

Vacanta 2008

ALASKA CRUISE TOUR



ITINERARY

D01-	SUN	27 JUL	TRANSFER AIRPORT/SHIP	
	SUN	27 JUL	Sail from Vancouver, British Co	depart at 5:00pm
D02-	MON	28 JUL	Sea Day	
D03-	TUE	29 JUL	Ketchikan, Alaska	7:00am 3:00pm
			Best of by land & sea	8:15am [3h30m]
D04-	WED	30 JUL	Juneau, Alaska	7:00am 10:30pm
			Photo safari by land & sea	8:45am [4h45m]
			Alaska Salmon Bake	5:00pm [2h]
D05-	THU	31 JUL	Skagway, Alaska	7:00am 9:00pm
			Dog Sledding & Glacier	
			Helicopter Flightseeing	8.45am [2h]
D06-	FRI	01 AUG	Glacier Bay Scenic Cruising	7:00am 4:00pm
D07-	SAT	02 AUG	College Fjord Cruising	5:00pm 8:00pm
D08-	SUN	03 AUG	Debark Ship Seward (Anchorage)	7:00am
	SUN	03 AUG	DISEMBARK INFO	
	SUN	03 AUG	MEET YOUR TOUR DIRECTOR	
			Kenai Fjords Park Cruise	7:00am [6h]
	SUN	03 AUG	SEWARD/ANCHORAGE COACH	2:30pm
	SUN	03 AUG	WESTMARK ANCHORAGE 1 D	
			Evening tour with Sourdough	
			Mining Company Dinner	6:00pm [3h]
D09-	MON	04 AUG	TRANSFER HOTEL/AIRPORT	
	MON	04 AUG	AIR: ANCHORAGE/PRUDHOE BAY	
	MON	04 AUG	TRANSFER AIRPORT/HOTEL	
	MON	04 AUG	PRUDHOE BAY SIGHTSEEING TOUR	
	MON	04 AUG	ARCTIC CARIBOU INN 1 D	
D10-	TUE	05 AUG	PRUDHOE BAY/COLDFOOT COACH	8:00am 5:00pm
	TUE	05 AUG	THE INN AT COLDFOOT CAMP 1 D	
			Scenic Koyukuk River Float	8:00p [2h]
D11-	WED	06 AUG	COLDFOOT/FAIRBANKS COACH	8:00am 5:00pm
	WED	06 AUG	WEDGEWOOD RESORT 1 D	
			Journey Above The Arctic Circle, Fort Yukon	
			&Yukon River	6:00p [5h]
D12-	THU	07 AUG	TRANSFER HOTEL/RAIL DEPOT	
	THU	07 AUG	MCKINLEY EXPLORER: FAIRBANKS/DE	8:15am 12:00n
	THU	07 AUG	TRANSFER RAIL DEPOT/HOTEL	
	THU	07 AUG	PM DENALI TUNDRA WILDERNESS TOUR	
	THU	07 AUG	MCKINLEY CHALETS RESORT 1 D	
D13-	FRI	08 AUG	McKinley Glacier Landing Flightseeing	
			Tour by Airplane	7:30am [3h30m]
	FRI	08 AUG	TRANSFER HOTEL/RAIL DEPOT	
	FRI	08 AUG	MCKINLEY EXPLORER:	
			DENALI/ANCHO	12:15pm 8:15pm
	FRI	08 AUG	TRANSFER RAIL DEPOT/HOTEL	
	FRI	08 AUG	GOODBYE TO YOUR TOUR DIRECTOR	
	FRI	08 AUG	WESTMARK ANCHORAGE 1 D	
D14-	SAT	09 AUG	TRANSFER HOTEL/AIRPORT	

DAY 1

DAY	DATE	PORT	ITINERARY	ARRIVE	DEPART
1	Sun Jul 27	Vancouver	Cruise begins in Vancouver		5:00pm

Vancouver



Lat:
Long:

