 Fairbanks/Seward

This morning fly from Fairbanks to Anchorage. Then board a deluxe motor coach for sightseeing along the scenic Seward Highway. Watch for nesting birds and beluga whales along **Turnagain Arm** as you leave Anchorage behind. Then wander through the Chugach and Kenai Mountains on your way to **Seward** on the shores of **Resurrection Bay**. You may board your cruise ship (lunch is served onboard) and/or take some time in town to browse the shops for a souvenir. Set sail this evening.

Day 6 College Fjord cruising

While spending a relaxing morning at sea, enter **Prince William Sound** to the only place in Alaska that surrounds you on three sides with flowing rivers of ice, named after the leading Ivy League colleges.

Day 7 Glacier Bay National Park scenic cruising

This is Alaska's number-one glacier experience. Cruise from the Reid and Lamplugh glaciers to the mighty Johns Hopkins — surrounded by rugged peaks and sheltering a seal pupping ground. Linger for a full hour at the Grand Pacific and Margerie glaciers while a **National Park Service ranger** shares insights into the

park's history and wildlife. And a **Huna Totem native speaker** will join the ship to impart the legend and lore of this sacred place.

Day 8 Haines

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 Railroad**. This frontier port is full of options.

Day 9 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 10 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 11 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 12 Disembark in Vancouver

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2008 CruiseTour 12V Departure Dates featuring Glacier Bay National Park

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Wednesday Departures:

May 14, 21, 28
June 4, 11, 18, 25
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
August 6, 13, 20, 27
September 3, 10

Sample Optional Excursions

For complete listings and purchase details, see our website at 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!

Haines: Best of Haines by Classic Motorcar. Entertaining guides show you the town's rich history in a 1930's or '40s vintage automobile. Includes Fort Seward, coastal roads, totem poles, Native clan houses, a cannery and glaciers. Watch for eagles and perhaps whales, seals, dolphins or even moose.

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: Ketchikan Historical Waterfront Cruise. An entertaining narration brings to life Ketchikan's active and historic waterfront by ship. Sights include historic Creek Street, Saxman Totem Park and rustic Pennock Island, lush with part of the famous local rain forest.

Who will enjoy CruiseTour 12V 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 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.

The Glacier Chaser: Between Glacier Bay National Park's spectacular scenery, College Fjord's intimate setting and additional options like Mendenhall Glacier from Juneau, you will see more glaciers than on any other cruisetour.

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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