



Alaska Land & Cruise Extended (16 Days)

7 Day Cruise with Princess Cruise Line & 9 Day Land Tour of Interior Alaska!

July 9-24, 2022

Tour includes round-trip transportation & airfare from MSP, taxes/fees & onboard tips!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 7 Days aboard the Royal Princess
- "Mildwater" River Rafting
- Alaska Railroad
- Denali National Park Tour
- Riverboat Discovery
- Gold Dredge 8
- Alaskan Salmon Bake
- Prince William Sound Glacier Cruise
- Cabin Nite Dinner Theater
- Golden Heart Review
- & Much More!

MEALS INCLUDED

Breakfast (B): 14 Lunch (L): 10 Dinner (D): 9

PRICE PER PERSON

- Reservation Deposit: \$350
- Inside Cabin Starting at: \$5700
- Balcony Cabin Starting at: \$6975

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

- Final Payment Due: 4/2/22
- Cancel for a Full Refund: 4/2/22
- Passport Required? Yes

Riley Tours purchases a Global Trip Protection Group Pro for all tour passengers on this tour

Day 1 Flight to Vancouver/Cruise

Our journey begins with a flight from Minneapolis to Vancouver. We will board the **Royal Princess** for a fun-filled 7 Day cruise. There are many activities and entertainment to enjoy onboard the ship including local entertainment and live music, theme nights, cooking classes, wine classes, card games, enrichment lectures with location guides and more! A daily schedule with activities offered each day will be in your cabin every evening. We will dock at different locations throughout the cruise, you may stay on the ship or go to shore. The ship will offer many port excursions that you may join, these are at your own cost but can be very affordable. All meals onboard the cruise ship are included, there are 2 formal evenings and the rest of the dinners will be smart casual attire in the main dining room. There is other dining options onboard including the Horizon Court which is more casual and cafeteria like along with the Trident Grill which offers great burgers and dogs to-go! Room service is always available also. (L, D)

Day 2 At Sea

Today we'll be at sea most of the day. It's a great day to enjoy the all of the wonderful

activities and/or entertainment onboard our ship. (B, L, D)

Day 3 Ketchikan, AK

This morning we will dock in Ketchikan, the town clutches the shores of the Tongass Narrows, with many shops and houses built right out over the water. The town calls itself the Salmon Capital of the World. Stroll and shop in the Creek Street Historic District, Alaska's most notorious red-light district from 1902. **Popular Port Excursions: the Lumberjack Show, Misty Fjords by Float plane or Boat, Totem Tour & More.** (B, L, D)

Day 4 Juneau, AK

No roads lead to Juneau, which gives the Alaskan capital a misty inscrutability. The massive Mendenhall Glacier and the immense Juneau Icefields are at its back door. The vast Tongass National Forest stretches away to the northeast. The adventures are as bountiful as the daylight. **Popular Port Excursions: one of the many whale watching adventures, Flightseeing & Dog Sledding on the Glacier, Best of Juneau Tour and many more!** (B, L, D)

Day 5 Skagway, AK

Some of the aspiring Klondike gold



Juneau, AK



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Alaska's Wildlife



Giant Cabbage in Palmer, AK



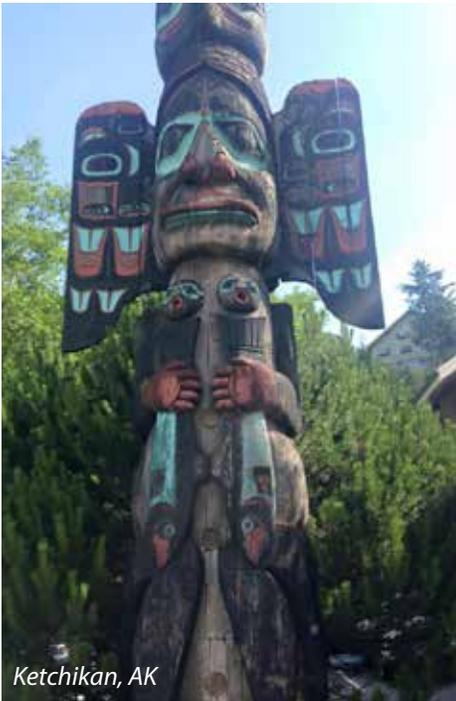
Alaska Railroad Views



Scenery along the Alaska Railroad



Prince William Sound Cruise



Ketchikan, AK

rushers who made it to Skagway took a look at the 500-mile journey that still lay ahead of them and decided a change of profession was in order, so many of them set up shop as provisioners in Skagway. It was the largest city in Alaska by the end of the 19th century. Booms fade and dreams move on, but the glory days still reverberate through the town. Walk the wooden boardwalks and see the restored buildings from the gold rush days while visiting the many shops in town. **Popular Port Excursions: White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad, Jewell Gardens, Dyea Mushing Camp, Ghosts & Goodtime Girls Walking Tour, Best of Skagway, "The Dangerous Days of '98" Show & more!** (B, L, D)