Vancouver Passage



MS VOLENDAM

- **Gross Tonnage: 61,396 grt.**
(One registered ton equals 100 cubic feet)
- **Length: 780 feet**
- **Beam: 105.8 feet**
- **Maximum speed: 23 knots (maximum)**
- **Ship's Registry: The Netherlands**
- **Passenger capacity: 1,432**
- **Crew: 588**
- **Dedicated: November 1999 by tennis professional Chris Evert**

Cabina noastra

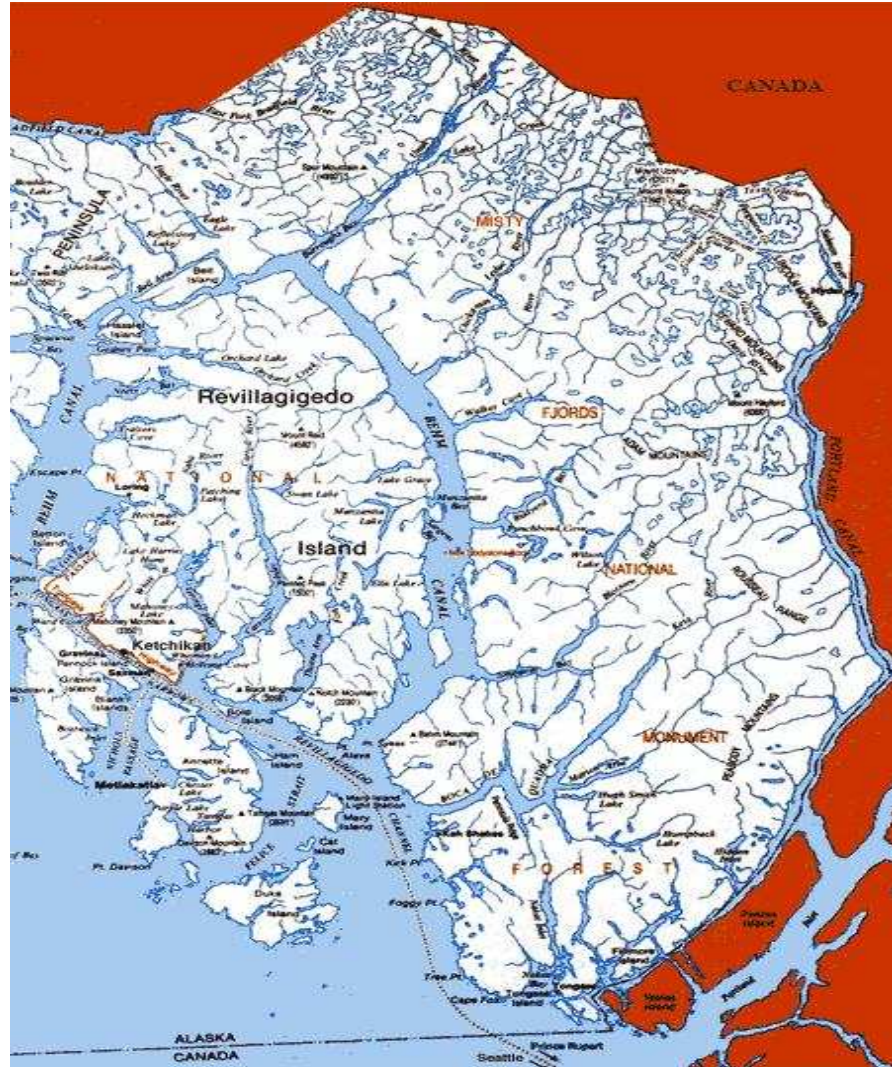
DAY 2

DAY	DATE	PORT	ITINERARY	ARRIVE	DEPART
2	Mon Jul 28		Inside Passage (Cruising) SCENIC CRUISING INSIDE PASSAGE		



DAY 3

DAY	DATE	PORT	ITINERARY	ARRIVE	DEPART
3	Tue Jul 29	Ketchikan, AK		7:00am	3:00pm



Best of Ketchikan by Land & Sea Adult \$108
hours

Duration: 3.5

Experience Ketchikan's rich maritime history, native culture and breathtaking wilderness surroundings ... by land and by sea.

