

# 2008 Alaska CruiseTour 11V 12-Day Glacier Bay & Denali Adventure



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## CRUISETOUR 11V: GLACIER BAY TO THE ALASKAN INTERIOR

Extend your Alaska experience with luxury McKinley Explorer rail viewing to Denali National Park. Adventures in Fairbanks add the perfect touch of gold rush flavor.

## Daily Itinerary

### Day 1 Sail from Vancouver

You have been dreaming of this vacation with anticipation. Your five-star vessel boasts fewer passengers, larger staterooms and more space than any other in Alaska. Today you will notice this refined elegance as you sail under the Lion's Gate Bridge and enter the scenic wonders of the **Inside Passage**.

### Day 2 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 3 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 4 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 5 Skagway

This is home to the **Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park** and today we recommend that you board the nostalgic 108-year-old **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 6 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 7 College Fjord scenic cruising

After 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 8 Seward/Anchorage/Fairbanks

Step aboard a luxury motor coach to begin your land-based Alaska adventure. Marvel at the breathtaking scenery along the **Seward Highway**, an Alaska Scenic Byway. Watch for nesting birds in Potter's Marsh and beluga whales along Turnagain Arm as you approach

Alaska's largest city. From Anchorage, **fly to Fairbanks** where you'll spend your first night at your downtown hotel.

### Day 9 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 10 Fairbanks/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. Upon arrival at **Denali National Park**, transfer to the finest lodge. This afternoon, prepare for your official **Natural History Tour**. Traveling 19 miles along the Park Road, you'll learn about this unspoiled ecosystem — one of the earth's last great wildernesses.

### Day 11 Denali/Anchorage

Wake up to views of Mt. Healy and the Nenana River. Take the morning to enjoy an espresso by the fire in the Great Room. Browse the wildlife exhibits and shops. Take a stroll along the river-view trail. Then reboard the **McKinley Explorer** for lunch and dinner (optional). You'll arrive in Anchorage this evening and check into your downtown hotel.

### Day 12 Tour ends

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## 2008 CruiseTour 11V Departure Dates featuring Glacier Bay National Park

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

### **Sunday Departures:**

May 11, 25  
June 8, 22  
July 6, 20  
August 3, 17, 31

## Who will enjoy CruiseTour 11V 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.

## Sample Optional Excursions

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**Ketchikan:** Rain Forest Wildlife Sanctuary. Herring Cove is a natural environment for eagles, bears, seals and birds attracted to the estuary's salmon runs. Stroll with your naturalist guide along improved trails through spruce and cedar. At the conclusion, see reindeer and observe a totem pole carving.

**Juneau:** Mendenhall Glacier Float Trip. This exciting, yet gentle introduction to rafting begins at Mendenhall Lake where you'll have a view of the glacier that is actually 1½ miles wide and 150 feet high at its face. No prior experience necessary – just an adventurous spirit!

**Skagway:** Valley of the Glaciers by Helicopter. The rugged expanse of Skagway's backcountry will effortlessly unfold beneath you until you land on a glacier among towering peaks. This rare opportunity to explore one of Mother Nature's greatest wonders is essential.

**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!

## Extend your Vacation from Anchorage

**Alyeska Resort Post 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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