

2008 Alaska CruiseTour 12 12-Day Denali Adventure & Glacier Bay



CRUISETOUR 12: ALASKA BY LAND AND SEA

McKinley Explorer domed railcar sightseeing, Fairbanks and Denali National Park and a leisurely 7-day Glacier Bay Discovery cruise – first class all the way.

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 Fairbanks

Overnight downtown Fairbanks.

Day 2 Fairbanks

Your **EXTRA DAY** in Fairbanks offers numerous adventures — lunch included. Start your adventure on a cruise aboard the **sternwheeler Discovery III**. You'll learn about the Alaskan lifestyle as you visit a replicated native village and view crafts, a fishwheel in action and watch a bush pilot demonstration. At **Gold Dredge No. 8**, browse the mining exhibits and pan for gold during your informative tour. Enjoy a second night's stay in Fairbanks.

Day 3 Fairbanks/Denali National Park

Board your **McKinley Explorer** luxury domed rail car and enjoy an optional breakfast and lunch served onboard the train in the elegant dining room. Take in the sights and sounds of the Alaska Railroad, an Alaska Scenic Byway. Sit back and relax in the observation lounge and watch magnificent scenery glide by. Arrive and check into your inviting lodge. This afternoon will find you exploring **Denali National Park** on an informative 19-mile **Natural History Tour**. Note the feel of a vast landscape traversed by only a narrow ribbon of road.

Day 4 Denali /Anchorage

Wake up to a morning at leisure relaxing at your lodge or exploring your surroundings on an optional tour. Then reboard the **McKinley Explorer** for the continuation of your rail journey. Optional lunch and dinner are available to enhance your sightseeing experience. Soak in the magnificent views as you cross the Hurricane Gulch Bridge and glide from one mountain, forest or river scene to another. Arrive in **Anchorage** where the city backs up to a stunning skyline of mountains. This may be Alaska's largest and most cosmopolitan city, but moose are known to wander into the suburbs and true wilderness is as close as the back door.

Day 5 Anchorage/Seward

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** as you leave Anchorage behind. Then wander through the Chugach and Kenai Mountains on your way to **Seward** on the shores of **Resurrection Bay**. You may board your cruise ship for lunch and then take some time in town to browse the shops for one last souvenir. Set sail from Seward.

Day 6 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 7 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 8 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 9 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 10 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 11 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 12 Disembark in Vancouver

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2008 CruiseTour 12 Departure Dates featuring Glacier Bay National Park

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

Wednesday Departures:

May 14, 21, 28
June 4, 11, 18, 25
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
August 6, 13, 20, 27
September 3, 10

Who will enjoy CruiseTour 12 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 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.

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.

Sample Optional Excursions

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

Fairbanks: Alaska Salmon Bake & the Palace Theater. A delicious all-you-can-eat dinner of barbecued 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: Guided Horseback-Taiga Tour. Located on the historic Stampede Trail, this ride winds through the boreal forest at the tree line boundary with the tundra. It offers stunning 360° panoramic views and a comprehensive natural history lecture. Elevations are approximately 2,000 feet and there are great wildflowers, berries, and wildlife-viewing opportunities. This is not just another follow-the-leader trail ride—you'll go cross-country and can spread out. It's a true backcountry wilderness horseback ride.

Juneau: Mendenhall Lake Native Canoe Adventure. Paddle across an iceberg-studded lake to the face of the dramatic Mendenhall Glacier in a 12-person traditional, Native-style canoe. Your guide will share legends of the time when the region's first people, the Tlingit, traversed the waters of Southeast Alaska.

Ketchikan: Saxman Native Village. The Tlingits welcome guests to the Beaver Clan House with a song and dance. At the Saxman Totem Park, one of the largest gatherings of totem poles in the world, your guide will help unravel their towering mysteries. At the Village Carving Center, craftsmen pass on their skills to eager apprentices.

Extend your Vacation from Fairbanks

Brooks Range Expedition: Explore the Dalton Highway crossing the Arctic Circle to a land of abundant wildlife and remote scenery. After seeing the Yukon River and spending a night in Coldfoot, continue to the Arctic Divide for a short walk near Gates of the Arctic National Park. A local host will share the village of Wiseman with you before a memorable float down the Koyukuk River. End your journey with a mid-afternoon flightseeing adventure to Fairbanks.

Gates of the Arctic National Park & Anaktuvuk Pass: A full-day tour starts with a flight into the most dramatic scenery in Alaska, 100 miles north of the Arctic Circle. Visit the Nunamiut (inland) Eskimo village of Anaktuvuk Pass on the edge of Gates of the Arctic National Park. You will learn of their rich cultural heritage and witness their modern ways blended with subsistence living. Ancient mountains, arctic tundra and Eskimo culture come together for an unforgettable journey.

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