Departing your ship by motorcoach, your friendly driver/guide will give lively narrative while pointing out historic Creek Street, where homes and shops are perched over the water on wooden pilings. At Saxman Village, stop to view one of the world's largest gatherings of totem poles. Your guide will interpret the meanings of these giant sentries, which border the park and entrance to the Beaver Clan House.

Your sightseeing continues to George Inlet, where a relaxing stroll through the rainforest brings you to the historic Libby Cannery. Beginning with a short video, this fascinating tour will take you back to the days when rugged men and women toiled day and night to harvest and process the abundant Alaska salmon. While learning about the adventurous world of fishermen and seine boats you may even have the opportunity to help haul and coil a net!

From the Cannery Dock you'll board a water-jet powered vessel with heated main cabin, comfortable seating, a snack bar and restroom. While exploring the coastline of glacier-carved George Inlet the onboard naturalist will explain the natural history of Southeast Alaska's forests and ocean. Seals, porpoise, eagles and other species of wildlife are often sighted on this cruise; the captain will maneuver the boat to give the best possible view.

Entering Tongass Narrows you will pass by a fascinating variety of working vessels. A mariner's view of Alaska's busiest port, and your cruise ship, will provide this tour's final backdrop for learning how Ketchikan earned its title as "Salmon Capital of the World".

Note: This excursion is not recommended for passengers who have difficulty walking, due to the number of stops requiring embarkation of transfer equipment and walking on inclined pathways. Wildlife sightings are frequent, but not guaranteed. This tour is also conducted in reverse order.

