



**CRUISETOUR 9: CROWN  
JEWELS OF ALASKA & CANADA**  
A 3-night Inside Passage cruise,  
Double Denali and Kluane National  
Parks – unforgettable.

## Daily Itinerary

### Day 1 Sail from Vancouver

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 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/Whitehorse

Disembark and meet your **Tour Director**. Board the nostalgic **White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad** and climb through some of Alaska's most spectacular country. Then travel via luxury motor coach into Canada's **Yukon Territory**. Today's discussion by your driver and Tour Director will focus on the region's natural and gold rush history en route to **Whitehorse**, on the banks of the Yukon River.

### Day 5 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 hikes from easy to strenuous. And all feature rich wildlife habitat and superb scenery.

### Day 6 Explorer Coach to Beaver Creek

Start your day with a lively visit with the sled dogs of **Uncommon Journeys**. Then, a Natural History presentation near Kluane National Park, with lunch included. Marvel at ancient, glacier-carved valleys, braided rivers and monumental mountain ranges as you travel the historic Alaska-Canada Highway on your way to Canada's westernmost settlement. At Beaver Creek you'll catch the Yukon spirit at our famed **Yukon Rendezvous Dinner Show** (included)—a festive way to learn about local history and culture.

### Day 7 Explorer Coach to Fairbanks

Get as far from civilization as most ever get—a delight for true nature lovers. The sights never fail to amaze from the magnificent **Tetlin Wildlife Refuge**, dramatic Wrangell Mountains and famed TransAlaska Pipeline. Lunch is included in Tok. Along the way stop at **Rika's Roadhouse**, a noted Alaska State Park, for tempting homemade pie. Arrive in Alaska's "Golden Heart" city and enjoy frontier flavor.

### Day 8 Fairbanks

We have a full day planned. Start by boarding the **sternwheeler Discovery** for native culture and local color. At **Gold Dredge No. 8**, a National Historic Site, browse the mining exhibits and pan for gold during an informative tour, with lunch included. Then visit the **Museum of the North** for a presentation and the exhibits.

### Day 9 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 10 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 11 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.

### Day 12 Tour ends

# 2008 Alaska & the Yukon CruiseTour 9 12-Day Kluane & Double Denali



## 2008 CruiseTour 9 Departure Dates

**ms Ryndam: Wednesday Departures:**

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

**ms Statendam: Saturday Departures:**

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

## Sample Optional Excursions

For complete listings and purchase details, see our website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com)

**Juneau:** Gold Panning at Gold Creek. Relive Juneau's gold rush history and pan for gold at Last Chance Basin, site of the original gold strike in 1880. Then you'll have a hands-on experience panning for gold—keeping all that you find!

**Kluane National Park: Scenic Lake Kathleen Cultural Cruise:** On beautiful Kathleen Lake, enjoy a 2.5-hour cruise that takes you towards famous King's Throne. Narration will be provided by your First Nations captain while you cruise deep in Kluane National Park. You will make a short beach stop that has a one-of-a-kind wildlife viewing area. Lunch is provided at Kathleen Lake Campground upon your return to the dock.

**Fairbanks:** Alaska Salmon Bake & the Palace Theater. A delicious all-you-can-eat dinner of barbequed salmon, halibut, cod and prime rib. Afterwards enjoy the rollicking Golden Heart Revue as you make your way into Gold Rush Town.

**Denali National Park:** Black Diamond Golf Excursion. A unique golfing excursion high in the mountains of Alaska on a 9-hole rugged links course. Includes clubs, a cart, souvenir logo bag and as many balls as you need to finish your round.

## Who will enjoy CruiseTour 9 most?

**The Wilderness Enthusiast:** With extra time for Denali and Kluane national parks, the AL-CAN Highway's broad open vistas and the Inside Passage, wilderness and wildlife viewing opportunities abound on this tour.

**The History Buff:** You will travel the famous AL-CAN Highway. An engineering marvel during WWII, you will learn of Gold Rush history, it's fascinating construction story and the lore of the local First Nations people between Whitehorse and Fairbanks.

**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.

## 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.

**To Book, Contact:**