

KALEO TOURS

ALASKA

July 13-August 15, 2021

34 days of unequaled beauty!!!
“Once you’ve been to Alaska you never come all the way back.”



Tour # 21-0713

Price: \$6999.00 pp dbl. RT motorcoach, \$10,400.00 single, \$6750.00 triple

Includes: Motorcoach transportation, 33 nights lodging, all admissions and meals as indicated by highlight in body of itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS: Drive the entire length of the Alaska Highway, Alaska Railroad, White Pass Yukon Railroad, Inland Passage cruise on Alaska Marine Ferry, plus Yellowstone, Glacier National Park, Banff, Lake Louise and MORE!!!! Meals and admissions as indicated by itinerary. *Single, trip and quad pricing quoted on request.*

Deposit: \$1500.00 per person Balance due: May 10, 2021

Tuesday, July 13 Oklahoma City to Trinidad, CO

It has finally arrived – the day we head north and begin our **Alaska Adventure**. Our first day will be a travel day, time to get acquainted, have a few snacks and rest and relax as make our way to Trinidad for our overnight.

Wednesday, July 14 Trinidad to Rock Springs, WY

Wyoming here we come. Our drive today takes us from 2015 to the Old West. We will follow some of the same trails used by pioneers thru areas where the plains and rugged landscape begin. We won't wonder at days end how Wyoming acquired the name of "Cowboy State". **CB**

Thursday, July 15 Rock Springs to Jackson Hole, WY

The Grand Tetons dominate the scenery as we drive to **Jackson Hole**...the unique archway and the quaint frontier town atmosphere of the town square bid you welcome. Evening – dinner on the range complete with wagon ride. . **CB**

Friday, July 16 Jackson Hole to Bozeman

A day spent in Yellowstone, the nation's oldest national park. Our local guide will narrate as we visit the many spectacular spots in the park and make sure we are at Old Faithful in a perfect spot for viewing. Leaving the park behind as we continue north into Montana for our overnight in Bozeman. **CB**

Saturday, July 17 Bozeman to Missoula to Kalispell, MT

First stop this morning will be in the city of Missoula, known as the Garden City of Montana. Missoula is the home to the **Missoula Smokejumpers Headquarters**. Our tour of the headquarters will be directed by one of the smokejumpers and will find us spellbound to learn of the courageous jobs they perform. Following the tour we continue to Kalispell for our next two overnights. The drive to Kalispell takes us along the banks of Flathead Lake ...more beauty for our memory banks. **CB, D**



Sunday, July 18 Kalispell to Glacier National Park to Kalispell



The highlight of the day will be the ride on **the Going to the Sun Road in the vintage topless cars**. Scenery that cannot be described must be witnessed. WOW what a day. (You will need coats and hats today, AND CAMERAS TOO!!) Return to Kalispell for a free evening.

CB

Monday, July 19 Kalispell to Banff, AB

Destination today, Banff, Canada's Little Switzerland and Canada's most popular tourist destination. Today's drive takes us into British Columbia before crossing into Alberta. Late afternoon arrival in Banff allows time to explore Banff on your own.. **CB**



Tuesday, July 20 Banff to Lake Louise to Jasper

Rushing waterfalls, crystal-clear rivers and emerald lakes await us on our journey today. At **Lake Louise** - the "Jewel of the Rockies", Mt. Victoria and the Victoria Glacier provide a picture-perfect backdrop for the startling blue-green waters.

Alpine meadows, snow-capped mountains, glaciers and broad-reaching valleys create an ever-changing montage of mountain wilderness along the **Icefield Parkway**. From **Lake Louise**, this tour guides us along one of the most scenic highways in the world. At the



Columbia Icefield, we take a tour onto the surface of the **Athabasca Glacier** on board an **Ice Explorer**. Lunch included at the Icefield Parkway. Continue to Jasper for overnight. **B,L, D**

Wednesday, July 21 Jasper to Dawson Creek, BC



Mike Marker 0 and the beginning of the Alaskan Highway is today’s destination. The day will be spent traveling out of Alberta and back into British Columbia enjoying more incredible scenery. **CB**

Thursday, July 22 Dawson Creek to Fort Nelson

Picture taking by the mile marker before beginning today’s travel on the road once known as the "wilderness road" and is now the road thru a wilderness. A day filled with wildlife and amazing scenery. Dinner included **CB**