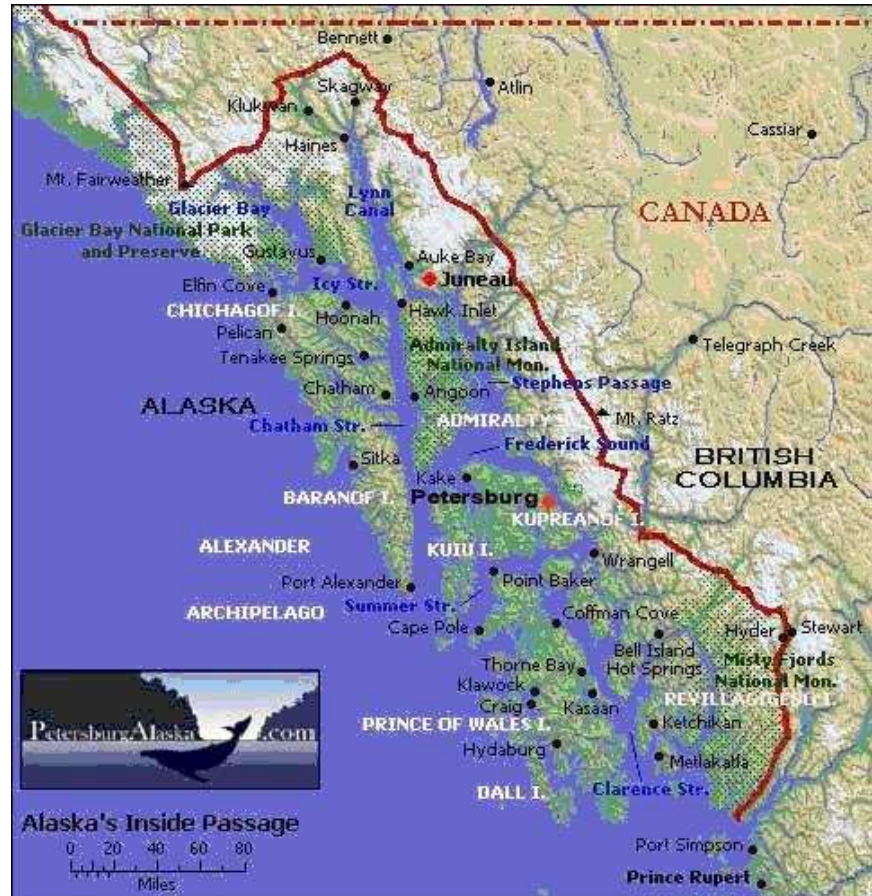
Port: Ketchikan, Alaska

Provided: Snacks; coffee, tea, cocoa; binoculars on vessel

[Dress in warm layers and wear comfortable walking shoes.](#)

DAY 4

DAY	DATE	PORT	ITINERARY	ARRIVE	DEPART
4	Wed Jul 30	Juneau, AK		7:00am	10:30pm



A) Photo Safari by Land & Sea [Price \\$179](#)

Tour Time: 4.75 hours
 Hike Time: 1.25 hrs

Children 12 and under receive a free digital camera.
Group size is limited to 14 participants to ensure a comfortable and interactive atmosphere. Walking distance is limited to approximately 1/2 mile on level, improved trails.
Rain gear, bottled water and a granola snack are included.
Tour operates in all weather conditions.

Tour Juneau with a naturalist photography guide who will lead you to local "photo hot spots", while sharing tips and techniques to help enhance your images. You will capture Juneau's top sites and abundant marine wildlife on the same excursion! Our itinerary is kept flexible to allow for seasonal highlights and changing light and weather conditions.

The first part of the tour takes place on land, with visits to prime destinations such as the Mendenhall Glacier via our media shuttle. Walk an easy trail through the glacial moraine as you endeavor to get great landscape, nature, and wildlife shots. Next you will board a 32' exploration vessel for an unforgettable journey through the waterways of Juneau's Channel Islands. In this boat we can get close and personal with the environment. It's sheltered from rain and large pontoons provide a steady platform for photographing marine wildlife and shoreline activity.

The star of the show can be different every day: wildflowers in bloom, soaring eagles, spawning salmon, light on a foggy channel, migratory birds, bubble feeding humpback whales, curious sealions, sleek killer whales, and even lumbering black bears are possibilities. Your photo coach will help you take full advantage of the conditions and opportunities of the day.

Learn about Juneau's natural wonders and colorful history as you strive to capture that "decisive moment" in the medium worth a thousand words.

Elevation: minimal
Difficulty: Easy
Includes: [Bottled water, snack, rain gear, transportation](#)

Notes: Group size is limited to 14 participants to insure a comfortable and interactive atmosphere. Tour operates in most weather conditions. Regardless of skill level, our instructor works individually with each participant to ensure that everyone's photographic abilities are improved. Our itinerary is purposely kept flexible in order to allow for those unexpected events that often become the highlights of an Alaskan vacation. Expect some walking to get the best vantage and experience. Monopods, camera towels and rain jackets/ponchos are also included. provided.

B) Alaska Salmon Bake**Price Adult \$38** **Approx 1 1/2 - 2 hours**

An Alaskan feast for all of your senses! Experience Alaska's "original" outdoor salmon bake for over 30 years. Upon your arrival at the Gold Creek Salmon Bake Alaskan-caught salmon will be grilling over an open alder wood fire. You will also enjoy our Cheechako barbecued chicken and ribs, Chilkoot baked beans, Tongass wild-rice pilaf, a variety of fresh salads, corn bread, lemonade,

coffee and tea.

(Beer and wine are available for purchase.)

Enjoy the musical entertainment while you dine beside Salmon Creek, nestled in the lush foliage of Southeast Alaska's rain forest and under translucent domes to protect you rain or shine.

After a scrumptious meal, roast marshmallows over a crackling campfire. View the beautiful Salmon Creek waterfall beneath which salmon spawn and remnants of the historic Wagner Mine. Visit our gift shop or have your picture taken with our friendly husky, Mac! This extraordinary outdoor restaurant is truly more than a meal. It's an adventure!

