

Alaska Grand Tour



Anchorage - Denali - Juneau & More!



July 11 - 23, 2018 (13 days)

HIGHLIGHTS

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 Cruise

Explore the beauty and grandeur of Prince William Sound on one of these unforgettable cruises. Look forward to breathtaking scenery, towering waterfalls, massive glaciers and wildlife such as: eagles, harbor seals, otters and whales. Rather than sailing from glacier to glacier, we stop at each one, floating among the icebergs, giving you plenty of time to take in Mother Nature's glorious ice sculptures. Listen to the glaciers as they groan and crack, an indication that enormous sections of ice are about to calve off and splash into the bay.

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 Denali towering over 20,320 feet. Stay near the park. Continue to Fairbanks and pan for gold. Enjoy a sternwheeler cruise on the river!

Juneau

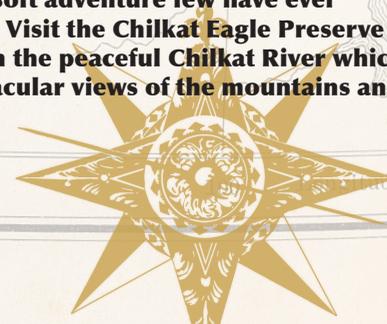
Juneau is truly one of the most scenic capital cities in the world, with a gold rush history that rivals the exciting story of the Klondike. Juneau waits for you to discover her beauty, history, and exciting attractions.

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!

Iditarod Trail Headquarters - puppy snuggles!

Whale spotting with cruising Inside Passage!



Day 1 - Home to Anchorage

Fly to Anchorage today. Check into the Sheraton Anchorage. Meet our coach driver & guide as we enjoy our first look at Anchorage. 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 ULU Factory for an interesting knife demonstration and shopping. Relax, unpack, and enjoy the hotel for the next three nights. Dinner is at the unique Peanut Farm, dating back to 1958 on Campbell Creek.

Included Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Sheraton Anchorage

Day 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 visit 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

Day 3 - Anchorage

Departing Whittier, Alaska, experience Prince William Sound from the water's perspective. Get ready for an adventure as we board Major Marine's "Kenai Star" boat for a cruise with a naturalist guide who will help us spot bald eagles, common murres, cormorants, kittiwakes, and other various birds. Steller sea lions, sea otters, harbor seals, orca & humpback whales, and porpoise are also common sights. Listen for the unmistakable rumbling of a calving glacier, waiting for the moment when a huge block of ice crashes into the sea. We will discover a waterfall & three glaciers up-close: Blackstone, Beloit, and Northland! We enjoy a salmon & prime rib luncheon feast onboard. This will be a day you will long remember!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4 - Anchorage to Denali National Park

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 Denali. 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

Hotel: Denali Park Village

Day 5 - Denali National Park to Fairbanks

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Included Meals: Breakfast, Lite Lunch

Hotel: Wedgewood Resort

MAP AT A GLANCE



Fun in Denali National Park

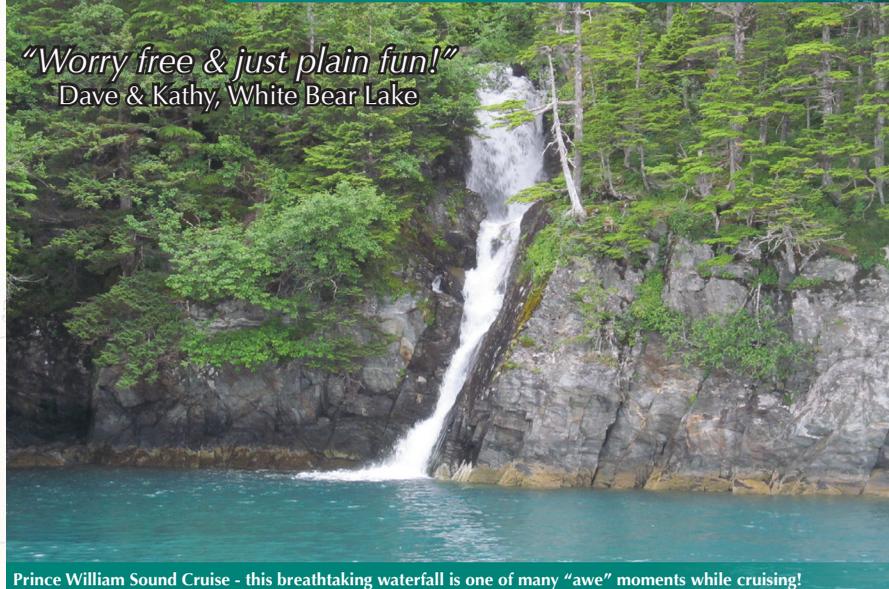


Chugach State Park - Bird Point Trailhead



Mount McKinley (aka: Denali) - pictures just cannot do this amazing mountain justice!!

"Worry free & just plain fun!"
Dave & Kathy, White Bear Lake



Prince William Sound Cruise - this breathtaking waterfall is one of many "awe" moments while cruising!

