



CRUISE TOUR 24V: MCKINLEY EXPLORER SOJOURN

McKinley Explorer to Denali National Park, flight to Anchorage, 7-day Holland America Glacier Bay Discovery cruise — for tight schedules.

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 Anchorage

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

Day 2 Anchorage/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. Watch for waterfalls, search for wildlife in forests of birch, aspen and fir, and marvel at mountains stretching out in all directions. Upon arrival at **Denali National Park**, transfer to the finest lodge where your comfortable room awaits. Unpack and set off to explore. There's so much to see and do. Grab a take-out sandwich at the Sugarloaf Coffee Corner and head off on a rental bike for a ride to Horseshoe Lake. You'll have plenty of options to do with your leisure time near the park.

Day 3 Denali/Fairbanks

This morning, enjoy a guided tour of the park, spotlighting wildlife and awesome mountain views. Take in the new Visitor Center and explore the unspoiled home of towering Mt. McKinley. Later, reboard the

McKinley Explorer for the continuation of your leisurely sightseeing experience. Arrive in Alaska's "Golden Heart" city to experience life on the frontier.

Day 4 Anchorage/Seward

Enjoy a morning flight to **Anchorage**. Then, step aboard a luxury motor coach for the breathtaking drive along the Seward Highway, an Alaska Scenic Byway. Watch for nesting birds in Potter's Marsh and beluga whales along **Turnagain Arm**. Wander through the Chugach and Kenai Mountains on your way to **Seward** on the shores of **Resurrection Bay**. Board your cruise ship and set sail from Seward.

Day 5 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 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 Haines/Skagway

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 8 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 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 CruiseTour 24V 11-Day Denali Express & Glacier Bay



2008 CruiseTour 24V Departure Dates featuring Glacier Bay National Park

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Thursday Departures:

May 15, 22, 29
June 5, 12, 19, 26
July 3, 10, 17, 24
August 7, 14, 21, 28
September 4, 11

Who will enjoy CruiseTour 24V 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 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.

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.

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: Chilkoot Lake Scenic Cruise. An open-air pontoon boat provides an enchanting tour of beautiful Chilkoot Lake. You may have the chance to see spawning sockeye salmon, bald eagles and hopefully, brown bears as they feed.

Juneau: Historic Juneau Gold Mine Tour. Relive Juneau's mining heritage at the once-largest producing gold mill. After a short ride to the mill ruins enter into the 360-foot long tunnel through which crushed ore was once transported to the mill below. Next, pan for gold as you learn of mining's current role in Juneau.

Ketchikan: Misty Fjords & Wilderness Explorer. Cruise in luxury aboard one of the fastest vessels in Alaska. Experience Behm Canal surrounded by the pristine beauty of 3,000-foot vertical cliffs. Feel the mist of the cascading waterfalls and hear the call of nesting seabirds.

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 *ms 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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