Friday, July 23 Fort Nelson to Watson Lake, YT

Cameras ready? A journey to Yukon Territory ... the famous highway winds thru countryside sprinkled with fireweed, jade-green lakes, abundant wildlife and miles and miles of natural beauty. We find ourselves with an appreciation for a simpler lifestyle and an admiration for those who constructed the road in a nine month period. Today’s scenery is a perfect companion for a picnic at Mucho Lake. Jackets may be in order as might roast a few marshmallows around a fire. Overnight Watson Lake “Gateway to the Yukon”. Evening visit **Northern Lights Center**. **CB,L**

Saturday, July 24 Watson Lake to Whitehorse, YT



Signboards

With hammer and nails in hand, next stop, the world famous **Watson Lake Signboards**. Rest assured we aren’t the first visitors here!!! *During World War II a lonely soldier posted a Watson Lake stating where he was from and how many miles it was from Watson Lake to his hometown. That was the beginning of what we know today as the Watson Lake Signboards.* (Don’t



forget your signs! Some have gone to their city governments to have them send signs as well.) After leaving our mark at Watson Lake, next stop – Whitehorse... Yukon’s Capital City .. **CB, D**

Sunday, July 25 Whitehorse to TOK, AK



IT IS HERE!! The day we have been anticipating .. Alaska is in sight!!! Today’s drive thru **Kluane Wilderness** find us wondering how this majestic scenery can go on and on? At every turn there awaits water of a different shade of blue or green,

mountains of different forms and peaks and vibrant wildflowers dancing across the landscape. Renowned writers have described this a “rugged” country. The term rugged takes on a new definition, translated unspoiled and God’s creation at its best. Stops in Haines Junction and Destruction Bay scheduled before arriving in TOK.

Dinner included. **B,D**



Monday, July 26 TOK to Fairbanks



Milepost 1422

Make sure those cameras aren’t low on film, you will want several shots of the group at the **Welcome to Alaska** sign. Our drive on the Alaskan Highway will end at **Delta Junction** where we will be certified for our completion of the drive. North Pole, Alaska is on today's schedule before arriving in Fairbanks our home for the next three nights. *Born of the Gold Rush, Fairbanks lies just 90 miles south of the Arctic Circle.* **B**

Tuesday, July 27 Fairbanks

AM – Cruise on authentic Riverboat Discovery.

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**



Wednesday, July 28 Fairbanks

Free day

Evening and dinner – Alaskan Salmon Bake and Palace Theater Show **B,D**

Thursday, July 29 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**.

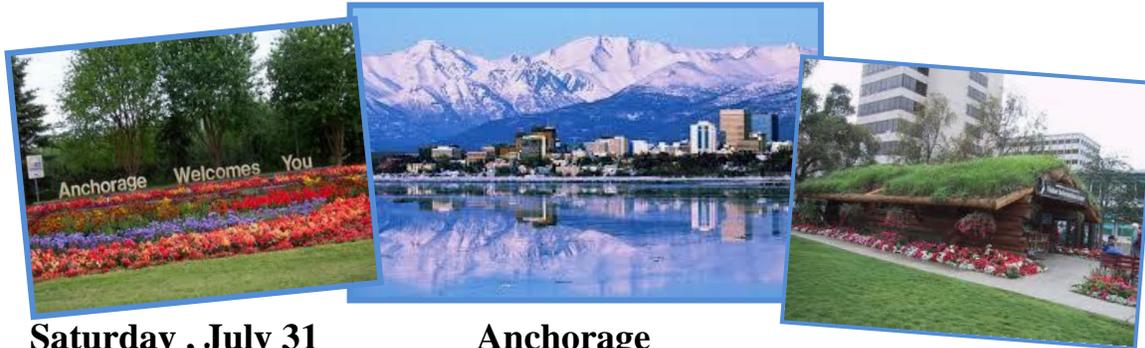
Late afternoon – arrive in Denali, get checked into the hotel before our **Denali Wilderness Tour** (optional- deduct \$100.00 if opted out of tour.) The extended tour into the heart of the wildlife preserve is where we find our best opportunities to view wildlife, CAMERAS ready at all times. **B**

Friday, July 30 Denali to Anchorage



Morning free in Denali. There will be time to participate in some of the optional excursions before boarding the **Alaska Railroad**.

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



Saturday , July 31 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 a official introduction to the city. Afternoon free.

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.

