



Best of Alaska

The Wonders and Wilderness of “The Last Frontier”

JUNE 18-30, 2027 • JULY 16-28, 2027 • AUGUST 6-18, 2027

Ride domed railcars across open tundra, stand just 300 yards from a glacier as ice breaks into the water below, and cruise through fjords carved by ancient ice. From Anchorage to Vancouver, you'll experience Alaska by rail, sail, and coach, with time in Denali National Park and a four-night cruise aboard Holland America's *MS Zaandam*. Along the way, meet sled dog mushers and local fishermen, learn about native cultures, and witness life in the Land of the Midnight Sun.

DAY 1: WELCOME TO ANCHORAGE!

Arrive in Alaska and enjoy dinner as a group in Anchorage before beginning your adventure. *D*

DAY 2: AWCC, PORTAGE GLACIER CRUISE, ANCHORAGE MUSEUM

Travel along the Turnagain Arm, where the Chugach Mountains rise beside the water, on your way to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. Learn how orphaned and injured animals are cared for up close. Continue to Portage Lake and board the *MV Ptarmigan* for a cruise toward Portage Glacier. Stand just 300 yards from this Ice Age remnant and watch



for chunks of ice breaking away and crashing into the lake. Return to Anchorage for time on your own for lunch, then explore exhibits at the Anchorage Museum that trace Alaska's history and culture. **B**

DAY 3: HAPPY TRAILS KENNELS, MCKINLEY EXPLORER, DENALI

Visit Happy Trails Kennels and meet the energetic sled dogs that power Alaska's most iconic sport. Iditarod racer Martin Buser shares stories from the trail and presents a live dog sled demonstration. Then settle into the glass-domed railcars of the McKinley Explorer and travel toward Denali, watching the wide tundra for wildlife such as moose and bears. This evening, enjoy Music of Denali, where hearty Alaskan dishes are paired with songs and stories celebrating the first climbers to reach the summit of Denali. **B, L, D**

DAY 4: DENALI NATIONAL PARK

Set out on a five-hour guided tour through Denali National Park, where Denali rises above forests and open wilderness. Keep your camera ready for sightings of the Big Five: moose, caribou, dall sheep, wolves, and grizzly bears. Enjoy the afternoon with time on your own at the beautiful lodge or join one of the many optional excursions offered. **B, L**

DAY 5: ALASKA PIPELINE, RIVERBOAT DISCOVERY

Travel by coach to Fairbanks, stopping for a close look at the Alaska pipeline stretching across the landscape. Then board the Riverboat Discovery, an authentic sternwheeler, and cruise along the Chena River. Along the way, learn about Alaska's history, indigenous culture, and riverboat traditions through engaging onboard presentations. Overnight in Fairbanks with the evening free for dinner on your own. **B, L**

DAY 6: WHITEHORSE

Fly into Canada's Yukon Territory and arrive in Whitehorse, once a key stop for Klondike Gold Rush prospectors traveling the Yukon River. Today, the town blends frontier history with local character. Enjoy time to explore at your own pace before settling in for the evening. **B**

DAY 7: MACBRIDE MUSEUM, YUKON SUSPENSION BRIDGE, SKAGWAY

Begin with a visit to the MacBride Museum for an introduction to Yukon history. Then travel along the Klondike Highway from Whitehorse to Skagway, passing the vivid waters of Emerald Lake and the small community of Carcross. Stop at the Yukon Suspension Bridge and take in views high above the rushing Tutshi River. While here, enjoy a meal featuring regional flavors, surrounded by the rugged landscape. **B, L**

