Ultimate Alaska ○ Inside Passage plus Denali
Including Hubbard Glacier and A Back Country Wilderness Adventure!
7 Nights on the Norwegian Jewel ○ 4 Night Denali Land Tour ○ Scenic Domed Railcar Ride from Denali to Talkeetna
June 2 – 13, 2022 ○ 12 Day – 11 Night Cruise/Tour

Join us to experience Ultimate Alaska - land of bald eagles, totem poles, calving glaciers and majestic wildlife by land, sea, rail and air! You'll depart your flight bound for Anchorage, where you'll check in to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day exploring Denali as you wish!

**Itinerary**

**June 2, 2022 - Your Journey Begins!**
Today you board your flight bound for Fairbanks! On arrival, you'll be met and assisted with your transfer to your hotel on the banks of the Chena River. Just 188 miles south of the Arctic Circle, you'll enjoy a day where the sun seemingly never sets with nearly 21 hours of sunlight! After time to refresh up, enjoy dinner on your own at a local restaurant. Overnight: Fairbanks - Pike's Waterfront Lodge

**June 3, 2022 - Fairbanks to Denali!**
Today you'll explore Fairbanks beginning with a ride on the Riverboat Discovery, and take a journey back in time. You'll also make an unforgettable stop at a Chena Indian Village before returning to Fairbanks for lunch on your own. Then you'll board your deluxe motor coach to ride through the Alaskan wilderness on your way to your rustic lodge located just a mile from Denali State Park! Sitting atop Sugarloaf Mountain, you'll have panoramic views of the surrounding Denali forests. Check in to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day exploring Denali as you wish!
Overnight: Denali area hotel

**June 4, 2022 - Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour!**
Very few visitors have the unique opportunity to experience a Denali Back Country Adventure. In fact, only a handful of guests see Denali in this way! You'll depart your hotel at around 6:30am with a local guide to explore and discuss the park with you throughout the day. We've secured this very limited space in order to provide a full day of sightseeing deep into Denali National Park to the Denali Back Country Lodge where you'll enjoy lunch. There's no national park tour that comes close to this experience! Many tours feature a day in the park and even those that offer a 7 hour “wilderness” tour don't get as far into the park as we do. This lodge is one of the ONLY concessions allowed to operate inside the park. This truly sets your Denali experience apart from what all the rest offer! Total time in the park will be 10-12 hours! Since you've come this far, see Denali the way it should be seen! The fact is, most of the wildlife viewed in Denali are located further inside the park. After your lunch at the Lodge, you'll have time for a nature walk with the naturalists, or sit by the fire or perhaps choose to participate in some gold panning at Moose Creek!
Overnight: Denali area hotel

**June 5, 2022 - Ride the Rails!**
Arising today, you'll marvel at your previous days Denali experience as you enjoy the morning at leisure before you ride the Alaska rails in style! Your four hour journey from Denali to Talkeetna will be in a domed car with spectacular views! The rail line follows a historic, unspoiled route through beautiful countryside and there's a good chance of seeing a variety of wildlife. There are several dining options on the train with food, beverage and bar service available to enjoy on your own. On arrival in the historic mining village of Talkeetna late this afternoon, you'll transfer to your motor coach for Anchorage, where you'll check in this evening with dinner on your own.
Overnight: Millennium Anchorage Hotel

**June 6, 2022 - Come Sail Away!**
You'll awake this morning in lively downtown Anchorage. Surrounded by six mountain ranges, Alaska's largest city is beautiful and bustling! You'll have free time to explore for awhile, then transfer south to the pier in Seward and be assisted with your check-in to board the Norwegian Jewel in time to enjoy a late lunch and unwind. You'll be sailing away tonight at 9pm!
(L/D)

**June 7, 2022 - Cruise Hubbard Glacier!**
You'll dock this morning at the private port of Icy Strait Point at 9am. This historic town, once home to a fishing cannery, offers a variety of excursions, fine dining and shopping at locally owned stores. You might choose a Hoonah sightseeing tour where you'll visit the world’s largest Tlingit village! Hear how this village of 850 was rebuilt after being destroyed by fire during WWII, and learn about the lifestyle of local fishermen. Or, opt for a Bear Search adventure in an area with one of the largest brown bear populations in the world! Sail at 6pm.
(B/L/D)

**June 9, 2022 - Juneau and Cruising Dawes Glacier!**
Today you're in Juneau, the capital of Alaska, at 7am. Accessible only by water or air, it's not surprising that wildlife thrives in this frontier landscape. You might choose to enjoy a whale watching excursion and marvel at the power and strength of these stunning creatures. In fact, tours from Juneau guarantee that you’ll see whales! And don't miss 1,350 square miles of translucent blue ice! This 300-foot ice wall has been thickening and advancing toward the Gulf of Alaska in sharp contrast to most glaciers which have thinned and retreated. Seeing the immense Hubbard Glacier will surely be one of the many highlights of your cruise/tour!

