

2008 Alaska & the Yukon CruiseTour 3 13-Day Klondike & Double Denali



**CRUISETOUR 3:
MORE TIME TO EXPLORE
GREAT PLACES**
A 3-night Inside Passage cruise leads to Gold Rush Dawson/Yukon River adventure and Double Denali – so many attractions in just 13 days.

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 Sail from Vancouver

Today you will notice that your five-star vessel boasts fewer passengers, larger staterooms and more space than any other in Alaska.

Day 2 Inside Passage scenic cruising

Steep coastal mountains and marine wildlife will be the backdrop to a relaxing day at sea filled with exciting daily activities and elegant service.

Day 3 Afternoon in Juneau

In Juneau, you'll have the day to explore **Mendenhall Glacier** or go whale watching, fishing or even dogsledding on a glacier!

Day 4 Skagway

Disembark and meet your **Tour Director** and relive the Days of 1898. Learn the history and lore of the **Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park** on a 1.5-hour tour. Then spend the rest of the day exploring.

Day 5 Lake Bennett & Whitehorse

Follow in the footsteps of the stamperders as you board the nostalgic **White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad** and climb through some of Alaska's most spectacular country. You'll travel by rail all the way to Lake Bennett. Enjoy lunch (included) and Parks Canada interpretation of the famous Chilkoot Trail. Then board the White Pass

for a scenic ride along Lake Bennett to Carcross. Arriving in **Whitehorse**, the capital of the Yukon, kick up your heels at the uproarious **Frantic Follies Vaudeville Revue** (included).

Day 6 Explorer Coach to Dawson City

As you follow the Yukon River north, the poetry of Robert W. Service comes to life as you pass Lake Laberge. Today's discussions will focus on native history and culture in the Yukon, as well as early exploration. After a stop for lunch in Minto (included) arrive in **Dawson City**. Overnight in the **Klondike National Historic Site**.

Day 7 A Day in Dawson City or Tombstone Park

There are two major excursion themes: **Tombstone Park** and the Klondike Gold Rush. Venture into an ancient land. At Tombstone Park, join local interpreters and explore marvels two billion years old where a full range of wildlife roams free. Those who stay in **Dawson City** can enjoy a tour of the gold fields made famous by the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898.

Day 8 mv Yukon Queen II/Tok

Cruise the **Yukon River** aboard our **mv Yukon Queen II** catamaran and hear tales of river pilots, mail carriers, Mounties and prospectors as you glide past the wide-open country that goes on forever. You'll disembark in the Alaskan village of **Eagle** for a tour with a resident guide. Today's onboard discussion en route to **Tok** will focus on gold mining and the local natural history.

Day 9 Explorer Coach to Fairbanks

The **Alaska Highway** travels the deep back-country and offers views of the Alaska Range and the **TransAlaska Pipeline**. An exciting

visit will be made at an authentic Alaskan Roadhouse as you sightsee to **Fairbanks**. Enjoy a hearty lunch at **Gold Dredge No. 8**, a National Historic Site. Then view the mining exhibits and pan for gold during your informative tour aboard the dredge. Overnight downtown.

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 the **Denali National Park**, transfer to your inviting lodge, the best at the park. After settling in to your room, get out and explore.

Day 11 Denali National Park

Your **EXTRA DAY** at **Denali National Park** begins with an early morning departure for the Denali **Tundra Wilderness Tour**. Enjoy 6-8 hours of narrated touring with a driver/guide as you travel 53 miles of the Park Road for great wildlife viewing. **Caribou, moose, grizzly, wolves and Dall sheep** are frequently sighted. And dramatic **Mt. McKinley** viewpoints are afforded from several lookouts including Stony Hill Overlook. Later return to your lodge to relax or take your choice of optional activities.

Day 12 Denali/Anchorage

After a morning at leisure reboard the **McKinley Explorer** to **Anchorage**. Transfer to your downtown hotel and say "good-bye" to your Tour Director. Depart the next day, or add an additional overnight and a cruise to the Prince William Sound or Kenai Fjords.

Day 13 Tour ends

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2008 CruiseTour 3 Departure Dates

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May 24, 31
June 7, 14, 21, 28
July 5, 12, 19, 26
August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

ms Ryndam: Wednesday Departures:
May 21, 28
June 4, 11, 18, 25
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
August 6, 13, 20, 27

Who will enjoy CruiseTour 3 most?

The Unhurried Traveler: “Take your time to see the natural wonders of the Great Land” is our motto. Spend extra time in Skagway’s Klondike National Historical Park, Tombstone Park near Dawson City plus twice as much time at Denali National Park for comprehensive exploration.

The History Buff: You will retrace the route of the great Klondike Gold Rush of 1898 from the shores of Skagway to the Gold Fields of Dawson City in the Yukon Territory.

The Railroad Lover: Between the White Pass & Yukon Route’s narrow gauge trip back in time to Holland America Line’s luxurious, ultra-modern McKinley Explorer domed railcars, this tour includes 3 days riding the rails.

Sample Optional Excursions

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

Juneau: Four Glaciers by Helicopter & Dog Sled Adventure. See four of Alaska’s most spectacular glaciers as your expert pilot flies over the ice spires and pinnacles of the Juneau Icefield. Land on a remote glacier and step out to explore the ancient landscape with your guide.

Dawson City: Dawson City Tour. A leisurely tour of the “Paris of the North”, Dawson City has been restored to its turn-of-the-century splendor. You’ll view Gold Dredge No 4 and Discovery Claim where the first gold was found.

Tombstone Park: North Klondike River Hike. A moderately paced hike, this is your chance to explore the North Klondike River area and cover approximately 2½ miles with a guide. Wildlife is plentiful in this area and sightings are common of Dall sheep, brown bear, marmot and ptarmigan.

Denali National Park: Denali Helicopter Excursion. Fly along the spine of the Alaska Range through the unexplored mountain backcountry of towering peaks and ancient glaciers in search of majestic Mt. McKinley.

Extend your Vacation from Anchorage

Anchorage & Kenai Fjords National Park: A six-hour dayboat cruise of Resurrection Bay and Kenai Fjords National Park is a quintessential Alaskan experience no nature lover should miss. After traveling the Seward Highway (a National Scenic Byway), board your vessel and marvel at ice blue tidewater glaciers, towering cliffs, and serene waters frequented by whales, sea lions and otters (lunch included). Return to Anchorage this evening.

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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