



# Ultimate Alaska Inside Passage plus Denali

INCLUDING GLACIER BAY AND A TUNDRA WILDERNESS ADVENTURE

7 Nights on the Norwegian Sun ☼ 4 night Denali Land Tour ☼ Ride the Rails in a Domed Railcar from Denali to Fairbanks

July 8 – 21, 2018

Join us and experience Ultimate Alaska - land of bald eagles, totem poles, calving glaciers and majestic wildlife traveling by land, sea, rail and air! On this ultimate Alaska experience, you see spectacular Denali National Park with a full day of sightseeing deep into the Park.

The winding "Park Road" offers opportunities to see Denali's famed wildlife: Grizzlies, Caribou, Moose, Dall Sheep, Wolves and Eagles.

An exciting exclusive during your tour is an Alaska rail experience traveling in a domed railcar from Denali to Fairbanks.

Enjoy spectacular 360 degree views during your ride unlike most tours that just include the standard rail car.

In Vancouver, board the Norwegian Sun for a 7 day cruise through the Inside Passage and into Glacier Bay and then see Hubbard Glacier.

Ports of call include Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan. You've always wanted to see Alaska, and this 12 day tour is the best way for you to not just see Alaska, but to experience the ultimate that Alaska has to offer!

## Itinerary

### **July 8, 2018 - Your Journey Begins!**

Today you board your flight bound for **Seattle**! On arrival, you'll be met and assisted with your transfer to your hotel. After time to freshen up, enjoy dinner on your own at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Seattle airport hotel

### **July 9, 2018 - Vancouver, Canada: Come Sail Away!**

After breakfast at your hotel, you'll board your motor coach and travel through Washington State, crossing the Canadian border and into **Vancouver**. On arrival at the pier early this afternoon, you'll board the **Norwegian Sun** in time for a late lunch before sailing at **4pm!** (B/L/D)

### **July 10, 2018 - Famous Inside Passage of Alaska!**

Today you 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 diamond bright waterfalls all provide an unparalleled opportunity for stunning photographs and videotape footage. But this pristine area does more than provide grand vistas, it takes you into prime habitat for bald eagles, sea lions, porpoise and whales. There are few places left on earth that are as well preserved and as ruggedly beautiful as Alaska and you will find yourself marveling at the wild and glorious scenery of our northernmost state. (B/L/D)

### **July 11, 2018 - Ketchikan: Flightseeing to Totem Poles!**

After sailing north through the night, you dock at **Ketchikan** at **7am**. Often referred to as the "First City", it is often the first stop for many visitors to Alaska. Here, you have an option to experience a **float plane flight to the Misty Fjords**, lifting off to another world as you see waterfalls that plunge 1,000 feet, beautiful river valleys and serene crystalline lakes surrounded by pristine forests. This is truly a wonderful experience that you won't soon forget! This favorite port of call also boasts an outdoor museum of native art with the largest collection of totem poles in the world! Your ship sails at **4pm**. (B/L/D)

### **July 12, 2018 - Juneau: Glaciers and Whales!**

You dock at **Juneau**, the capital of Alaska, at **11am**. Accessible only by water or air, it is not surprising that wildlife thrives in this stunning 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 12 mile long **Mendenhall Glacier** just 13 miles from downtown Juneau! Watch closely and you might see, or hear, the glacier

calving producing icebergs floating in Mendenhall Lake. Alaska is so stunning and immense that you should plan to enjoy at least one of these excursions! Your ship sails at **9pm**. (B/L/D)

### **July 13, 2018 - Skagway: There's Gold in Them Ther Hills**

You arrive in **Skagway** at **8am**. At the end of the 19th century, Skagway was known to hopeful gold rushers 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. You'll have the morning free to explore the town on your own. Then as an extra special treat this afternoon, we've included an excursion to the **Liamsville Gold Rush Camp and Salmon Bake**, located at the foot of the White Pass Trail and nestled beside a shimmering waterfall. You'll feast on freshly grilled filet of wild Alaskan salmon along with baked chicken, rice pilaf, a variety of salads, baked beans and dessert. After your meal, wander over to the camp and enjoy the waterfall and authentic exhibits of Liamsville where a cast of sourdoughs and dance hall girls will entertain you with a hilarious melodrama and a poem while teaching you the art of panning for gold! Then, you'll be set free in the Liamsville Gold Fields where you can pan for the precious metal that drove men and women wild with gold fever! Be sure and dress comfortably and bring your camera! Your ship sails this evening at **8pm**. (B/L/D)

### **July 14, 2018 - Cruise Glacier Bay!**

Today is spent sailing through world famous **Glacier Bay**, where only a handful of ships are allowed every year! Your transit today offers a relaxing and tranquil experience as you view this pristine landscape in comfort and luxury from the Norwegian Sun's abundant floor-to-ceiling windows and expansive decks. Marvel at the beauty of your surroundings, which just centuries ago were completely covered with ice and are now home to stunning plants and wildlife! Later today, you'll have plenty of time to continue to explore all the amenities that your floating hotel has to offer! Without a doubt, this is the most relaxing and breathtaking way to experience Alaska! (B/L/D)