**June 10, 2022 - Tlingit Cultural Experience!**
Today you're in Sitka, once capital of Russian America. Explore the village of this historic Tlingit town and enjoy a fascinating cultural presentation! Overnight: Juneau area hotel

**June 11, 2022 - Alaska's Capital City!**
Today you will experience the capital of Alaska as you visit the State Capitol a true historic landmark, then transfer to Juneau for your half day tour. You will see the beautiful Taku Glacier and the Glacier Gardens. You will get up close and personal with massive blue icebergs on the Taku Glacier! This is the only opportunity to land on the glacier for a truly unique experience right here in Alaska. Overnight: Juneau area hotel

**June 12, 2022 - Skagway Port of Call!**
Today you will leave the Norwegian Jewel in Skagway, Alaska. You will have a half day tour to see the site of the 1897 Gold Rush and get a glimpse of the famous White Pass & Yukon Route Railway. You will also see the Klondike Gold Rush Museum. Overnight: Skagway area hotel

**June 13, 2022 - Come Sail Away!**
You'll depart your flight bound for Anchorage, where you will check-in to your hotel. On arrival you will be assisted with your transfer to the airport for your return flights home.**
mile long Mendenhall Glacier just 13 miles from downtown Juneau. You’ll return to the Jewel for a 1:15pm departure. The remainder of the day you’ll sail through the Endicott Arm and Dawes Glacier, where only a handful of ships are allowed every year! Your transit offers a relaxing and tranquil experience as you view this pristine landscape in comfort and luxury from the Norwegian Jewel’s abundant floor-to-ceiling windows and expansive decks. Marvel at the beauty of surroundings that just centuries ago were completely covered with ice, and are now home to stunning plants and wildlife! Without a doubt, this is the most relaxing and breathtaking way to experience Alaska!

**June 10, 2022 - Skagway, the Klondike Gold Rush Gateway!**

You’ll arrive in Skagway at 7am. At the end of the 19th century, Skagway was known to hopeful gold seekers as the gateway to the gold fields. Today, the flavor of that past has been preserved on Broadway Street with its charming false-front buildings and gold rush museums, where you’ll have the morning free to explore on your own. Or you may prefer to take a scenic ride on the White Pass and Yukon Route Railway. Sit back and enjoy the views and historic commentary from the comfort of vintage passenger coaches, as you watch a splendid panorama of mountains, glaciers and gorges, waterfalls, tunnels and trestles passing by. In the afternoon, you might decide to check out the Liarsville Gold Rush Camp whose tasty salmon bake is followed by a comic melodrama, where a cast of sourdoughs and dance hall girls entertain you while you’re feasting! Then you’ll set foot in the Liarsville Gold Fields where you can pan for the precious metal that drove people wild with gold fever! Your ship sails at 5pm.

**June 11, 2022 - Ketchikan: Salmon and Totem Poles!**

After sailing through the night and morning, you’ll dock at Ketchikan at 1pm this afternoon, often referred to as the “First City” as it’s the first stop going north into Alaska. Incredibly lush and green with almost 200 inches of annual rainfall, it’s also known as “the salmon capital of the world,” so you just might want to try some while you’re here! This favorite port of call boasts an outdoor museum of native art with the largest collection of totem poles in the world and is recognized as one of the top 100 art communities in the US. You might also decide to experience a float plane flight to Misty Fjords to see waterfalls that plunge 1,000 feet, beautiful river valleys and serene crystalline lakes surrounded by pristine forests. Your ship sails at 5pm.

**June 12, 2022 - Cruise the Inside Passage!**

Today you’ll cruise the Inside Passage. Protected within Alaska’s Panhandle, this beautiful waterway features 274 miles of dramatic scenery. The towering glaciers, the brilliant blue ice, the emerald green of the hemlock and spruce forests and the plunging waterfalls all provide an unparalleled opportunity for stunning photographs and video footage. But this pristine area does more than provide grand vistas, it’s also a prime habitat for bald eagles, sea lions, porpoise and whales. There are few places so well preserved and ruggedly beautiful as Alaska, and you’ll find yourself marveling at the wild and glorious scenery of our northernmost state as you cruise the Inside Passage.

**June 13, 2022 - Heading Home!**

After your scenic cruise/tour of Alaska, it’s time to head home. The Jewel docks in Vancouver at 7am. You’ll be assisted with disembarking, then transfer to the airport for your flight home. Memories of Denali and your Alaskan cruise are sure to be with you for years to come!

**Alaska * Denali!**

*Based on availability at that time*

For a limited time balcony guests will receive a FREE upgrade to Cat. BA! Single supplement is an additional 50% of the rates shown.

**Passports are required for this trip!**

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