

# 2008 Alaska & the Yukon CruiseTour 5 14-Day Klondike, Kluane & Denali



**CRUISETOUR 5: PREMIER NATIONAL PARKS KLONDIKE TOUR**  
A 3-night Inside Passage cruise along with Denali, Kluane and Gold Rush Dawson/Yukon River exploration—thrilling adventure off the beaten path.

## 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 Kluane National Park

This UNESCO World Heritage Site encompasses the second tallest mountain in North America — **Mt. Logan** — and numerous other titanic peaks. The world's largest non-polar ice field is a Kluane attraction best appreciated on a flightseeing excursion. Designed exclusively for Holland America guests, local interpreters lead you on your choice of optional hikes from easy to strenuous. And all feature rich wildlife habitat and superb scenery.

### Day 7 Explorer Coach to Dawson City

As you follow the Yukon River north, today's discussions will focus on native history and culture. After a stop for lunch in Minto (included) arrive in **Dawson City**. Overnight in the **Klondike National Historic Site**.

### Day 8 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 9 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. 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 local natural history.

### Day 10 Explorer Coach to Fairbanks

The **Alaska Highway** travels the deep backcountry and offers views of the Alaska Range and the **TransAlaska Pipeline**. Sightsee to **Fairbanks** and enjoy a hearty lunch at **Gold Dredge No. 8**. Then view the mining exhibits and pan for gold during your informative tour aboard the dredge. Overnight downtown.

### Day 11 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. After settling in to your room, get out and explore.

### Day 12 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. Later, return to your lodge to relax or take your choice of optional activities.

### Day 13 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 in Anchorage and a tour of Prince William Sound, Portage Glacier or Kenai Fjords.

### Day 14 Tour ends

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## 2008 CruiseTour 5 Departure Dates

### *ms Statendam:* Saturday Departures:

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

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### Wednesday Departures:

June 4, 11, 18, 25  
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
August 6, 13, 20

## Who will enjoy CruiseTour 5 most?

### **The National Park Collector:**

Alaska and the Yukon's best wilderness parks are included on this tour. You'll have extra time for exploring Denali and Kluane National parks plus Klondike National Historical Park in Skagway, the Klondike National Historic Site in Dawson City and nearby Tombstone Park.

**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](http://www.hollandamerica.com)

**Kluane National Park:** Pine Lake Fishing Tour. Fish from a motorized boat for northern pike, lake trout and grayling. Local guides will take you to their favorite fishing spots while you soak up the unique landscape that Kluane has to offer. This catch and release tour includes a guide, gear and a fishing license.

**Dawson City:** Klondike River Float Trip. A gentle float trip on the Klondike River with views of the surrounding landscape. Your guide will fill you in on the history of the area and you'll see the evidence of gold mining activities past and present.

**Tombstone Park:** Exploring Along the Dempster Highway. Travel in a small group from the Tombstone Visitors Center to Chapman Lake. Your guide will give an informative talk on the history and changing landscape of the area. Stops may include the North Fork Pass Summit and Two Moose Lake for great photos.

**Denali National Park:** Denali Wilderness Safari. A scenic jet boat ride along the still wild Nenana River. Watch for wildlife on your way to the remote wilderness camp in the Brushkasna Creek Valley. You'll enjoy a hot snack and learn about prospecting, trapping, dog mushing, hunting and living off the land.

## 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 & Prince William Sound:** Travel the Seward Highway to Whittier where you'll board your sightseeing vessel specially designed to navigate the waters of Prince William Sound. During your cruise you'll travel into the Sound to view numerous glaciers. Onboard the vessel enjoy lunch (included) as well as comfortable seating and large windows that guarantee an excellent view from every vantage point. Be on the lookout for sea otters, seals, porpoises, sea lions and whales during your cruise. Return to Anchorage in the evening.

**To Book, Contact:**