

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



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CRUISETOUR 11V: HUBBARD GLACIER 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 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 Railway. This frontier port is full of options.

Day 5 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 6 Sitka

In the shadow of volcanic Mt. Edgecombe, Alaska's early Russian influence is still felt here. Stroll **Sitka National Historical Park** or get out on the water by kayak in search of seals, whales and eagles.

Day 7 Hubbard Glacier/Yakutat Bay scenic cruising

Today you'll cruise to **Hubbard Glacier**, one of the premier attractions in Wrangell-St. Elias, the largest national park in North America and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Come face to face with a gigantic wall of ice that fills your view and extends for miles in either direction. Here you will have your best opportunity to experience calving as you listen to commentary from a Park Service Ranger. Watch from your ship as you pass some of Alaska's largest mountains including 18,008 ft. Mt. St. Elias.

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**, you'll 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 Hubbard Glacier

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May 16, 30
June 13, 27
July 11, 25
August 8, 22

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

Sample Optional Excursions

For complete listings and purchase details, see our website at www.hollandamerica.com

Ketchikan: Totems & Town. Totem Bight State Park is home to one of the world's largest stands of totems. Stroll the trail under majestic hemlock and cedar trees to learn about the culture of the Northwest Coastal Natives. Visit the quaint Alaska totem Trading Store and drive past Creek Street's historic red-light district.

Juneau: Mendenhall Glacier By Helicopter. Travel into the ice age viewing rain forests, high alpine ridges, jagged mountain peaks and finally the crevasses, spires and deep blue melt-water pools of Mendenhall Glacier. Explorer the moon-like surface after landing with a guide. With this excursion you will have seen glaciers today by air and on foot.

Juneau: Glacier View Sea Kayaking. After being outfitted on Douglas Island, you'll see views of the glaciers of the Juneau Ice Field from a two-person sea kayak. Don't forget to look for wildlife while paddling for 1½ to 2 hours.

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!

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 Enthusiast: 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 Marine Wildlife Lover: This cruisetour offers unmatched marine wildlife-viewing opportunities through optional excursions in Juneau and Ketchikan. Take a day cruise and get even closer to many species of whale, seal, porpoise and otter. Don't forget extra film!

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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