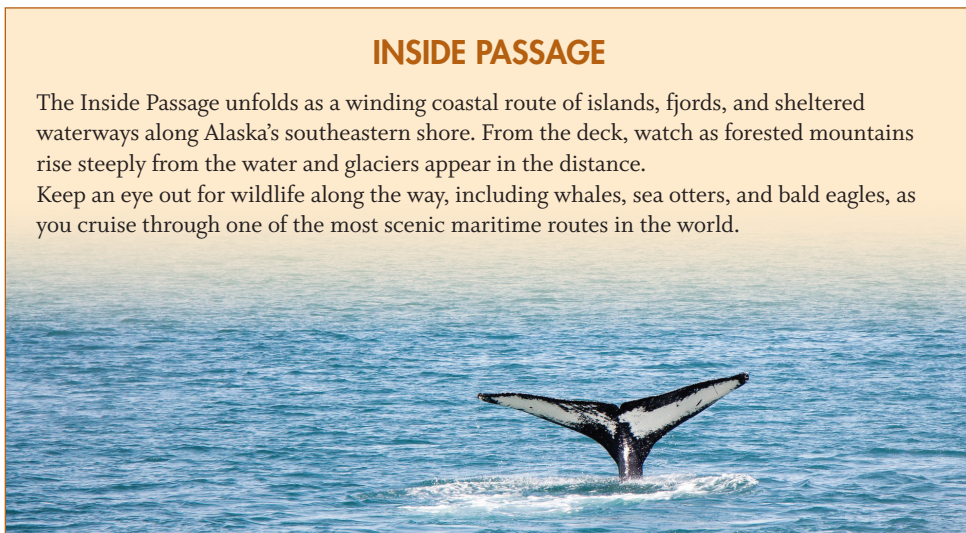
DAY 8: WHITE PASS & YUKON RAILROAD

Board a vintage narrow-gauge train for a journey along the historic White Pass Trail. Relax in restored coaches as the train climbs toward White Pass Summit, passing Bridal Veil Falls, Inspiration Point, and Dead Horse Gulch. Look out over steep mountain slopes, glacier-carved valleys, and

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INSIDE PASSAGE

The Inside Passage unfolds as a winding coastal route of islands, fjords, and sheltered waterways along Alaska's southeastern shore. From the deck, watch as forested mountains rise steeply from the water and glaciers appear in the distance. Keep an eye out for wildlife along the way, including whales, sea otters, and bald eagles, as you cruise through one of the most scenic maritime routes in the world.



cascading waterfalls along the route. Spend the afternoon exploring Skagway before gathering for dinner. *B, D*

DAY 9: SKAGWAY, MS ZAANDAM

Stroll along Skagway’s wooden boardwalks, browse local shops, or join a ranger-led walking tour before boarding the *MS Zaandam*, your home for the next four nights. Settle in and explore the ship’s amenities before dinner, followed by evening entertainment including Broadway-style performances and stand-up comedy. *B, D*

DAY 10: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

Cruise through Glacier Bay for eight hours with narration from a Park Service ranger. Watch as ice-studded fjords and forested shorelines unfold around you in one of Alaska’s most protected environments. This stretch of the Inside Passage reveals glacier-carved landscapes extending from Misty Fjords National Monument to Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve. *B, L, D*

DAY 11: KETCHIKAN

Arrive in Ketchikan, a coastal town known for its native heritage and salmon fishing. Discover the traditions of the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples as you view intricately carved totem poles. Take time to explore the town, including historic Creek Street, where colorful buildings stand on stilts above Ketchikan Creek. *B, L, D*



DAY 12: INSIDE PASSAGE AND SHIPBOARD FUN

Spend the day cruising the Inside Passage, where forested islands, glacier-cut fjords, and coastal villages line the route. Between time on deck, enjoy onboard activities such as cooking demonstrations, bingo, and naturalist talks. *B, L, D*

DAY 13: VANCOUVER

Disembark in Vancouver, British Columbia, and begin your journey home with lasting memories of Alaska’s landscapes, wildlife, and experiences. *B* ☀



TOUR DETAILS

13 Days • 26 Meals

Price Per Person:

See Table

Jun 18-30, 2027

Aug 6-18, 2027

Depart/Return:



St. Louis
Kansas City

Passport Required

Jul 16-28, 2027

Depart/Return:



Springfield

Passport Required

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend two nights in Denali National Park, where Denali rises above vast wilderness with opportunities for wildlife viewing
- Meet Iditarod racer Martin Buser at Happy Trails Kennels and experience the energy of his champion sled dogs during a live demonstration
- Sail aboard Holland America’s *MS Zaandam*, enjoying a comfortable journey through glacier-carved fjords and along Alaska’s rugged coastline
- Follow the path of Klondike Gold Rush prospectors on the White Pass & Yukon Railroad

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Nights 1-2: Hotel Captain
Cook, Anchorage, AK
- Nights 3-4: Denali Lodge, Denali NP, AK
- Night 5: Westmark Fairbanks, AK
- Night 6: Best Western Gold Rush
Inn, Whitehorse, YT, Canada
- Nights 7-8: Westmark Skagway, AK
- Nights 9-12: *MS Zaandam*