

MAJESTIC ALASKA WITH CRUISE

15 days 14 nights

STARTS: FAIRBANKS / ENDS: VANCOUVER

Day 1

ARRIVE FAIRBANKS

Kick-start your epic adventure through 'The Great Land' in the remote city of Fairbanks, the Arctic gateway to Alaska's Midnight Sun. This evening, Join your Travel Director and fellow expeditioners for a Welcome Reception at 6 p.m.

Day 2

FAIRBANKS SIGHTSEEING

Dive deep into the history of the Gold Rush in Alaska's largest city in the interior, Fairbanks. A Local Specialist, Fairbanks' Gold Daughters will guide you through the process of panning for gold in real Alaskan paydirt. Board the Riverboat Discovery, to hear tales of the Gold Rush and visit a recreated Athabascan Village. Later today, indulge in a salmon bake Regional Meal.

Day 3

FAIRBANKS - DENALI NATIONAL PARK

Admire the soulful expanse of Tanana River Valley, stretching hundreds of miles in every direction until it collides into the snow-capped peaks of Denali National Park. Touch the sky as you wind your way through this untamed wilderness to catch a glimpse of the 'Great One'. Join a Local Specialist at your lodge to learn about the rare Subarctic flora and fauna, before delving into Denali's lively history during a Regional Meal and show at the Denali Dinner Theatre.

Day 4

DENALI NATIONAL PARK

Tune into your unfettered surrounds - a free day to connect with Denali on your terms. Be present amidst the sounds of Bunting and Gray Jays, hike through the wilderness or take the perfect shot of Mount Denali. Today is yours to indulge in the contemplative solitude offered by this national park.

Day 5

DENALI - ALASKA RAILROAD - ANCHORAGE

A leisurely start to our day sees us board the famous Alaska Railroad for the scenic journey south to Anchorage. Epic Alaskan landscapes provide an inspiring backdrop for expert insights into such icons as Hurricane Gulch and Indian River Canyon. Arriving in Anchorage, we enjoy an evening at leisure.

Day 6

ANCHORAGE SIGHTSEEING

Explore Anchorage's historic downtown and view the scenic shores of Cook Inlet as you travel to a nearby local sports fishing hatchery where you'll learn about this complex process and its positive impact on the local communities. We'll visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center where you'll gain a deeper understanding of Alaska's 11 major cultural groups through storytelling and authentic demonstrations. Enjoy some free time to explore before joining your newfound friends at a Farewell Dinner.

DAY 7

ANCHORAGE – KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK – SEWARD – CRUISE (7 NIGHTS)

Visit a wildlife rehabilitation centre before embarking on a sightseeing cruise into the heart of Kenai Fjords National Park with lunch made of local, fresh ingredients while marvelling at wildlife and glaciers. Then bid farewell to your Travel Director as you board your Holland America Line cruise ship and set sail.

DAY 8

SCENIC CRUISING

Enjoy the facilities on board ship today during this day at sea.

DAY 9

SCENIC CRUISING – GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

Watch as Glacier Bay National Park's immense glaciers, towering peaks and icy rivers pass you by.

DAY 10

CRUISING – HAINES

Haines is home to autumn's Alaska Bald Eagle Festival and lies alongside the longest fjord in the U.S. Visit the quaint downtown.

DAY 11

CRUISING – JUNEAU

Stroll Juneau's picturesque streets, stopping in eclectic shops and saloons from the Gold Rush era. Perhaps embark on an optional trip on the Mount Roberts Tramway for exhilarating views of the harbour and nearby mountains.

DAY 12

CRUISING – KETCHIKAN

Check out the world's largest collection of standing totem poles, intricately carved with native designs. Perhaps take an optional guided tour through town or a floatplane flightseeing trip.

DAY 13

CRUISE THE INSIDE PASSAGE

Revel in the scenery as you slowly glide past a maze of bays, glacier-carved fjords and waterways protected from the open sea by rugged, isolated islands.

DAY 14

DISEMBARK VANCOUVER

Sail into Vancouver Harbour early this morning. After disembarking, take your transfer to Vancouver International Airport or to the hotel if you wish to extend your stay.

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- City Tour Anchorage, Fairbanks
- Cruise in a paddlewheel boat in Fairbanks with the historic Binkley Family's Riverboat Discovery and into Kenai Fjords National Park
- Iconic Train journey through Alaska's wilderness aboard the Alaska Railroad
- Visit Fairbanks, Denali National Park, Anchorage, a sports fish hatchery

HIGHLIGHTS

- 13 full breakfasts
- 11 dinners
- 7 lunches

TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

- Airport transfers are provided on the first and last day of your guided holiday
- Local Specialists: Pan for gold in real Alaskan paydirt, learn about the rare subarctic flora and fauna and the uniqueness of Alaskan wildlife and at a wildlife rehabilitation centre. (Days 2, 3, 7)