INCLUDES: Round trip transfer, musical entertainment and all-you-can-eat buffet.

NOTE: Beer and wine are available for purchase.

[Return to the ship by shuttle bus.](#)

DAY 5

DAY	DATE	PORT ITINERARY	ARRIVE DEPART
5	Thu Jul 31	Skagway, AK	7:00am 9:00pm



Dog Sledding & Glacier Helicopter Flightseeing**Price \$489****Approximately 2 hours (approximately 30 mins flight; 1 hour at dog camp)**

Notes: Warm clothing and sunglasses are recommended. Glacier boots are provided. Guests weighing 250 lbs or more will pay an additional surcharge over the published fare. Time spent on the glacier is approximate and may vary due to weather and glacial conditions. Every guest and his/her carry-on items on helicopter tours may be weighed during the check-in process. The tour operator will endeavor to be discreet during this process but please be aware that individual circumstances may not allow for complete privacy.



Combine helicopter flightseeing with Alaska's favorite sport – dog sledding. After a thrilling flight over spectacular glaciers, you'll land at a dog camp on the Denver Glacier.

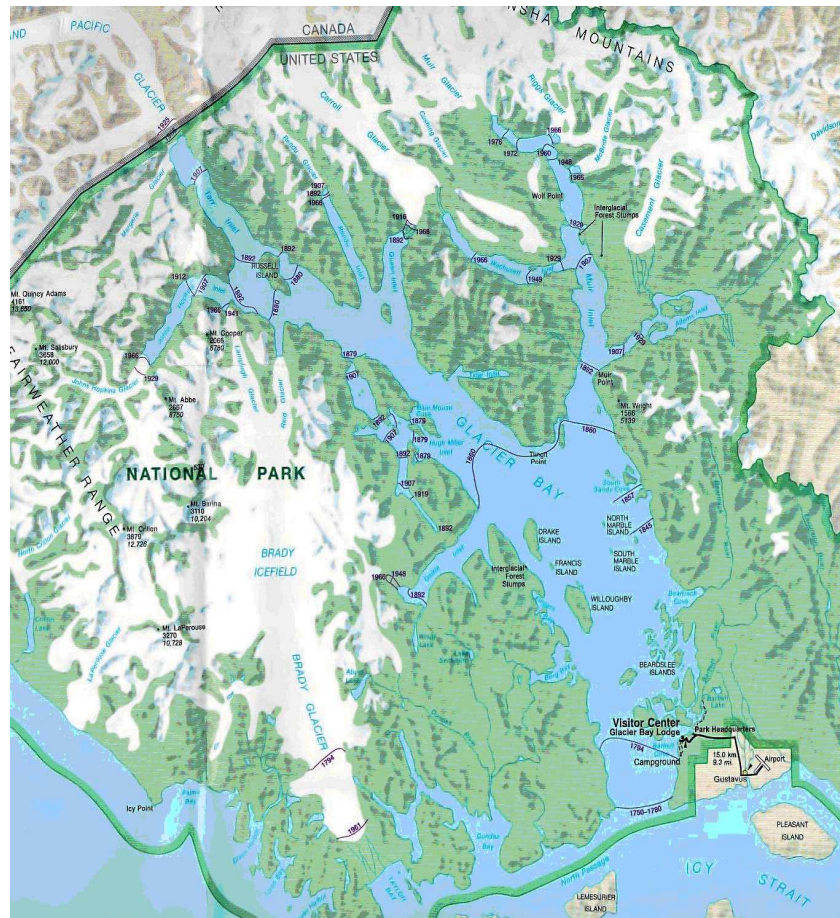
Experienced guides will introduce you to the world of "mushing" and the art of dog sledding. Drive the team or relax in the sled while observing the breathtaking environment around you. Meet professional mushers and friendly dogs on this unique Alaskan experience.