### **July 15, 2018 - Cruise Hubbard Glacier!**

Today, the Sun cruises **Hubbard Glacier**, the longest river of ice in North America at 75 miles! This is also one of the most active glaciers of its kind in Alaska, and measures 1,350 square miles of translucent blue ice! The 300-foot wall of ice has been thickening and advancing toward the Gulf of Alaska in sharp contrast to most glaciers which have thinned and are retreating. Seeing Hubbard Glacier will surely be one of the many highlight of your cruise/tour! (B/L/D)

**July 16, 2018 - Anchorage and Talkeetna!**

You'll dock in **Seward** this morning at **5am** and after breakfast, you'll be assisted with your disembarkation. Then, transfer to **Anchorage** for some free time to shop and enjoy lunch on your own before continuing on to the historic mining village of **Talkeetna** later this afternoon. Nestled at the base of Mt. McKinley, you'll have outstanding panoramic views of the Alaska Range. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure perhaps relaxing next to the gigantic river rock fireplace or shopping for Native art from villages across Alaska.

Overnight: Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge

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**July 17, 2018 - Denali National Park!**

As you arise this morning, you'll find the magnificent splendor of Alaska waiting for you! After check out, you'll travel by motor coach through Alaska's 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 wilderness. Check in to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day exploring Denali as you wish!

Overnight: Grande Denali Lodge

**July 18, 2018 - Denali National Park!**

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! We have 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 will enjoy lunch. There is 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**! 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 deeper inside the park. You will depart your hotel at around 6:30AM for your Denali Backcountry Adventure with a local guide to discuss the park with you throughout the day. Once at the lodge, you will have lunch, then have time for a nature walk with the naturalists, sit by the fire or perhaps choose to participate in some gold panning at Moose Creek!

Overnight: Grande Denali Lodge

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**July 19, 2018 - Ride the Rails to Fairbanks!**

You have the morning and early afternoon free to continue your Denali experience before your transfer to the Denali Rail Depot. Late this afternoon you'll ride the **Alaska rails** making the four hour journey to Fairbanks in a **dome car** with spectacular views. The rail line follows a historic, unspoiled route through beautiful countryside and there's a good chance of seeing moose or caribou! There are several dining options for you on your own with food, beverage and bar service available. Arrive into Fairbanks this evening to check in 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 seeming never sets with nearly 21 hours of sunlight!

Overnight: Fairbanks \* Pike's Waterfront Lodge

**July 20/21, 2018 - Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow!**

Today you'll explore Fairbanks beginning with a ride on the **Riverboat Discovery**, and take a journey back in time. You'll make an unforgettable stop at a Chena Indian Village before returning to Fairbanks for lunch on your own. Your Alaska adventure concludes later today as you transfer to the Fairbanks Airport for your overnight flight home! **Memories of time spent in magnificent Alaska and the Denali National Park will last a lifetime!**

**Save \$200.00 pp when paying by check, cash or debit of account.**

**Alaska \* Denali!**

**\$4,798.00**

Inside Cabin - Category IF

**\$5,098.00**

Oceanview Porthole - Category OG

**\$5,198.00**

Oceanview Picture Window Category OA

**\$5,898.00**

Balcony - Category BD

**\$5,998.00**

Midship Balcony - Category BB

Pricing is based on double occupancy. Single supplement is an additional 50% up charge in your selected cabin category.

**TRIPS and Norwegian Exclusive Inclusion! Complimentary unlimited beverage package and 4 night specialty dining package.**

Both include gratuities.

*Unlimited beverages include all drinks up to \$15. Dining package excludes extra charged items. See your club director for details of this TRIPS very special inclusion!*



**Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and strongly suggested.**

Check with your club representative for details.

**Inclusions**

- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Round trip airfare to Seattle, WA and from Fairbanks, AK (checked baggage fees are not included)
- Transfers from Seattle airport to hotel to pier in Vancouver, to Anchorage and from hotel to airport in Fairbanks
- 1 night in Seattle airport area hotel with breakfast
- 7 nights cruise on board the Norwegian Sun in your selected cabin category and all meals while onboard
- 4 night specialty dining package and unlimited beverage package including gratuities
- Liamsville Gold Rush Trail Camp and Salmon Bake in Skagway
- 1 night lodging in Talkeetna
- 2 nights lodging near Denali National Park
- 1 night lodging in Fairbanks
- Domed car Alaska Train ride from Denali to Fairbanks
- TRIPS Exclusive Denali Back Country Adventure
- 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
- **Please note - Passports are required for this trip!!**

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

An initial **\$500.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour.

This deposit is fully refundable up to March 29, 2018. **Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before March 29, 2018.**

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

50% non-refundable on March 30, 2018. 100% non-refundable as of May 9, 2018.

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