Day 6 Glacier Bay, AK

Today we'll cruise **Glacier Bay National Park**, the glaciers practically terminate in your lap. When a chunk of ice splits off a glacier and thunders into the sea the impact shoots water hundreds of feet into the air. Glacier Bay has more actively calving tidewater glaciers than anyplace else in the world. There will be commentary throughout

the day along with park rangers onboard to answer questions and give information about this beautiful place. (B, L, D)

Day 7 College Fjord, AK

Discovered in the northwest corner of Prince William Sound during an 1899 research expedition, spectacular College Fjord and its glaciers were named after prestigious east coast schools by the college professors who first laid eyes upon their majesty. College Fjord not only boasts the world's largest collection of tidewater glaciers, but it features magnificent snowcapped mountains as far as the eyes can see. Plus, during the summer, it's not unheard of to catch a glimpse of one of the area's 40-ton humpback whales feeding in the waters of the fjord. (B, L, D)

Day 8 Whittier/Anchorage, AK

We will disembark the ship in Whittier where our Riley motorcoach will be waiting for us to continue on the land portion of our tour. We'll travel the Seward Highway to Anchorage. A stop will be made in Girdwood, at the **Alyeska Aerial Tramway**



Creek Street in Ketchikan, AK



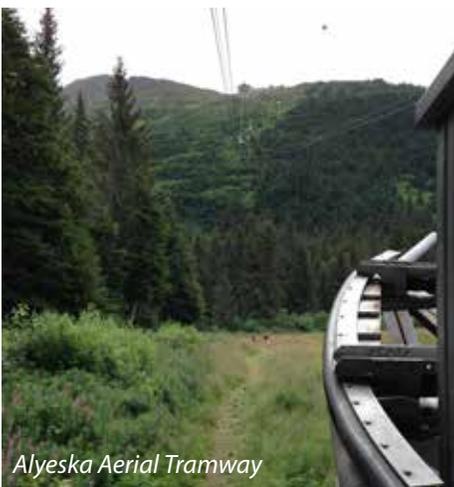
Prince William Sound Glacier Cruise



Valdez, AK



Riverboat Discovery



Alyeska Aerial Tramway

where we'll ride to the 2,300 foot level of Mount Alyeska. Take in panoramic views from the top of surrounding glaciers, Turnagain Arm and the Chugach Mountains. Once we reach the top you can explore the area and have lunch (on your own) at the deli. Afterwards, we'll continue to Anchorage, the largest city in Alaska. We'll show you around the downtown area before dropping you off and giving you time to explore and have dinner. (B)

Day 9 Denali National Park, AK

We head north on the Parks Highway. Our first stop will be in Wasilla, home to the **Iditarod Headquarters**, which features a small museum & gift shop. Next, we'll continue to the historic village of Talkeetna which is nestled at the base of North America's tallest peak, Denali. We will board the **Denali Star** and travel the **Alaska Railroad from Talkeetna to Denali National Park**. We'll follow the banks of the Susitna River, and maybe get a view of the Denali across the river (weather permitting). After the Indian River Canyon, the track climbs toward the tree line, crossing Hurricane Gulch, the longest bridge on the railroad at 914 feet long and hangs 296 feet above Hurricane Creek. The train will move into Broad Pass, at 2,363 feet, the highest point on the railroad. We'll be traveling in style with Glass-dome ceilings and Upper-level outdoor viewing platforms for panoramic views of Alaska's beautiful countryside. Enjoy an **boxed lunch** while onboard. Upon arrival to Denali National Park, our motorcoach will be waiting our arrival. Our entertainment this evening is at the **Alaska Cabin Nite Dinner Theater**. The show tells the story of Fanny Quigley, a real pioneer in Kantishna back in the gold-rush days of the early 1900s—the same area that is now deep inside Denali National Park. The story is performed in an authentic, log-paneled roadhouse, and the actors and actresses do double-duty as your servers for the all-you-can-eat dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 10 Denali National Park, AK

Today's adventure is one you will never forget! **"Mildwater" River Rafting** down the Nenana River. You may see moose, sheep, caribou and bear, as you raft downstream 11 miles. Hold on and enjoy this mild water introduction to rafting in Alaska. The most scenic portion of the river gives you a thrilling yet pleasant rafting experience. Afterwards, the day is at your leisure to

relax at the hotel, explore the town or do an excursion such as flight seeing, ATV tour, Dog Sledding, biking and more! (B)

Day 11 Fairbanks, AK

Today will be spent aboard a special bus for the **Tundra Wilderness Tour of Denali National Park**. We will travel 63 miles into the park to Stony Hill Overlook and for a picture perfect view of the famous, Denali. We'll also see incredible scenery, learn history of the park road and have some of the best opportunities to view the park's wildlife on this 6-8 hour tour. Keep an eye out for Dall sheep, moose, caribou, wolves and grizzly bears. After our tour, we will continue our trek north to Fairbanks, where we will spend the next two nights. (B)

