



Ultimate Alaska ☀ Inside Passage plus Denali

INCLUDING MAGNIFICENT HUBBARD GLACIER
AND DENALI ALASKA GEOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE!

7 Nights on Norwegian Jewel ☀ 4 Night Denali Area Land Tour

☀ Scenic Domed Railcar Ride from Denali to Talkeetna ☀

July 11 – 22, 2024

12 Day – 11 Night Cruise/Tour

Join us to experience the Ultimate Alaska ~ land of bald eagles, totem poles, calving glaciers and majestic wildlife
by land, sea, rail and air!

On this ultimate Alaska experience, you'll view spectacular Denali National Park with a day of sightseeing with your Alaska Geographic guide. An exciting exclusive during your tour is an Alaska rail experience traveling in a special domed railcar from Denali to Talkeetna.

Unlike most tours that just include the standard rail car, you'll enjoy spectacular 360 degree views during your ride!

In Seward, you'll board the Norwegian Jewel for a 7 day cruise going into immense Hubbard Glacier and through the Inside Passage, and to the ports of Icy Strait Point, Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan. You've always wanted to see Alaska in depth, and this 12 day tour is the best way for you to not just see Alaska, but to experience the ultimate adventure that Alaska has to offer!

Itinerary

July 11, 2024 - Your Journey Begins!

Today you board your flight bound for the remote frontier town of **Fairbanks**, deep into the wild Alaskan interior! 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 discover a day **where the sun seemingly never sets** with nearly 21 hours of sunlight!

Overnight: Fairbanks - Pike's Waterfront Lodge

July 12, 2024 - 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 lodge and enjoy the remainder of the day exploring Denali as you wish, with dinner on your own either at the lodge or perhaps by taking a shuttle down to the gulch.

Overnight: Denali area lodge

July 13, 2024 - Denali Alaska Geographic Experience!

You'll depart your lodge at around 6:30am to explore and discuss the park in depth with your **Alaska Geographic guide** throughout your roughly six-hour Denali region tour! Due to longterm park road closures, we've engineered for you this **very special Denali area experience** to specifically avoid the park's currently congested dusty roads, and to give you the best possible Denali sightseeing available with **better stunning park views** than you could otherwise have. This Geographic journey truly sets your Denali experience apart from what all the rest offer! After your lunch back at the lodge, you'll have a free afternoon and evening, so there's plenty of time to take a refreshing nature walk, or sit by the cozy fire - or perhaps best of all, choose to participate in one or two of the **TRIPS optional excursions** that will be made available to you today!

Overnight: Denali area lodge (L)

July 14, 2024 - 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 scenic countryside. 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: Anchorage area hotel

July 15, 2024 - Come Sail Away!

You'll awake this morning in **Anchorage**, Alaska's largest city that's surrounded by six mountain ranges! You'll 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)

July 16, 2024 - Cruise Hubbard Glacier!

Today you'll get up close and personal with the **gargantuan Hubbard Glacier**, the longest river of ice in North America at 75 miles! It's also one of the most active glaciers of its kind in Alaska, measuring **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 a highlight of your cruise/tour - and the most relaxing and breathtaking way to experience Alaska! (B/L/D)

July 17, 2024 - Icy Strait Point!

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)

July 18, 2024 - Juneau: Whale Watching and Mendenhall Glacier!

Today you're in **Juneau**, the capital of Alaska, from **7am to 8pm**. Accessible only by water or air, it's not surprising that wildlife thrives in this frontier landscape dotted with **quaint 19th-century architecture** from the town's gold-mining days. Juneau's lively downtown is compact,

easy to explore on foot and offers numerous attractions, including the **State Capitol Building**, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, and historic South Franklin Street. You might also choose to enjoy a whale watching excursion and marvel at the power and strength of these stunning creatures. In fact, tours from Juneau even guarantee that you'll see whales! And don't miss the stunning 12-mile-long **Mendenhall Glacier** just 13 miles from downtown Juneau. (B/L/D)

July 19, 2024 - 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. Your ship sails at **5pm**. (B/L/D)

July 20, 2024 - Ketchikan: Salmon and Totem Poles!

After sailing through the night and morning, you'll dock at Ward Cove near deep-green **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 **8pm**. (B/L/D)

July 21, 2024 - 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! (B/L/D)

July 22, 2024 - 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!** (B)

****Please note that itineraries are always subject to change; your Alaska train route may also vary based on availability.**

Alaska * Denali!

\$5,998.00

Inside Cabin - Category IB

\$6,398.00

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Category OF

\$7,298.00

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**For a limited time
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- ✓ 2-night specialty dining package (excludes extra charged items; 1-night package only for inside/oceanview guests)
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Inclusions

- Roundtrip airfare from Houston to Fairbanks, AK and from Vancouver, BC (please inquire for other gateway cities; checked baggage fees are not included)
- Transfers from Fairbanks airport to hotel, to Denali and Anchorage, to Seward pier, from Vancouver pier to airport
- 7 nights cruise on board the Norwegian Jewel in your selected cabin category and all meals while onboard
- **2-night specialty dining package and unlimited beverage package including gratuities!** (1-night dining package only for inside/oceanview guests)
- 1 night lodging in Fairbanks
- 2 nights lodging near Denali National Park
- 1 night lodging in Anchorage
- **Domed car Alaska Train ride** from Denali to Talkeetna (train route itinerary is subject to change)
- **TRIPS Exclusive Denali Alaska Geographic Touring Experience!**
- Riverboat Discovery cruise in Fairbanks
- All ports of call as listed in the itinerary
- All park entrance fees!
- Portage of 1 suitcase per person
- All taxes, port charges and fees, including Alaska State Visitor Tax

**Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is
available and recommended.**

Reservations for **"Ultimate Alaska and Denali"** are accepted on a first come/first served basis.

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An initial **\$650.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour.

This deposit is fully refundable up to February 2, 2024. **Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before February 2, 2024.**

Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted at least 10 days prior to this date.

100% non-refundable as of February 2, 2024.

Payments may be made by checks made payable to **TRIPS**

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