

# DISCOVER ALASKA'S

hidden treasures

# 13 days



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THE BEST OF  
**ALASKA:**

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KETCHIKAN

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NATIONAL PARK

DENALI HIGHWAY

DENALI NATIONAL PARK

TALKEETNA

ANCHORAGE



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Welcome to the great land of Alaska! The cruise portion of your Alaskan adventure begins in Vancouver where you board the Norwegian Sun for a fabulous seven-night voyage. Cruise your way through the Inside Passage to Ketchikan, then explore Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Hubbard Glacier and finally Whittier. Disembark your floating resort in Whittier and get ready to discover even more of Alaska's awe-inspiring beauty as you transition to the land portion of your vacation. Continue through Prince William Sound to Valdez, then travel to Denali National Park, taking in even more unforgettable scenery and wildlife. In the charming town of Talkeetna, browse unique galleries and shops while learning about the village's rich history. Your last stop is Anchorage. Travel the scenic Parks Highway and enjoy a tour of Anchorage before returning home. *Discover Alaska's Hidden Treasures* truly is the trip of a lifetime and should not be missed!

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1

#### **Gateway City - Vancouver, British Columbia - Board the Norwegian Sun**

This morning, board a regularly-scheduled airline for Vancouver, British Columbia, to begin your Alaskan cruise and vacation. Upon arrival in Vancouver, board the Norwegian Sun for a wonderful seven-night cruise providing you with many comforts, great food, nightly entertainment and magnificent views of Alaska. This evening, join your fellow Alaskan adventurers for a "Welcome Cocktail Reception" aboard the ship as you set sail from Vancouver.

### DAY 2

#### **Cruise the Inside Passage**

Today, you have an opportunity to relax and marvel at the scenic beauty of British Columbia's Inside Passage. The Inside Passage is a coastal route for ocean-going vessels along a network of passages which weave through the islands on the Pacific Coast of North America and stretches from Washington State to Alaska. Sea life and eagles are abundant on this waterway route along with incredible glaciers. There are many activities available for you aboard your floating resort as you make your way to Ketchikan, your first port in Alaska.

### VACATION INCLUDES:

- Local transfers in Vancouver
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 7-night cruise aboard the *Norwegian Sun*
- All meals and entertainment aboard the ship
- All port and state taxes
- 6-day exclusive land package
- 5 nights lodging: Valdez (1), Denali (2), Talkeetna (1) and Anchorage (1)
- Professional Alaskan Guide (land portion)
- 9 meals (5-B, 1-BL & 3-D) (land portion)
- All gratuities for baggage handling, drivers and local step-on guides (land portion)
- Incredible and unique aspects of Alaska off the beaten path

Come find  
**YOUR ALASKA...**

# DENALI National Park



## DAY 3

**Ketchikan, Alaska** Arrive 7 A.M. - Depart 4 P.M.

The beautiful community of Ketchikan is situated along the shores of Alaska's Inside Passage within the heart of the sixteen-million-acre Tongass National Forest. Evergreen mountains rise out of the water, the lush green landscape nurtured by the abundant rainfall of the temperate rainforest environment. The community is comprised of three islands: Revillagigedo, Gravina and Pennock. Let the local experts help make the most of your available time. Most tours and attractions can be enjoyed in four hours or less. There are dozens of sightseeing tours that can provide an overview of the community, or choose to focus on just one aspect that intrigues you. Whatever you decide, Ketchikan is sure to be a memorable visit.

## DAY 4

**Juneau, Alaska** Arrive 10 A.M. - Depart 8 P.M.

The sophisticated and vibrant city of Juneau is the only state capital in the nation not accessible by road. It is exceptionally picturesque, hard against the Gastineau Channel, with steep, narrow roads clawing up into the rainforested hills behind. Gold features heavily in its history. In 1880, Joe Juneau made Alaska's first gold strike along the banks of the Gastineau Channel. Until the last mine was shut down in 1944, this was the world's largest producer of low-grade ore; all the flat land in Juneau, stretching from downtown to the airport, is landfill from mine tailings. Today, state government provides much of the employment, and tourism plays its part with the drive-to Mendenhall Glacier and the watery charms of Tracy Arm fjord as temptations for visitors. There are a wide variety of shore excursions to choose from during your visit to the state capital of Alaska.

## DAY 5

**Skagway, Alaska**

Skagway, Alaska, is the northernmost stop on the Alaska Marine Highway's Inside Passage. It is also the home of the Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park. In its heyday, Skagway was the boomtown gateway to the Trail of '98 and the Klondike gold fields. The population has dwindled from twenty-thousand feverish goldseekers to about eight-hundred stalwart year-round citizens. Streets once choked with gold-crazed stampedeers clamoring to get on to the Klondike and strike it rich are now just as busy with the thousands of adventurers that visit annually. Now it is your turn to discover Skagway.

