

2009 Alaska CruiseTour 20 14-Day Double Denali, Alyeska & Hubbard Glacier



CRUISETOUR 20: ULTIMATE INDULGENCE BEGINS ON LAND

Two nights at Alyeska Prince Hotel, scenic Portage Glacier cruise, Double Denali and 7-day Hubbard Glacier Discovery cruise — deluxe all the way.

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 Fairbanks

Meet your **Tour Director** and enjoy your first night's stay.

Day 2 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 3 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 4 Denali/Anchorage

Wake up to a morning at leisure. Then reboard the **McKinley Explorer** for the continuation of your rail journey to **Anchorage**. 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 and river scene after another. Here you'll enjoy an overnight stay with mountain views in every direction.

Day 5 Anchorage/Alyeska

This morning depart by luxury motor coach skirting Cook Inlet and Turnagain Arm as you view the Chugach Mountains on your way to view the exhibits at the Begich-Boggs Portage Glacier Visitors Center. Next, enjoy a one-hour cruise aboard the *mv Ptarmigan* to **Portage Glacier**. Then, continue the drive to your stay at the **Alyeska Resort** in relaxed Girdwood, Alaska.

Day 6 Alyeska Resort

Enjoy your **EXTRA DAY** relaxing and exploring the internationally acclaimed Chateau-style hotel. Take the tram to the top of **Mt. Alyeska** for a relaxing hike followed by lunch or dinner at the 4-diamond Seven Glaciers restaurant. Optional tours are also available, such as a scenic Wilderness Explorer cruise across pristine Prince William Sound. Focus your camera on seals, sea otters, porpoise and whales.

Day 7 Alyeska/Seward

Enjoy the scenic motor coach drive along the Seward Highway passing lovely mountain, forest and river scenery on your way to the picturesque town of **Seward** on Resurrection Bay. Board your ship and say "good-bye" to your Tour Director.

Day 8 Hubbard Glacier/Yakutat Bay scenic cruising

Today you'll cruise to **Hubbard Glacier**, one of the premier attractions in Wrangell-St. Elias, the largest national park in North America and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Come face to face with a gigantic wall of ice that fills your view and extends for miles in either direction.

Here you will have your best opportunity to experience calving as you listen to commentary from a Park Service Ranger. Watch from your ship as you pass some of Alaska's largest mountains including 18,008 ft. Mt. St. Elias.

Day 9 Sitka

In the shadow of volcanic Mt. Edgecombe, Alaska's early Russian influence is still felt today. Stroll **Sitka National Historical Park** or get out on the water by kayak in search of seals, whales and bald eagles.

Day 10 Skagway

Home of the **Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park**, today we recommend that you board the nostalgic **White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad**. Recount the trials of the gold seekers who packed their outfits over this rugged terrain back in 1898. Your ship will linger until late evening so you'll have ample time to fully explore this living museum of the gold rush.

Day 11 Juneau

Today, explore the lush Tongass National Forest or visit the rustic shops in town. You'll have the day to explore **Mendenhall Glacier** or go whale watching, fishing or even dogsledding on a glacier!

Day 12 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 13 Inside Passage scenic cruising

Day 14 Disembark in Vancouver

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2009 CruiseTour 20 Departure Dates featuring Hubbard Glacier

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

Saturday Departures:

May 23
June 6, 20
July 4, 18
August 1, 15, 29
September 12

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!

Alyeska Resort: Wilderness Explorer Cruise. This highly rated tour showcases Prince William Sound's glaciers, fjords and wildlife. Included is a narrated transfer through the longest tunnel in North America and a delicious onboard lunch. This is a must for those who like to get close to nature at her finest.

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.

Ketchikan: Alaska Bear Adventure by Floatplane. Travel with a bush pilot to a remote site in the Tongass National Forest noted for its rich streams and abundant wildlife. Then hike on improved trails to a viewing platform to view an area frequented by black bear feeding on spawning salmon. Between the aerial vistas and the wildlife, this is a photographer's dream.

Who will enjoy CruiseTour 20 most?

The Luxury Traveler: A five-star cruise is only the beginning. Alyeska Resort is home to the state's only 4-diamond hotel and 4-diamond restaurant. That coupled with the best lodge in Denali National Park and you'll be living large.

The Explorer: Double Denali gives you the best chance to explore on your own. Your precious extra time in this 6.2 million acre protected wilderness can be spent alone hiking or in the company of others rafting, flightseeing or horseback riding.

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.

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.