Duration: Tour includes approximately 30 minutes of roundtrip flight time, approximately 30 minutes with the mushers at the dog camp located on the Juneau Icefield within the Tongass National Forest and approximately 30 minutes of dog sledding for a total time of 1 hour 30 minutes. Allow up to 30 minutes for transportation from dock departure to dock, viewing our safety video, outfitting of glacier boots and safety vests.

Due to security, no carry-on bags will be allowed on the helicopters. A secure location will be provided at the office for storing personal items.

DAY 6

DAY	DATE	PORT ITINERARY	ARRIVE	DEPART
6	Fri Aug 1	Glacier Bay (Cruising)	7:00am	4:00pm



DAY 7

DAY	DATE	PORT ITINERARY	ARRIVE DEPART
7	Sat Aug 2	College Fjord, (Cruising)	5:00pm 8:00pm



DAY 8

DAY	DATE	PORT	ITINERARY	ARRIVE	DEPART
8	Sun Aug 3	Anchorage (Seward)		7:00am	

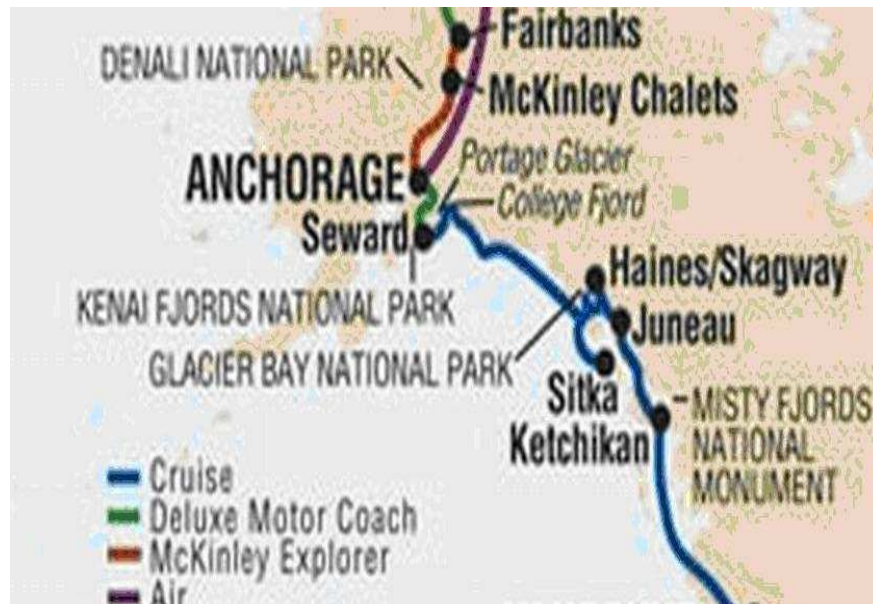
A) Kenai Fjords National Park Cruise [Price \\$149](#)

Duration 9-10 hours (3 hour narrated tour/ 6 hour cruise)

Notes: Dress in layers and bring a rain coat

Depart on your thrilling 6-hour cruise into the beautiful Kenai Fjords National Park **starting at 8:00 am**. Relax in the heated lounge or take it all in from the open-air observation deck as you cruise into a wonderland of abundant marine life. Watch for over 100 species of birds including horned and tufted puffins, as well as seals, sea otters, and whales. The boat is handicapped accessible and restroom equipped.

The boat returns to Seward at 2:00 pm.



B) SEWARD HIGHWAY TO ANCHORAGE [included in cruise price]

Meet your Tour Director, board your luxury motor coach and sightsee along the Seward Highway, a National Scenic Byway to Anchorage. Transfer to your hotel for a night's stay in Alaska's largest city.