## DAY 6

**Cruising Glacier Bay, Alaska**

The marine wilderness of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve includes tidewater glaciers, snow-capped mountain ranges, ocean coastlines, deep fjords, and freshwater rivers and lakes. This diverse land and seascape hosts a mosaic of plant communities and a variety of marine and terrestrial wildlife, presenting many opportunities for adventuring and learning about this unique and powerful place. All but one of the glaciers is in retreat, and a rapid retreat at that. Three-hundred years ago, there was no Glacier Bay. The glaciers that now feed into it once filled it, and as they have retreated, the land has rebounded leaving areas previously under ice exposed to the sun, air, rain and the in-rushing sea. This is truly one of the most remarkable destinations in the world and today it is yours.

## DAY 7

**Cruising Hubbard Glacier, Alaska**

Today, your Alaskan cruise explores Hubbard Glacier. Here, you are truly impressed by what you see and learn. It takes about four-hundred years for ice to traverse the length of the glacier, meaning that the ice at the foot of the Hubbard Glacier is about four-hundred years old. Where the glacier meets the shore, most of the ice is below the waterline and newly-calved icebergs can shoot up quite dramatically, so ships must keep their distance as they ply their way up and down

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the coast. Have your cameras ready for some unbelievable photo opportunities as you cruise through this amazing bay.

## DAY 8

### **Whittier, Alaska - Prince William Sound - Valdez, Alaska**

Disembark the Norwegian Sun in Whittier this morning followed by a grand ferry expedition through Prince William Sound to Valdez, Alaska. During this scenic ferry crossing, discover the rich sealife that inhabits Prince William Sound. This evening, arrive at Valdez. Nestled between the waterfront and mountains, Valdez has been aptly nicknamed "Alaska's Little Switzerland." Tonight, enjoy a late dinner at a local restaurant and a refreshing one-night stay. **D**

## DAY 9

### **Valdez - Richardson Highway - Wrangell-St. Elias National Park - Denali Highway - Denali National Park**

After breakfast at our hotel, depart and travel by coach through some of Alaska's most spectacular country. View breathtaking vistas and snow-capped mountain ranges in a region that is virtually untapped remote wilderness. Travel from sea level and climb above the clouds on the magnificent Richardson Highway. Continue along through the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, the largest park in the United States, then follow the majestic Denali Highway from Paxton to Cantwell Junction. These 138 miles of unpaved road provide you with a new perspective of this incredible region. From Cantwell, travel north into Denali National Park for dinner and a delightful two-night stay. **B, D**

## DAY 10

### **Denali National Park Excursion**

This morning, travel into Denali National Park on a distinct expedition. On this Murie Excursion (<http://www.murieslc.org/>), enjoy a coach ride into the park to the Teklanika River Overlook. Enjoy a short, guided hike as you learn about the park's history and get an up-close view of the flora and fauna of this vast region. Keep an eye out for wildlife such as grizzly bears, moose, caribou and much more. Enjoy a boxed lunch during your special journey. The rest of your day is open for optional activities such as a variety of ranger-led walks and hikes offered throughout the park. **B, BL**

## DAY 11

### **Denali - Talkeetna, Alaska**

This morning, depart Denali as you travel south to the community of Talkeetna, which began as a trading post when gold was first discovered in

the Susitna River. Explore on your own today in this charming village which is nestled at the base of North America's tallest peak, Mount McKinley, and features an outstanding panoramic view of the Alaska Range. This unique location also offers fishing, art galleries, gift shops, restaurants and locally-brewed beer. You may want to participate in an optional tour such as flightseeing, hiking or a jet boat adventure. The choices are endless and the choices are yours. Enjoy a relaxing one-night stay in Talkeetna. **B**

## DAY 12

### **Talkeetna - Anchorage, Alaska**

This morning, board your deluxe motorcoach and travel from Talkeetna to Anchorage. Ride along the scenic Parks Highway and enjoy a brief city tour of Anchorage. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant with new-found friends and incredible memories of this unsurpassed Alaskan journey. **B, D**

## DAY 13

### **Anchorage - Gateway City**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel. Transfer from your hotel to the Anchorage Airport and bid a fond farewell to the great land of Alaska. **B**

## TOUR FARE

**Inside cabins** from \$\_\_\_\_\_ double occupancy

**Oceanview cabins** from \$\_\_\_\_\_ double occupancy

**Balcony cabins** from \$\_\_\_\_\_ double occupancy

**NOTE:** *Fares are subject to change due to foreign currency fluctuation and unforeseen increases of taxes and/or fuel surcharges.*

## OPTIONAL INSURANCE

Optional trip cancellation/medical insurance is available and strongly recommended. Travelex Group Insurance premium is due with deposit and is refundable up to final payment date. The premium is \$\_\_\_ per person.

## PAYMENT POLICY

A \$\_\_\_ per person deposit is due no later than \_\_\_\_\_ to secure your reservation. First come, first served. Final payment is due no later than \_\_\_\_\_. Please make checks payable to TBI Tours and send to TBI Tours, 728 E. Smith Road, Medina, OH 44256. PHONE: 330-722-0027

## REFUND POLICY

100% of the tour cost will be refunded on all cancellations made prior to final payment date. Cancellations made after final payment date are subject to cancellation fees assessed by cruiselines, hotels, attractions and ground operators.