

ALASKA GRAND *Tour*

DENALI NATIONAL PARK -
FAIRBANKS - THE YUKON -
SKAGWAY - JUNEAU



JULY 11 - 23, 2012
13 DAYS

"The Grand Tour to Alaska with R&J Tours was exceptional. We enjoyed every minute of it! The bus driver and escort were so helpful & kind and gave us so much interesting information about Alaska which made the trip so enjoyable.

Thank you!"
LeRoy & Gladys,
Inver Grove Heights

KENAI PENINSULA

Drive along Turnagain Arm, a fjord of water which boasts some of the highest tide waters in the world, keeping an eye out for Beluga whales. Continue along one of America's most scenic roads, the Seward Highway. Wind along the Kenai Peninsula to the lovely village of Seward.

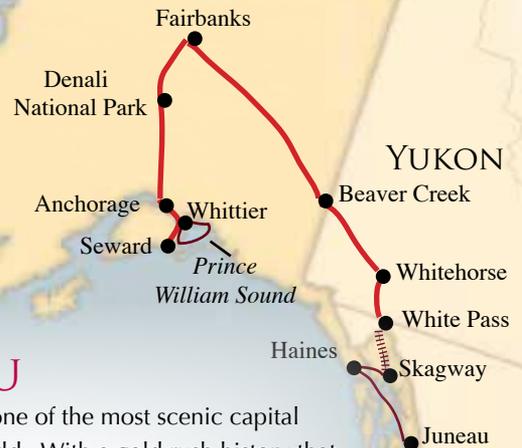
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND

Get ready for an adventure as we board an excursion boat for a cruise with a naturalist guide who will help us spot bald eagles, whales, sea otters, and porpoises. The ice builds and builds around us as we gently float around the tide waters of Barry Arm. View 26 tidewater glaciers in Barry Arm and College. Listen for the unmistakable rumbling of a calving glacier, waiting for the moment when a huge block of ice crashes into the sea. This will be a day you will long remember as Prince William Sound is the best place to see glaciers!

DENALI NATIONAL PARK

Morning is the best time to see wildlife in the park, so travel deep into Denali National Park on a Tundra Wildlife Tour. Keep in mind that you are entering a self contained undisturbed preserve and the animals are in their natural habitat. Truly an experience to remember as you may see your first wild grizzly bear, wolf, moose, or dall sheep. If weather permits, you may see Mount McKinley towering over 20,320 feet. Stay near the park. Continue to Fairbanks and pan for gold. Enjoy a sternwheeler cruise on the river!

ALASKA



JUNEAU

Juneau is truly one of the most scenic capital cities in the world. With a gold rush history that rivals the exciting story of the Klondike, Juneau waits for you to discover her beauty, history, and exciting attractions.

SKAGWAY TO HAINES

Cruise the Lynn Canal, the deepest and largest glacier fjord with many rushing waterfalls. Stop at the unique village of Haines where we'll embark on a soft adventure few have ever experienced. Visit the Chilkat Eagle Preserve by a float raft on the peaceful Chilkat River which offers spectacular views of the mountains and Eagles!



PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND



CLOCKWISE STARTING AT UPPER LEFT: FISHERMAN IN SEWARD WITH A HALIBUT CATCH. PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND CRUISE WITH CALVING GLACIER. LOVELY SEWARD VILLAGE

DAY 1 - HOME TO ANCHORAGE

Fly to Anchorage today. Check into the Westmark Anchorage. Enjoy shopping, restaurants and Anchorage's top attractions. Drive past the Log Cabin Visitor Center, Alaska Railroad Depot, and Museum of Art & History. Get a peek at Resolution Park and the Captain Cook Monument as well as Ship Creek Viewpoint, which overlooks Cook Inlet. Stop at the 25-acre Alaska Native Heritage Center and tour this unique museum devoted to the unique cultures and traditions that make up this great state. Relax, unpack, and enjoy the hotel for the next 3 nights.

Included Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Westmark

2. ANCHORAGE

Drive along Turnagain Arm, a fjord of water which boasts some of the highest tide waters in the world, keeping an eye out for Beluga whales. Drive one of America's most scenic roads, the Seward Highway. We'll stop at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center and wind along the Kenai Peninsula to the lovely village of Seward. Enjoy an included Sealife Center tour with a chance to watch puffins fly through underwater skies and meet sea lions and harbor seals eye to eye. Later, stop for a photo opportunity at Exit Glacier.

