# ALAKSA LAND & SOUTHBOUND CRUISE TOUR JUNE 2—16, 2024

## PRICE PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING CABIN CATEFORIES:

CABINPRICE PER PERSONINSIDE STATEROOM\$7,575 Per PersonOCEANVIEW STATEROOM\$8,275 Per PersonBALCONY STATEROOM\$8,575 Per Person

OTHER CABIN CATEGORIES MAY BE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST SINGLE, TRIPLE & QUAD PRICES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

A VALID U.S. PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS TRIP

A \$3,000 DEPOSIT PER PERSON IS REQUIRED TO GUARANTEE YOUR RESERVATION.

### FINAL PAYMENT WILL BE DUE BY FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

**TOUR INCLUDES:** Roundtrip Transfers to Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Round Trip Airfare from Chicago to Fairbanks and return from Vancouver to Chicago, 3 Nights Lodging in Fairbanks, 2 Nights Lodging in Denali National Park area, 2 Nights Lodging in Anchorage, 7 Day/Night Inside passage Southbound Cruise aboard Holland America, Full-Time Warco Tour Director, Airport Transfers in Fairbanks and Vancouver, North Pole Alaska—Santa Clause House, Museum of the North at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, Riverboat Discovery, Gold Dredge 8 Mine, Alaskan Pipeline, White Water Rafting, Tundra Wilderness Tour, Cabin Nite Dinner & Show, Happy Trails Kennels, Anchorage City Tour, Alaska Heritage Center, Hot Breakfast, Continental Breakfast, Meals aboard Holland America Cruise Lines, Onboard Ship Gratuities and all Current Port Taxes & Cruise and Airline Taxes and Fees.

# NOT INCLUDED: Travel Protection Insurance, Airline Luggage Fees, Gratuities for Warco Tour Director, Shore Excursions, Any additional optional Activities, meals and items of a Personal Nature.

#### DAY 1 SUNDAY JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2024

This morning we will transfer to Chicago O'Hare International Airport for our regular scheduled flight to Fairbanks, Alaska. This evening upon arrival in Fairbanks, you will have the evening to relax at the hotel.

#### DAY 2 MONDAY JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2024 FAIRBANKS, NORTH POLE, UNIVERSITY OF FAIRBANKS

This morning our first top will be at North Pole, Alaska. Here we will visit the World Famous Santa Claus House—Home of the "Original" Letter from Santa!! You will be able to enjoy Santa and his reindeer, browse through thousands of unique gifts, and view the World's Largest Santa, standing over 40 feet high. This afternoon you will be able to enjoy the Museum of the North at the University of Fairbanks. Here you will view breathtaking architecture, 2,000 years of Alaskan Art, Native Cultures, Alaskan Animals and Dynamic Aurora and other auditorium shows. This evening you will have free time to relax at the hotel. **MEALS: BREAKFAST** 

### DAY 3 TUESDAY JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 RIVERBOAT DISCOVERY, GOLD DREDGE 8 MINE—PANNING FOR GOLD, PIONEER PARK—SALMON BAKE AND GOLDEN HEART REVIEW SHOW.

Our adventure today in Fairbanks will start this morning aboard the Discovery Sternwheeler. Enjoy a relaxing and scenic narrated cruise on the Chena and Tanana Rivers. Hear about the colorful history of Fairbanks and the rewards and challenges of living in present day Alaska. Go ashore to visit a recreated Indian fishing and trapping camp. See a float plane take off and land, displaying its unique skills. Also, today we have a chance to become Alaskan Gold prospectors during a visit to the Gold Dredge Mine. They will share prospecting tales and teach us how to pan for gold and we will be able to keep the gold WE FIND!!! Also, today we will have a photo stop at the Trans Alaskan Oil Pipeline where you will be able to view the pipeline up close. Our dinner this evening takes us to a place in Alaska land, a delightful array of Alaskan Specialties are served, featuring King Salmon, Halibut and Cod. Entertainment this evening is at the Palace Theater, with a musical revue presenting "The Golden Heart Review".

**MEALS: BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER** 

#### DAY 4 WEDNESDAY JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 FAIRBANKS TO DENALI, RAFTING ADVENTURE

This morning we depart Fairbanks for Denali National Park, keep an eye out for wildlife on our journey to the Denali area. We will be crossing the Tanana River between Fairbanks and Denali before we enter the scenic Nenana River Canyon. This afternoon we have planned for you to go Whitewater rafting...this rafting experience will be one you will really enjoy. Our trip will be professionally guided through the calm waters of the Nenana River. Relax and enjoy the beauty of the canyon as you travel through it on a raft. **MEALS: BREAKFAST** 

#### DAY 5 THURSDAY JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 DENALI NATIONAL PARK, ALASKA CABIN NITE DINNER SHOW

Today, we will have an amazing tour of Denali National Park, where you will enjoy a narrated guided bus tour that goes into the park's interior. You may spot moose, white sheep, grizzly bears and caribou. Weather permitting, we will be able to view Mt. McKinley, the highest mountain in North America. This evening you will sample the cuisine at the Alaska Cabin Nite Dinner Show, you'll enjoy an Alaska Dinner and sit back for a hilarious show of tall tales, fun songs and foot stomp-in music.

MEALS BREAKFAST, DINNER SHOW

#### DAY 6 FRIDAY JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 HAPPY TRAILS KENNEL, ANCHORAGE

This morning we depart the Denali National Park area and travel along the Parks Highway. Our route on the way to Anchorage will take us through the beautiful Broad Pass. Along our travels to Anchorage we will have a stop this afternoon at Happy Trails Kennel. The kennel will offer you a chance to socialize with working sled dogs from pups to adults and learn about the unique sport of dog mushing. We will be arriving in Anchorage early evening, which we will be calling home for the next two evenings. This evening you will have free time to take in the downtown Anchorage area on your own.