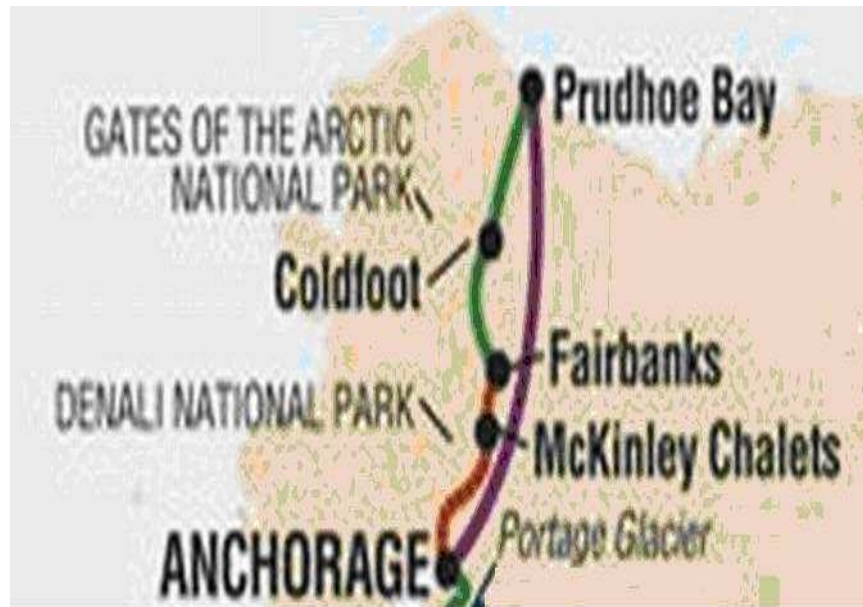
C) Evening Tour with Sourdough Mining Company Dinner [Price \\$ 38](#)
3 hours

Start with a tour of downtown Anchorage before departing for an evening of good food and light-hearted entertainment at a local favorite, the Sourdough Mining Co. After dinner walk around the grounds or shop at Alaska Wild Berry for some great gifts to take home. Return shuttle to your hotel is included.

DAY 9

DAY	DATE	PORT	ITINERARY	ARRIVE	DEPART
9	Mon Aug 4	Anchorage / Prudhoe Bay, AK			

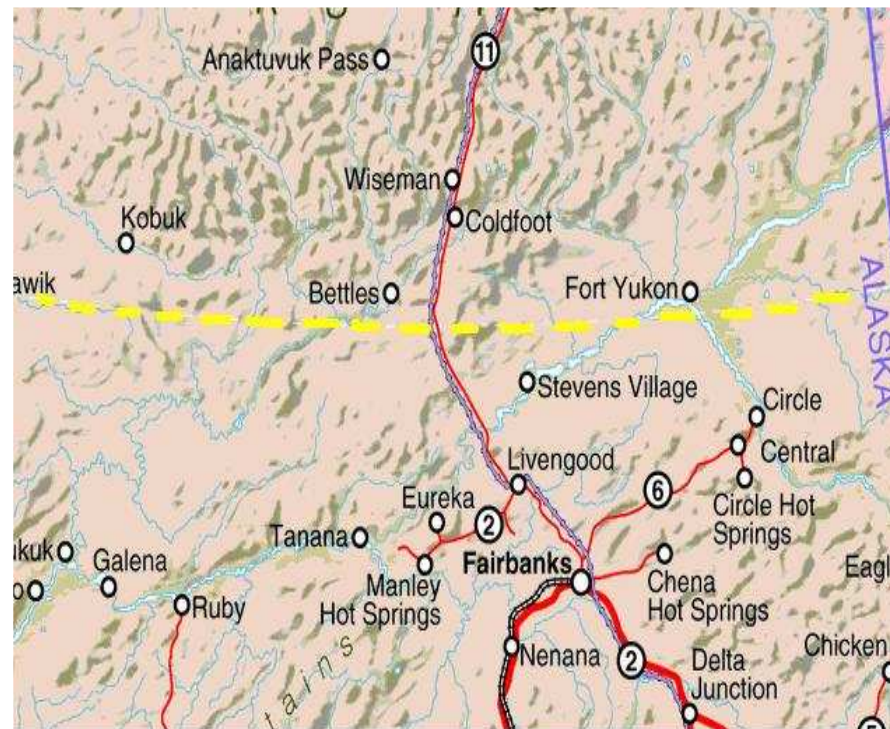
Have breakfast and transfer to the Anchorage International Airport. Fly across the Arctic Circle to the community of Deadhorse on Prudhoe Bay. You'll see the sights on an afternoon tour that takes in the oil fields and production wells that feed the TransAlaska Pipeline. Imagine life at this secluded outpost on the shores of the Arctic Ocean.



