



17 days of unequalled beauty!!!

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Tour # 19-0721

Price: \$5300.00 pp dbl. Includes: \$7,199.00 single, \$4,999.00 triple. RT airfare including all taxes and fees, motorcoach transportation in Alaska, 16 nights lodging, all admissions and meals as indicated by highlight in body of itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: Alaska Highway, Alaska Railroad, White Pass Yukon Railroad, Inland Passage cruise on Alaska Marine Ferry, plus Fairbanks, Denali, Anchorage, Valdez, TOK, Whiethorse, Skagway, British Columbia!!!! Meals and admissions as indicated by itinerary. *Single, trip and quad pricing quoted on request.*

Deposit: \$1000.00 per person Balance due: June 15, 2019



Early Bird Discount/s

5% discount with full payment on or before Dec. 1, 2018

3% discount with deposit on or before Dec. 1, 2018.

July 21 Oklahoma City to Fairbanks

AM departure from OKC or any major airport in US

PASSPORT recommended

Our day will be spent in flight to Fairbanks, arriving early evening.

July 22 Fairbanks

AM Cruise on authentic Riverboat Discovery.

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Welcome aboard! Your three hour cruise will take you into the heart of Alaska and the heart of a family who has made the rivers of

Alaska a way of life for four generations. You will see a bush

floatplane taking off alongside a "bush" style runway, visit the home and kennels of the late four-time Iditarod winner Susan Butcher, and gain insight into the ancient Athabaskan Indian culture. Alaskan Native guides who have worked and lived in Alaska will take you on a personalized tour of the Chena Indian Village. Lunch included following the cruise.

Afternoon time to Strike it Rich...we are headed to an authentic gold mine with an opportunity to make our fortune....*or least have some fun.*

Evening - Free with dinner on own. **B, L**



July 23 Fairbanks

Free day

Evening and dinner – Alaskan Salmon Bake **B,D**

July 24 Fairbanks to Denali

AM Fairbanks city tour will include the Alaska pipeline , and the experimental farm at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks., as well as many Fairbanks highlights. Then we depart for **Denali National Park**.

Late afternoon – arrive in Denali, get checked into the hotel before our **Denali Wilderness Tour** (*optional- deduct \$100.00 if opted out of tour.*) The extended tour into the heart of the wildlife preserve is where we find our best opportunities to view wildlife, CAMERAS ready at all times. **B**



July 25

Denali to Anchorage

Morning free in Denali.

Our glass domed cars allow us to enjoy all the view (including the tops of the mountains)as we wind our way to Anchorage.

Early evening, arrive in Anchorage for our next three overnights.



July 26 Anchorage

Anchorage located on the upper shores of the Cooks Inlet, is the heart of Alaska's south central gulf coast. The city framed by the Chugach Mountains creates the setting for the beautiful time we will have in this unique city. Our morning city tour will give us an official introduction to the city.

Afternoon optional drive on the Seward Highway to Whittier

The Seward Highway, linking Anchorage with Seward, passes through some of the most spectacular scenery in the country. The road winds through a land of remarkable beauty, a land of saltwater bays, frigid blue glaciers, knife-edged ridges, and alpine valleys. Our drive this morning takes us to Whittier and not all the way to Seward but with none the less beauty. The drive includes drive through Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel *The tunnel that connects Whittier to the Seward Highway is a marvel of engineering. In 2000, the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel was overhauled for auto traffic and now is the longest 'railroad-highway' tunnel in North America at 2.7 miles. Evening – Dinner included*

July 27 Anchorage

All day free – ENJOY!!! CB

July 28 Anchorage to Valdez

Depart Anchorage for Valdez... Alaska's Little Switzerland. *The Alaska Range of the Chugach Mountains with green spruce forests and dramatic views of glaciers in all directions make today's drive the one always voted "most beautiful" drive on this trip. Enjoy your free evening in the tranquil setting of this small picturesque village. With snow capped mountains rising from the behind the city and the boat harbor in front, this surely must be the spot many postcard shots have been taken.* B,D



Valdez



July 29 Valdez

AM free to enjoy this incredibly beautiful area.

Columbia Glacier Lunch cruise...named after Columbia University in New York and covering an area six times the size of Washington DC. *Columbia Glacier in Prince William sound is one of the largest tidewater glaciers in North America. The massive chunks of blue ice we will see falling into the sea originally fell as snow in the glacier some 2,000 years ago.* B, L

July 30 Valdez to Tok

As we say our good-byes to Valdez this morning, we will want to keep those cameras close at hand as the scenery on the drive back to Tok is just as breathtaking as it was coming into Valdez. Another evening in Tok with dinner included. B,D

July 31 Tok to Whitehorse

Today's drive takes us out of Alaska temporarily as we cross into Yukon Territory to Whitehorse for our overnight. Free evening B

August 1 Whitehorse to Skagway - Cruise



Shortly after departing Whitehorse we will board the **White Pass Yukon Railway** in Fraser, BC. *Against all odds, this iron trail as born of the 1898 Klondike Gold Rush and built through some of the north's most ruggedly beautiful terrain. Today, it is a comfortable ride in refurbished train cars that follow the original route of the hopeful stampede of 1898. Whitehorse to Skagway...the Gateway to the Gold Rush. Here is where it all began, the mad rush to the gold fields, everybody was going to get rich – quick. Today the town of Skagway, is still full of the lore of that boisterous era. Free afternoon and evening to explore Skagway.* B



Afternoon - Free time until mid-afternoon, time to board the Alaska Marine Ferry for our Inland Passage Cruise. All meals on cruise on own.

August 2 Inland Passage Cruise

Witness the unsurpassed beauty of an untamed land as you relax aboard the boat. While on board keep your ears attuned to the forestry representative who keeps passengers posted on whale and wildlife spotting. As the ferry winds her sure course through narrow passageways and villages, the scenery offers forests, inlands and inlets surrounded by silence. Fill your day with wildlife viewing, R&R and visiting with locals on board. This is the only means of transportation for many Alaska residents. They may be on their way to buy groceries, to church camp or visiting relatives in another part of Alaska. There are no roads to any of the inland passage towns so the people travel by air or boat. As the ferry docks at the small villages along the way we will find ourselves caught up in this place called **ALASKA**.

August 3 Prince Rupert

NOTE: Overnight in Prince Rupert is subject to final ferry schedule.

August 4 Prince Rupert to Prince George, BC

Although Canada does not celebrate the 4th of July, we will do our own celebrating...A July picnic is planned for lunch. The drive to Prince Rupert is in keeping with the splendor of each day we have had so far. As we travel the **Yellowhead Highway** meandering back and forth across the Fraser River we will have a contest to see who can count the most waterfalls. Hint...it will be around 130. *The rich farm land, vast logging operations, lush mountain sides all sprinkled with brilliant wild flowers will produce a drive you will long remember.* L

August 5 Prince George to Chilliwack, BC

Carved by untold centuries of glacial torrents, the magnificent **Fraser Canyon** is a vibrant link to British Columbia's unfolding history. **Hells' Gate** is the dramatic heart of the canyon, where snowmelt and rainfall drained from distant mountains thunder its way to the sea through a deep, narrow granite gorge. A **Tram ride** at Hells Gate is included during our visit here. **Evening Farewell Dinner CB,D**

August 6 Chilliwack to Seattle to HOME

It is time to say goodbye to this land called Alaska. Return to our home airport departing from Seattle, arriving with our memory banks full of the incredible sceneries and experiences of our trip.

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