**MEALS: CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** 

#### DAY 7 SATURDAY JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 ANCHORAGE CITY TOUR, HERITAGE CENTER

This morning we start with a tour of the city of Anchorage. The tour will have stops at Ship Creek, which is Anchorage's downtown "fishing hole' and is the second most widely fished river in the state. You will see where the ceremony for the Iditarod, a 1,100 mile dog-sled race and the "Fur Roundy" World Champion sprint dog-sledding races start. You will also see the statue of Balto, a famous sled dog, which marks the starting point. We also will drive by Lake Hood, which is the most active seaplane base in the world, with a 16 year waiting list. This afternoon you will enjoy Alaska's premier Alaska Native Center. The center shares the heritage of Alaska's 11 major cultures. You will experience Alaska Native

Cultures first hand through stories, dance and much more. Later this afternoon and evening you will have the opportunity to enjoy Anchorage at your leisure. Take in the Anchorage Market, or visit the Anchorage Museum of History and Art, take a trolley ride or maybe do some shopping.

**MEALS: CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** 

#### DAY 8 SUNDAY JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 TRAVEL TO WHITTIER TO BOARD THE HOLLAND AMERICA CRUISE SHIP

Today, we will depart Anchorage and travel along the Cook Inlet and enjoy spectacular view of the Kenai Peninsula and the opportunity to possibly view Dahl sheep, mountain goats and eagles. Once we arrive Whittier, Alaska you will commence check-in procedures and board the five star Holland America Cruise ship. After checking into your deluxe stateroom, you will have time to become acquainted with all the amenities of our cruise ship. The shore excursions office will be available daily to meet with you regarding activities and assist with any of your special needs.

**MEALS: CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, DINNER** 

#### DAY 9 MONDAY JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 CRUISING ONLY HUBBARD GLACIER

We will cruise towards Hubbard Glacier and it will feel like you're approaching another planet in a tiny space craft. Among all the vanishing Alaska glaciers, Hubbard has a rapidly advancing ice margin—up to seven feet in one day—earning it the nickname, "the Galloping Glacier."

Hubbard Glacier cruises are so popular because of the glacier's three story icebergs that cannon into crystal waters, a process called calving. It's also colorful. On clear days, Hubbard turns a stunning deep blue and on cloudy ones, its many ripples and icebergs shimmer in soft light.

This glacier dwarfs the other glaciers in Alaska. It is the longest tidewater glacier in North America and starts 76 miles back, pouring down off the shoulder of Mt. Walsh. It has an impressive terminal face that is 7 miles long and 350 feet above the water line. Hubbard Glacier is one of the few Alaska glaciers that's advancing and not succumbing to climate change.

**MEALS: BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER** 

#### DAY 10 TUESDAY JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 GLACIER BAY

Today we will cruise by Glacier Bay, close your eyes and take in the sound—the creaks and groans of "living" ice, the shrill cries of gulls and soaring eagles, the splash of breaching humpback whale. Frosted peaks towering over mossy forest, wide tidewater glaciers. This will be your opportunity to get up close and personal with glaciers as your captain maneuvers the cruise ship in position for spectacular views of these captivating glaciers, some receding and some expanding. This will be an opportunity to witness the glaciers calving so have your cameras and binoculars ready.

MEALS: BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

#### DAY 11 WEDNESDAY JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 SKAGWAY, ALASKA

At the height of the Klondike Gold Rush, the port town of Skagway served as the primary gateway to the legendary gold fields, and quickly grew into Alaska's largest settlement. It was then a raucous frontier hub packed with trading posts, saloons and guesthouses. As the gold rush faded into the 1900's, so did Skagway, but today it has been reinvigorated as a gateway for a new kind of visitor. Known as the Garden City of Alaska, Skagway is filled with beauty and nature. Much of the town has been preserved as part of the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, where rangers offer walking tours around the historic district.

**MEALS: BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER** 

#### DAY 12 THURSDAY JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 JUNEAU, ALASKA

Today visit Juneau, Alaska and visit the most remote, most beautiful and strangest state capital in the United States. Surrounded by water, forest and mountain sights, you will be able to seek things to do in

Juneau indoors and outdoors. You will be able to hike, eat fresh caught fish and tour a grand capitol building. Other activities that would be available to purchase would be sport fishing, Mt. Robinson Tram, historic city tours, and wildlife tour to see marine life. Shopping is easy in Juneau with over a hundred stores and craft shops.

MEALS: BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

#### DAY 13 FRIDAY JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

Ketchikan, Alaska—Alaska's First City of Ketchikan is so named because it's the first major landfall for most cruisers as you enter the picturesque fjords of the Inside Passage, where the town clings to the banks of the Tongass Narrows, flanked by green forests nurtured by abundant rain. Ketchikan has long been an important hub of the salmon fishing and packing industries. Ketchikan is also one of the best spots along the Inside Passage to explore the rich cultural sights of Native Alaskan nations. You can see carded totem poles at the Totem Heritage Center and Totem Bight State Park, while the attractions of Saxman Village just outside of Ketchikan with working carvers and dance show in the clan house.

**MEALS: BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER** 

#### DAY 14 SATURDAY JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISING

This will be an opportunity to discover many of the quaint villages along the inside passage as your captain relates the history of the area and prepares us for the transit of the narrows' channel. Enjoy this last day to sit back, relax, and enjoy all the amenities of five star cruising aboard Holland America.

MEALS: BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

#### DAY 15 SUNDAY JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 VANCOUVER AND HOME

This morning we bid farewell to our Alaska Adventure as we disembark our ship and transfer to the airport for our return flight home.

**MEAL: BREAKFAST**