Day 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 Athabaskan Indian Camp. You'll also see sled dog demonstrations. Lunch is at Pike's Waterfront Lodge. Later visit the Gold Dredge 8 and learn about goldmining techniques and its colorful history. A photo opportunity is given at the Alaska Oil Pipeline.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 7 - Fairbanks to Dawson City, YT

View the Pipeline Suspension Bridge before motoring through some of Alaska's most spectacular scenery. We'll make a stop at "The North Pole" for a coffee break and shopping before arriving in Tok, a unique Athabaskan Indian trading village, for an included lunch at Fast Eddies. Then we head north on the "Top of the World Highway," going through customs after Chicken, then continuing on Taylor Highway to Dawson City. This Yukon town was once referred to as "Paris of the North" as its name is synonymous with the 1898 Klondike Gold Rush. On your own you may choose to take in the Diamond Tooth Gerties Show or explore Dawson City.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Westmark Dawson City

Day 8 - Dawson City to Whitehorse

Travel the famous Klondike Highway through the Yukon Territory. 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.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Westmark Hotel

Day 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



Prince William Sound - with our vessel, we're able to get really close to 3 glaciers!!



Alaska Conservation Center - young moose enjoying their habitat



Skagway



One can only find restrooms like this in Chicken!!

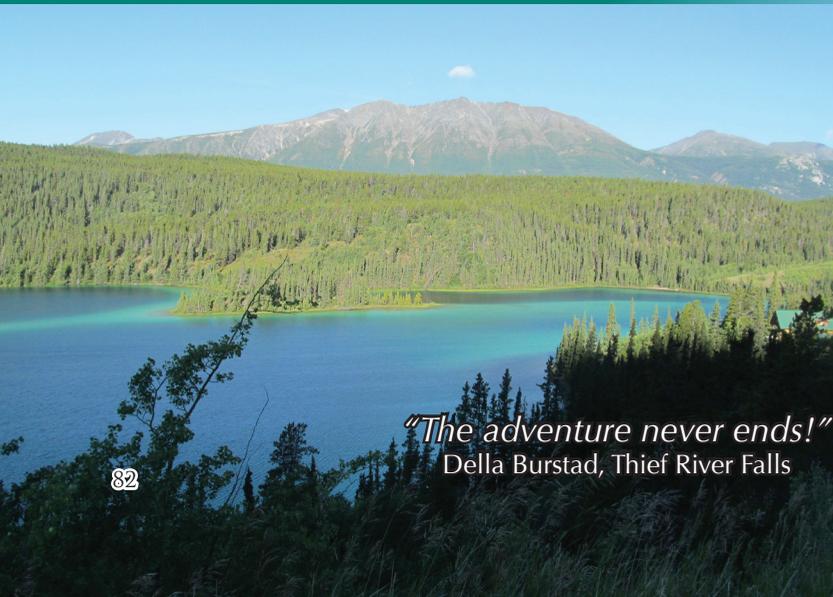
Day 10 - Skagway to Juneau

A private 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 wildlife that prowl the riverbank. Enjoy a picnic lunch in this wilderness setting. Continue through the inside passage aboard our private charter catamaran to Juneau for a relaxing two night stay. We continue enjoying passing scenery with stops for wild and marine life! An included salmon bake on Colt Island is planned before arriving in Auke Bay and on to Juneau, Alaska's capital. Your hotel is the historic Baranof Hotel located in the charming downtown with shopping, attractions, and restaurants all within walking distance.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: Westmark Baranof

Klondike Highway - spectacular views!



"The adventure never ends!"
Della Burstad, Thief River Falls



White Pass & Yukon RR - an awesome wooden bridge!



Exit Glacier - located within Kenai Fjords National Park near Seward - a sight to behold!



"This was a dream come true..."
Jan & Darrell, Brooklyn Park

Incredible sight of Sea Loins clinging to an almost vertical rock formation during our private catamaran cruise along the Inside Passage from Skagway to Juneau

Day 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. (A 6 hr. charter halibut-salmon fishing adventure may be reserved. Check early with your R&J Tour Director.)

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 12 - Juneau to Anchorage

Depart Juneau and fly to Anchorage. 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. You will have opportunity to do some last minute shopping and relaxing before our flight back home. Take advantage of the location of your hotel to take a final walk in Anchorage. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner celebration!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Sheraton Anchorage

Day 13 - Anchorage to Home

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

Included Meals: Breakfast

2018 DATES & PRICES		 
DATES:	July 11 - 23, 2018 (13 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$5,699 Double \$5,349 Triple	\$6,899 Single \$5,119 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	Roundtrip airfare from MSP including baggage fees, all taxes & surcharges approx. \$100 per person included, 22 Meals, all hotels & activities as stated in brochure, Expert Local Driver/Guides	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$200 deposit per person at time of reservation. Full payment due 45 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$445 Double per person	\$517 Single
TRAVEL BUCKS:	\$70 R&J Travel Bucks earned on this tour	
TOUR PACE:	Moderate Walking	
PASSPORT:	A Valid US passport is Required. 	

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