Day 12 Fairbanks, AK

Our Alaskan adventure continues this morning! After a short tour of Fairbanks, we'll stop at the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline. It was built as a means of transporting crude oil from the oil fields at Prudhoe Bay on Alaska's North Slope to Valdez. Then we will head out to **Gold Dredge 8** to strike it rich! Take a seat aboard a replica of the narrow-gauge Tanana Valley Railroad and hear the conductor tell tales of prospectors who arrived by the thousands during the gold rush. The train ride takes you to Gold Dredge 8 where you will see first-hand how the dredge worked the gold fields, then receive a brief but informative course on gold panning. Once the train arrives at the camp, you will try panning for yourself! This afternoon we will have an **included lunch** before we board the **Riverboat Discovery** to cruise along the Chena and Tanana Rivers. We'll experience a **real Alaskan Bush Pilot in action** as he takes off from the river; see the **home and kennels of Iditarod Champion**, the late **Susan Butcher** and see her champion sled dogs in action; learn about the area's Native cultures, lifestyles and experience frontier living first hand with a **tour of an Athabascan Indian Village**. Tonight, **dinner is included at the All-you-can-eat Alaska Salmon Bake**. Your salmon is fire cooked on an open wood grill while the Prime Rib is slow roasted. The Bering Sea Cod is directly from icy Alaskan waters and is beer battered to perfection. Included with our meal is a salad bar, soft drink and a yummy dessert! Afterwards, we'll walk over to **Pioneer Park** and see the **"Golden Heart Review"** a lighthearted, comic look at the colorful characters from early and present day Fairbanks. (B, L, D)



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Day 13 Valdez, AK

We'll be departing Fairbanks along the Richardson Highway, the first road known to gold seekers in 1898. Enjoy magnificent views of the Chugach Mountains and Alaska Range. Our first stop is in **North Pole, Alaska**. Here we'll stop at the **Santa Claus House**, home of the Original Letter from Santa. Mail your postcards and letters here for an authentic North Pole postmark. Browse the gift shop and visit with Santa and his reindeer. We'll continue on south making a stop at the Delta Junction Visitor Center, where you may have your picture taken with the monument that marks the end of the Alaska Highway or another favorite, the giant mosquito sculptures. Lunch on your own will be at Rika's Roadhouse, which housed travelers back in the early 1900s. Then we'll visit the **Copper Center Visitor Center** Complex to learn about **Wrangell-St. Elias National Park**. Continuing to Valdez, we'll travel through the beautiful

Thompson Pass with it's narrow chasms and jagged slopes. The highway winds through the **Keystone Canyon** passing **Bridal Veil Falls** as it plummets to the roadside. We will make stops along the way for photos. Upon arrival into Valdez, we will check into our hotel located right on the harbor. (B)

Day 14 Valdez, AK

This morning we board a boat for a **cruise of Prince William Sound** passing Bligh Reef, where the Exxon Valdez spilled. We will cruise the majestic waters of Prince William Sound from Valdez to **Columbia Glacier** where you have a chance to view history in the making as Columbia Glacier retreats back into the Chugach Mountains. Our captain will travel the shoreline of the Valdez arm looking for the critters that call the Sound home. Watch for harbor seals, sea otters, sea lions, whales, porpoise, eagles, puffins and other wildlife. He/

She will share stories about the history of the Sound from early explorers, gold and copper mining, oil shipping, commercial fishing and the 1964 Earthquake. We'll see and float within thousands of icebergs, many larger than the boat we are in. It is recommended to bring a coat, gloves and hat if you plan to go outside of the boat. **Lunch is included** onboard. We will arrive back at the Valdez Harbor and the rest of the day is on your own. **Today you will have the option to spend the day fishing instead if you would like. Please call our office for more information and price.** (B, L)

Day 15 Anchorage, AK

This morning we travel on the Richardson Highway again. We'll make stops at **Horse Tail Falls** in the Keystone Canyon and **Worthington Glacier** on our way back through Thompson Pass. Along the way, we see beautiful mountains, lakes and rivers. Our stop for lunch (on your own) includes a view of Sheep Mountain, at an elevation of 6,300 feet. Sheep are often seen high up on these slopes. We'll get a view of the Matanuska Glacier, the largest glacier accessible by a personal vehicle. This Glacier once reached all the way to Palmer, where we will make a stop at the visitor center and see the **Matanuska Valley Agricultural Showcase Garden**. This is our chance to view the vegetables you hear about all the time! We will continue to Anchorage. Upon arrival, we will visit the **Alaska Native Heritage Center** to experience a sample of Alaska's Native culture. More than just a museum, the center proves an opportunity to explore the indigenous cultures of Alaska firsthand, cultures that continue to adapt to modern society, yet still maintain a vibrant identity for the Native people of Alaska. Next, we'll see the downtown area, where there will be free time to shop and explore. (B)

Day 16 Home

Today we say goodbye to our new friends and to this spectacular place. We will never forget the time we enjoyed in "the last frontier."



Gold Dredge 8



Downtown Anchorage, AK



Anchorage, AK Skyline from Earthquake Park