

Alaska, Yukon, Double Denali & Glacier Bay



Cruisetour D5c

12Days/ 11Nights
July 28 - Aug 8, 2024
Sunday - Thursday

Beyond Alaska's scenic coastline lies a land of incredible beauty, massive mountains, raging rivers, abundant wildlife and gold fields that lured thousands of miners. There are three ways to see the many faces of Alaska—by **cruise ship through the Inside Passage** -by **motorcoach through the interior of Alaska** -and by **rail, viewing much of the hidden scenery**. You will experience all of this on your journey to Alaska.

1 Your journey to the “Last Frontier” the great state of Alaska begins with your flight to **Vancouver**. You will transfer to your ship ms. Nieuw Amsterdam.



2 Today is a day of the Alaska's **Inside Passage** is a protected network of waterways that wind through glacier-cut fjords and lush temperate rain forests along the rugged coast of Southeast Alaska. Arguably one of the greatest cruising routes in the world, the Inside Passage stretches through stunning landscapes, from Misty Fjords National Monument to famed Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve. Sailing the Inside Passage offers opportunities to spot some of Alaska's most iconic wildlife, with humpback whales and orca plying the bountiful waters alongside the ships, bald eagles soaring overhead and brown bears lumbering on the shoreline.

3 Explore this uniquely Alaskan port, famous for its rich native culture, salmon fishing, and scenic Misty Fjords. **Ketchikan** has long been an important hub of the salmon-fishing and -packing industries. You can try your luck at sportfishing or simply savor the fresh seafood at one of the local restaurants. Ketchikan is one of the best spots to explore the rich cultural sights of Native Alaskan nations like the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian. You can see intricately carved totem poles and see Tlingit culture in action, with working carvers and a dance show in the clan house.

4 Cruise to **Juneau**, Alaska and spend the whole day visiting the most remote, most beautiful and strangest state capital in the United States. Surrounded by water, forest and mountain sights, visitors seeking things to do in Juneau indoors and outdoors can hike a glacier, eat fresh-caught fish on a seaside patio and tour a grand capitol building all in one day. Juneau is known for its outdoor recreation, fresh seafood and fine dining. The city itself is pleasant, but the real highlight of a visit to Juneau is tracking down some wildlife. You can hike up Mount Roberts to chance upon wild deer and bald eagles. Most sightseeing and whale-watching tours head north to Auke Bay—bring a good pair of binoculars to get the best view of these majestic and surprisingly graceful creatures. If you prefer land mammals, catch a floatplane to a nearby wildlife reserve such as Chichagof or Admiralty Island to spy some bears lolling around on Alaska cruise excursion. The sleepy, misty city of around 32,000—mostly fishermen and small-business owners—has a frontier town vibe, but welcomes more than a million visitors each summer to its natural attractions, cementing Juneau as Alaska's number-one tourist destination. You can experience a once-in-a-lifetime chance to

fly over the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge, the Yukon River and the Arctic Circle. At Fort Yukon, accessible only by air, an Athabascan native guide shares their way of life in the Alaskan bush. Step back in time at Gold Dredge No. 8, a National Historic Site, and pan for gold. Enjoy a relaxed dinner at the Alaska Salmon Bake at Pioneer Park where you'll enjoy an All-you-can-eat buffet while surrounded by Alaskan history. It is your choice on how to enjoy your time here.

5 At the height of the Klondike Gold Rush, the port town of **Skagway** served as the primary gateway to the legendary gold fields, and quickly grew into Alaska's largest settlement. It was then a raucous frontier hub packed with trading posts, saloons and guesthouses. As the gold rush faded into the 1900s, so did Skagway—but today it has been reinvigorated as a gateway for a new kind of visitor: those looking to explore Alaska's colorful history, pristine wildlife and unrivaled natural beauty.

6 Cruise the ice-studded fjords of **Glacier Bay National Park** a national treasure for a full eight hours as a Park **Ranger narrates**. Holland America ships are perfectly sized for the optimal experience. Prepare for



inclement weather, even in summer and dress for rain. Pack a hat, gloves, wool or fleece layers, a warm coat and waterproof gear to comfortably admire the landscape from the open deck of your ship. There are glaciers, fjords, inlets, rivers, streams and wildlife galore on Glacier Bay cruises, so bring your binoculars. You are at the face of the Glacier, and can hear the glacier groaning and feel the drifting spray made as a tower of ice breaks off and thunders into the sea.

7 An Alaska glaciers cruise is the best way to see majestic, centuries-old rivers of ice cascading from the mountains to the sea. Glaciers have shaped many Alaska lakes, rivers and valleys one slow centimeter at a time. They've fascinated scientists and inspired artists for a long time. Scenic cruising College Fjord will bring you close to many glaciers—there's even a spot where you can see eight at once. Your chances of watching ice thunder into the water is high, as the Prince William Sound is one of the most active areas for calving.



8 Disembark in Whittier and enjoy a scenic rail journey along Turnagain Arm aboard the cruise train en route to Anchorage.

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But the luxurious **McKinley Explorer**, the largest **domed rail car** on the historic Alaska Railroad route, an



Alaska Scenic Byway. Sit back and relax in the observation lounge and watch magnificent scenery glide by, hoping to get a look at **Mt. McKinley**, the highest peak in North America. Upon arrival at **Denali National Park**, for your **two night stay** at this magnificent National treasure, check into your comfortable room and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Their Denali Square is the ideal place to relax with great dining, quality entertainment and soaring views into Denali Park. Some optional

activities include a helicopter ride, river rafting, horseback tours. For dinner choose from river-view eateries to the rustic family-style barbeque and musical at the Cabin Nite Dinner Theatre- a favorite.

10 Today features the unforgettable Denali Park **Tundra Wilderness Tour**, with a sack snack. This 6-8 hour fully **narrated** sightseeing excursion is a deep drive into **Denali National Park**. This offers the best opportunity to view wildlife. It is rare not to see some combination of Alaska’s Big Five; Grizzly Bear, Caribou, Dall sheep, Moose, and wolves. Weather permitting, fabulous views of **Mt. McKinley** will be unsurpassed. The rest of the day is free to craft your own wilderness experience. The Nanana is an exciting river to run and you can opt for a wild ride through the canyon or a calmer float trip past majestic scenery. You can explore the back country by jeep, take a nature walk, fly fish, or explore Black Diamond Peak via ATV. Choose a thrilling optional activity and make Denali National Park a personal best and a truly memorable experience.

11 Experience this breathtaking city on an Alaska cruise. Today you continue on your journey to **Fairbanks, Alaska’s Golden Heart City**.

12 This morning you transfer to the airport for your flight back home. Thank you for allowing **Judy’s Leisure Tours, Inc.**, to make your Alaska memories happy ones.

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