Included in our drive is a 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 **CB,D**

Sunday, August 1 Anchorage

All day free – ENJOY!!! **CB**

Evening – Dinner included **CB,D**

Monday, August 2 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*



Tuesday, August 3 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**

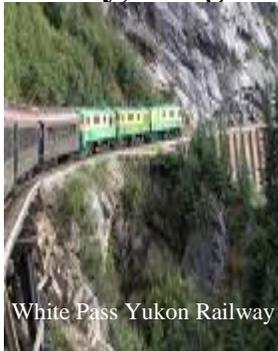
Wednesday, August 4 Valdez to Tok

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**

Thursday, August 5 Tok to Whitehorse

Today's drive takes us out of Alaska temporarily as we cross back into Yukon Territory to return to Whitehorse for another night here. Free evening **B**

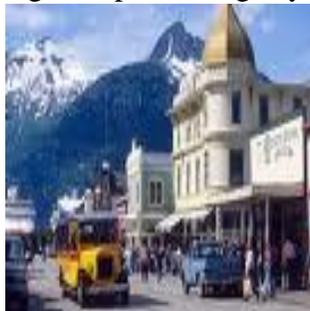
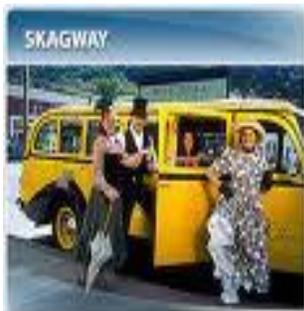
Friday, August 6 Whitehorse to Skagway



White Pass Yukon Railway

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 stampedeers 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**



Saturday, August 7 Inland Passage Cruise

8:30 Board the **Alaska Marine Highway Ferry** this morning. 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.**



Sunday, August 8 Cruise / Prince Rupert

Breakfast and lunch on own on cruise.

1:45 Dock in Prince Rupert

Monday, August 9 Prince Rupert to Prince George, BC

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**

Tuesday, August 10 Prince George to Sardis, 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**

Wednesday, August 11 Sardis to Pendleton, OR

AM - Drop those who are flying home at the Seattle airport.

Traveling through the Wenatchee National Forest, the Yakima Valley and the rolling wheat fields that surround Pendleton. The Yakima produces 75% of the hops grown in America and is also a large apple producing area. In and around Pendleton we will be amazed at the crops that are produced here and the attractiveness of their presentation. Scenery today is a departure from the snow capped mountains and glacier fed streams but

Afternoon - **Toppenish, WA.** Enjoy a horse drawn wagon tour of the **Toppenish Murals** then visit the **American Hops Museum.**
Late afternoon arrive Pendleton, Oregon. **CB**

Thursday, August 12 Pendleton to Twin Falls, ID
AM **Pendleton Woolen Mills** tour and time for shopping in the Pendleton store.
Afternoon drive to Twin Falls, ID for the overnight.
Driving out of Oregon and into Idaho finds us in Twin Falls, ID late afternoon. **B**

Friday, August 13 Twin Falls, ID to Green River, Utah
Our drive today takes us across the southwest tip of Idaho and into Utah. Afternoon – City tour of **Salt Lake City** and **tour of Tabernacle Square.** **CB, D**

Saturday, August 14 Green River to Burlington, CO
A travel day to rest and enjoy the company and the scenery as we make our way back to Colorado. **B**

Sunday, August 15 Burlington to Oklahoma City
Well we are almost back where we started from. A day to spend some time reminiscing about our trip and planning our next excursion together.
Late afternoon arrive back in OKC....with cameras and memory banks overflowing. **CB**



WOW!! We loved it so,
we did it again!!
Gene & Collen

We are so glad we heard
about this trip. It was
wonderful,
Tom and Karen

It has been WONDERUL...so
much more than we expected
and go to see relatives too.
Connie and Richard

One of the most amazing tours
we have ever taken. We are
ready to go back,
Les and Carol

Most wonderful thing I
have ever experienced.
Let's go again. YOU
HAVE TO OFFER IT
AGAIN.....everyone
should take this trip,
Wayne

It was wonderful!!! Everyone should visit
Valdez, it was a highlight of the trip. It
was so wonderful WE WENT BACK!!!
Atonie and Marshall

I took this trip four years in a
row and saw different things
each time. If my health
allowed, I would go again.
Ruey

My wife has to take this
trip. There is no way I
can describe the beauty
we have seen and the
experiences we have had.
George