Included Meals: Breakfast

3. ANCHORAGE

Experience Prince William Sound from the water's perspective. Get ready for an adventure as we board an excursion boat for a cruise with a naturalist guide who will help us spot bald eagles, whales, sea otters, and porpoises. The ice builds and builds around us as we

gently float around the tide waters of Barry Arm. View 26 tidewater glaciers in Barry Arm and College. Listen for the unmistakable rumbling of a calving glacier, waiting for the moment when a huge block of ice crashes into the sea. This will be a day you will long remember as Prince William Sound is the best place to see glaciers!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

4. ANCHORAGE TO DENALI NP

Head north with a stop at the Iditarod Trail Headquarters to learn about the "Last Great Race." Motor in luxury on this beautiful drive to Denali National Park with several photo opportunities along the way. Journey into the grand interior giving you an idea of how vast the "last frontier" really is. Lunch today will be your first opportunity for views of spectacular Mount McKinley. Your hotel is nestled among beautiful scenery and wilderness. Join us this evening for an Alaskan Cabin Nite Dinner including entertainment.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

McKinley Chalet Resorts

5. DENALI NP TO FAIRBANKS

Morning is the best time to see wildlife in the park, so an early departure is in order as we travel deep into Denali National Park on a Tundra Wildlife Tour. Keep in mind that you are entering a self contained undisturbed preserve and the animals are in their natural habitat. Truly an experience to remember as you may see your first wild grizzly bear, wolf, moose, or dall sheep. If weather permits, you may see Mount McKinley towering over 20,320 feet. Fairbanks is our home for the next 2 nights.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lite Lunch

Hotel: Wedgewood Resort



DENALI NP



CLOCKWISE STARTING AT LEFT: SPECTACULAR DENALI NATIONAL PARK, A BEAR TAKING INTEREST, AN ELK IN DENALI NATIONAL PARK

6. FAIRBANKS

Board the Sternwheeler “Discovery” for an exciting cruise along the scenic Chena and Tanana Rivers. You’ll hear native guides share their unique culture and traditions at a recreated Athabascan Indian Camp. You’ll also see sled dog demonstrations. Lunch is at the famous Pumphouse Restaurant. Later visit the El Dorado Goldmining Camp and learn about the goldmining techniques and its colorful history. A photo opportunity is given at the Alaska Oil Pipeline.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

7. FAIRBANKS - BEAVER CREEK

View the Pipeline Suspension Bridge before motoring through some of Alaska’s most spectacular scenery. We’ll make a stop in Tok, a unique Athabascan Indian trading village before arriving in Beaver Creek, a remote village where the caribou population is higher than the human one. This evening we’ll enjoy the rousing Yukon Rendezvous Dinner Show.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Westmark Beaver Creek

8. BEAVER CREEK TO WHITEHORSE

Travel the famous Alaska Highway through the Yukon Territory. Lunch is arranged at a local restaurant in Haines Junction. Arrive in Whitehorse, the capital of Canada’s Yukon Territories. It is here that the largest gold rush in history exploded over 100 years ago attracting thousands of goldminers searching for riches. This evening choose an optional (extra cost) show featuring the hilarious Frantic Follies, an 1890’s vaudeville show.

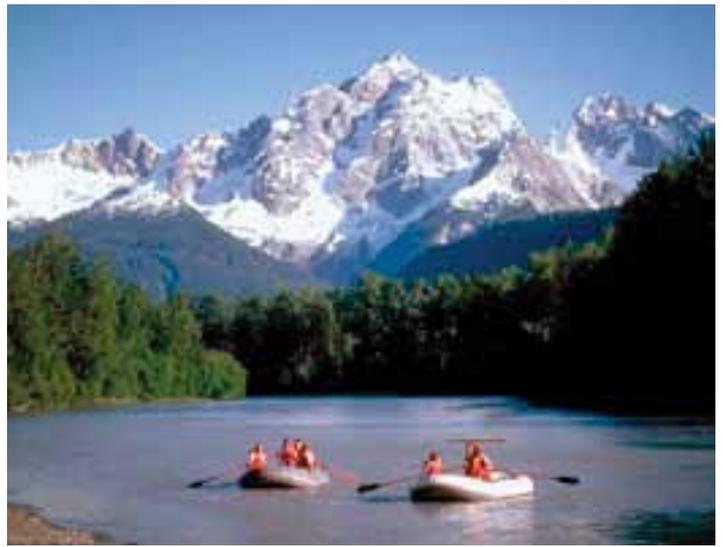
Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Westmark Hotel

