

ALASKA LAND & NORTHBOUND CRUISE TOUR

AUGUST 9—24, 2024

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

<u>CABIN</u>	<u>PRICE PER PERSON</u>
INSIDE STATEROOM	\$7,575 Per Person
OCEANVIEW STATEROOM	\$8,275 Per Person
BALCONY 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 APRIL 15TH, 2024

TOUR INCLUDES: Roundtrip Transfers to Chicago O’Hare International Airport, Round Trip Airfare from Chicago to Fairbanks and return from Vancouver to Chicago, 1 Nights Lodging in Hoffman Estates, IL, 1 Nights Lodging in Vancouver, BC, 2 Nights Lodging in Fairbanks, 2 Nights Lodging in Denali National Park area, 2 Nights Lodging in Anchorage, 7 Day/Night Inside passage Northbound 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, 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 FRIDAY AUGUST 9TH, 2024 TRAVEL TO OVERNIGHT AT HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL

This afternoon we will depart from Southwest Wisconsin and travel to the Hoffman Estates, IL area to overnight for our early departure from Chicago O’Hare International airport on August 10th, 2024.

DAY 2 SATURDAY AUGUST 10TH, 2024 FLY FROM CHICAGO TO VANCOUVER, BC

This morning we will depart Chicago O’Hare International Airport and enjoy our flight to Vancouver, British Columbia. Our flight is scheduled for a later afternoon arrival in Vancouver. This evening you will have free time to relax at the hotel.

DAY 3 SUNDAY AUGUST 11TH, 2024 HOLLAND AMERICA CRUISE SHIP CRUSIE

Later this morning we will board the Holland America Cruise Ship. Vancouver is a bustling seaport city that once was a trading post and rough and tumble sawmilling settlement. Later this afternoon we will depart the port and start our journey cruising up the Inside Passage. **Meals: CB, Lunch, Dinner**

DAY 4 MONDAY AUGUST 12TH, 2024 SCENIC CRUISING THE INSIDE PASSAGE

Alaska's Inside passage is a protected network of waterways that wind through glacier cut fjords an lush temperate rain forests along the rugged coast of Southeast Alaska. It is one of the greatest cruising routes in the world, the Inside Passage stretches through stunning landscapes, from Misty Fjords National Monument to famed Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve. You might have opportunities to spot some of Alaska's most iconic wildlife, with humpback whales and orca playing the bountiful waters alongside the ships, bald eagles soaring overhead and brown bears lumbering on the shoreline.

MEALS: BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

DAY 5 TUESDAY AUGUST 13TH, 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 6 WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14TH, 2024 JUNEAU, ALASKA

Today we will visit Juneau, Alaska 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 7 THURSDAY AUGUST 15TH, 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 8 FRIDAY AUGUST 16TH, 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 9 SATURDAY AUGUST 17TH, 2024 CRUISING ONLY COLLEGE FJORD

The best way to see majestic, century old rivers of ice cascading from the mountains to the sea is the Alaska glaciers. Glaciers have shaped many Alaska lakes, rivers and valleys one slow centimeter at a time. They've fascinated scientists and inspired artists for a long time. College Fjord will bring you close to many glaciers—there's even a spot where you can see eight at once. You will have a good chance of watching ice thunder into the water, as Prince William Sound is one of the most active areas for calving. College Fjord is the most storied. The Harriman Expedition of 1899 with John Muier and other notable scientists traversed the College Fjord aboard the George W. Elder, funded by Ivy League colleges. All the glaciers were named for various schools. As you travel into College Fjord, the glaciers on the left are named for women's colleges and those on the right are named for men's colleges.

MEALS: BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

DAY 10 SUNDAY AUGUST 18TH, 2024 ARRIVE WHITTIER—ANCHORAGE

This morning we will arrive in Whittier Alaska, our cruise destination. Whittier is a remote village that is nestled along breathtaking Prince William Sound, home to a stunning array of wildlife. All town services are sheltered from the often-inclement weather in this unique and practical way, and virtually all of Whittier's approximately 220 residents live in the 14 story Begich Towers, originally a Cold War outpost for the U.S. Army. This morning we will disembark the Holland America Cruise Ship and board a motorcoach and travel along the Cook Inlet on our way to Anchorage. This afternoon you will enjoy Alaska's premier Alaska Native Cultural 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 we will check into our deluxe accommodations, which we will be calling home for the next two evenings. This evening you will have free time to relax at the hotel or take in some of the sights in the downtown Anchorage area.

DAY 11 MONDAY AUGUST 19TH, 2024 ANCHORAGE CITY TOUR

This morning we start with a tour of Anchorage area. 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 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 12 TUESDAY AUGUST 20TH, 2024 HAPPY TRAIL KENNEL, DENALI AREA

This morning we will depart Anchorage and travel along the Parks Highway. Along our travels to Denali, we will have a stop this morning 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. This afternoon as we travel to the Denali area we might be able to view Mt. McKinley. Later this evening we will be checking into accommodations in the Denali area, which we will be calling home for the next two evenings.

DAY 13 WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21ST, 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 might 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 14 THURSDAY AUGUST 22ND, 2024 FAIRBANKS, NORTH POLE, UNIVERSITY OF FAIRBANKS

This morning we will depart the Denali area and travel to Fairbanks, Alaska. This afternoon our first stop 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 15 FRIDAY AUGUST 23RD, 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 16 SATURDAY AUGUST 24TH, 2024 DEPART ALASKA FOR HOME

This morning we bid farewell to our Alaska Adventure. We will arrive at the airport in Fairbanks to board our airplane for our flight back to Chicago O’Hare International Airport.