DAY 11

DAY	DATE	PORT	ITINERARY	ARRIVE	DEPART
11	Wed Aug 6	Coldfoot, AK / Fairbanks, AK			

After breakfast, the motor coach drive continues along the Dalton Highway and crosses the Arctic Circle. A photo stop at the famed Arctic Circle sign makes for a great souvenir of your trip. Then continue across the mighty Yukon River and take in the abundant wildlife. Arriving in Fairbanks, Alaska's "golden heart" city, you'll check into your downtown hotel.



Journey Above the Arctic Circle, Fort Yukon & the Yukon River
Price \$319

Duration **4 3/4 hours**
(2 3/4 hour flight & safety briefing/ 1 hour in Fort Yukon/ 1 hour transfers)

This is an adventure you'll be talking about for years: 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.

Join a select group commemorated by the presentation of your official Arctic Circle Club Certificate upon your return to Fairbanks.

DAY 12

DAY	DATE	PORT	ITINERARY	ARRIVE	DEPART
12	Thu Aug 7	Fairbanks, AK	Denali National Park, AK		

Board our McKinley Explorer luxury domed rail car and enjoy an optional breakfast onboard. Take in the sights of this, an Alaska Scenic Byway. This afternoon will find you exploring Denali National Park. Your Tundra Wilderness Tour travels deep into the park for great wildlife viewing — caribou, moose, grizzly, wolves and Dall sheep are frequently sighted — plus dramatic Mt. McKinley viewpoints..



DAY 13

DAY	DATE	PORT	ITINERARY	ARRIVE	DEPART
13	Fri Aug 8		Denali National Park, AK / Anchorage		

Wake up to a morning at leisure and reboard the McKinley Explorer for the continuation of your rail journey. Arrive in Anchorage where the city backs up to a stunning skyline of mountains.

Say "good-bye" to your Tour Director.



Mount McKinley (*also known as Denali*)

McKinley Glacier Landing Flightseeing Tour by Airplane

Price \$439 **Duration 3 1/2 hours (1 3/4 hour flight/ 25-30 minutes on the glacier/ 1/4 hour preflight briefing/ 1 hours transfers)**

Land on a glacier on Mt. McKinley and experience the Ice Age! Your Flightseeing tour includes views of both the North and South sides of Mt. McKinley, including the Wickersham Wall and the Don Sheldon Amphitheater. You will fly past steep walls of rock and ice, with azure-blue glacier melt-ponds, blue ice, and glacier moraines below. Experience the thrill of landing on one of Mt. McKinley's glaciers where you can throw snowballs, take pictures, and enjoy the wilderness beauty and vastness of Denali National Park. This flight lands on Mt. McKinley and includes a fully-narrated tour. All guests have a window seat and interactive headsets.



Mount McKinley (*also known as Denali*) from [Denali National Park](#)

<u>Elevation</u>	6,193.6 metres (20,320 ft) ^[1]
<u>Location</u>	Alaska, USA
<u>Coordinates</u>	63°4′10″N 151°0′26″W
<u>First ascent</u>	June 7, 1913

DAY 14

DAY	DATE	PORT	ITINERARY	ARRIVE	DEPART
14	Sat Aug 9	Anchorage			

*TOUR ENDS THIS
MORNING
IN ANCHORAGE*