FAIRBANKS



CLOCKWISE STARTING AT TOP: PANNING FOR GOLD, RIDE THE HISTORIC WHITE PASS TRAIN TO SKAGWAY.



INSIDE PASSAGE

CLOCKWISE STARTING AT TOP: SEE BALD EAGLES AS YOU FLOAT ALONG THE UNTOUCHED BEAUTY OF CHILKAT EAGLE PRESERVE.

9. WHITEHORSE TO SKAGWAY

Wind through beautiful alpine valleys and along the "Windy Arm" of Tagish, viewing lovely Bennett and Tutshi Lakes. In Frasier, board the Vintage White Pass & Yukon Railroad for a thrilling journey along the route of the Klondike Gold Rush. This eye opening rail excursion will be among the highlights of your vacation as your parlor car winds you through spectacular scenery narrow-gauge railway. View Bridal Veil Falls, Inspiration Point and Dead Horse Gulch. Arrive in Skagway, a frontier Gay Nineties town which was the gateway to the Yukon during the Gold Rush of 1898. Your hotel is located in this unique town featuring wooden sidewalks and old fashioned saloons. Dinner is on your own to choose from the many restaurants.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Skagway Inn

10. SKAGWAY - JUNEAU

A catamaran cruise along the Inside Passage allows an up close and personal experience. An on-board naturalist guide helps us identify wildlife and answer any questions you may have. Cruise along breathtaking Lynn Canal, the deepest and largest glacier fjord with many rushing waterfalls. Our scenic cruise stops in the unique little village of Haines where we'll embark on a soft adventure few have ever experienced. Visit the Chilkat Eagle Preserve by a float raft on the peaceful Chilkat River which offers spectacular views of the Chilkat mountains. As you float along, keep your eyes open and cameras handy and look to the trees to spot the majestic Bald Eagles, while keeping an eye out for the bears and wolves that prowl the riverbank. Enjoy a picnic lunch in this wilderness setting. Continue through the inside passage aboard a private charter catamaran to Juneau for a relaxing two night stay. A naturalist will speak about passing scenery with stops for wild and marine life! Arrive via Auke Bay to Juneau, Alaska's capital. Your hotel is the Baranof Hotel located in the charming downtown with shopping, attractions, and restaurants all within walking distance.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Westmark Baranof

11. JUNEAU

Accessible only by water or by air, Juneau is America's most remote capital city. Stroll through this charming and historic town. View Mendenhall Glacier rising over 200 feet. Visit Gastineau Salmon Hatchery to learn about Alaska's salmon and marine life. Enjoy free time for individual pursuits. This evening we journey to a remote wilderness clearing for an outdoor salmon bake with entertainment.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

12. JUNEAU - ANCHORAGE

Depart Juneau and fly to Anchorage. You will have opportunity to do some last minute shopping or sightseeing. Take advantage of the location of your hotel in the mid-town of Anchorage. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner celebration!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Westmark

13. ANCHORAGE TO HOME

Today we fly home with memories of a grand Alaska vacation.

Included Meals: Breakfast

2012 DATES & PRICES



DATES:	July 11 - 23, 2012 (13 days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$4,599 Double	\$5,599 Single
	\$4,379 Triple	\$4,149 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	  Roundtrip airfare from MSP including baggage fees, all taxes & surcharges approx. \$100 per person included, 23 meals, all hotels & activities as stated in brochure, Expert Local Driver/Guides	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$100 deposit per person at time of reservation. Full payment due 45 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION PP:	\$340 double pp	\$445 single pp
TRAVEL BUCKS:	\$60 per person on future travel with R & J	
NECESSARY TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:	 A valid US passport is required.	