

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Denali National Park & Wild Alaska Cruise

With Optional Vancouver 2-Night post-tour extension

12 DAYS: Tuesday, August 18-Saturday, August 29, 2020

Per person double occupancy \$5,049 for INSIDE STATEROOM

Upgrades: Ocean View \$350 pp/do

Ocean View with Veranda \$1,050-\$1,300 pp/do

Call for single availability & rates

Includes round-trip airfare, fuel surcharge and all air taxes and fees. Fuel surcharge, air taxes and fees subject to change. Passport required. Per person deposit is \$600.

Get lost in the wilds of America's last frontier. You'll understand why Denali, North America's highest peak, is known as "the great one" to the indigenous Athabascan people when you see it towering over the surrounding landscape. After exploring the wilds of Denali National Park, embark on a cruise through the winding waterways of the Inside Passage, where you'll discover glacier country and gold rush towns, before ending in dynamic, dramatic Vancouver.

Your tour package includes

- 4 nights in handpicked hotels, 7 nights aboard the Celebrity Millennium cruise ship, 11 breakfasts
- 6 lunches, 10 dinners, select meals with beer or wine, 3 guided sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides, Private deluxe motor coach, 1 train ride

Included highlights

- Alaska Railroad ride, Denali National Park, Iditarod headquarters and museum, North Hubbard Glacier
- Ketchikan, the Inside Passage, Vancouver



Anchorage, Alaska 1 night
Day 1: Arrival in Anchorage

Welcome to Alaska! Arrive in Anchorage and transfer to your hotel.

Denali, Alaska 1 night
Day 2: Denali via Talkeetna

Included meals: Breakfast, Welcome dinner

Travel to the historic village of Talkeetna to board the Alaska Railroad. Enjoy views of the Alaskan wilderness and pass over Hurricane Gulch en route to Denali National Park, where you'll enjoy a welcome dinner with your group upon arrival.

Wasilla, Alaska 1 night

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Denali National Park

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

A full day of sightseeing with your guide immerses you in the scenery, flora and fauna of Denali National Park.

- Look for wildlife such as grizzly bears, moose, wolves, caribou, eagles, and sheep
- See Denali North America's tallest mountain (weather permitting)

This afternoon, travel to Wasilla where you'll enjoy an included dinner.

Overnight Cruise 7 nights

Day 4: Transfer to Seward

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Today, explore the Kenai Peninsula before driving through the Kenai Mountain Range to Seward where you'll board your cruise ship.

- Visit the Iditarod Headquarters and Museum where you'll have the opportunity to take a short dog sled ride
- Reach the Turnagain Arm of the Cook Inlet, known for its dramatic tidal "turns" that create 10-foot walls of water
- Stop at Portage Lodge for views of the Explorer and Portage Glaciers
- Enter the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center to spot wildlife up close

Sit down for an included dinner aboard the ship this evening.

Day 5: Day at sea

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Enjoy a day at sea reveling in your ship's luxurious accommodations or simply watching the scenery from the deck.

- Enjoy an included lunch aboard the ship
- Cruise around the Hubbard Glacier, North America's largest tide water glacier

Sit down for an included dinner aboard the ship this evening.

Day 6: Free day in Juneau

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Dock in Juneau, Alaska's capital city, and enjoy an included lunch aboard the ship.

Spend a free day in Juneau, often referred to as "little San Francisco" for its perfect blend of cosmopolitan city sophistication and frontier town spirit, or add an excursion.

Sit down for an included dinner aboard the ship this evening.

Juneau & the Mendenhall Glacier Optional Excursion at additional cost

Disembark the cruise ship and meet up with a local guide for a sightseeing tour of Alaska's capital city. Pass by the State Capitol building, the Alaska State Museum, and St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church. Then, stop by DIPAC's Macaulay Salmon Hatchery to learn about the fishing industry. Next, head to the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center. You'll watch a 15 minute video to learn about the Juneau Ice Field and how the Mendenhall Glacier came to be. Then, head outside to soak in views of the icebergs and surrounding lake before heading back to the cruise ship.

Day 7: Free day in Skagway Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Dock in Skagway and enjoy an included lunch aboard the ship.

Then, spend a free day in Skagway, the starting point for prospectors during the Klondike Gold Rush of the 1890s and the northernmost point of Alaska's Inside Passage.

Sit down for an included dinner aboard the ship this evening.

Day 8: Free day in Icy Strait Point Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Keep a lookout for humpback, minke, and orca whales and enjoy an included lunch as you cruise the Icy Straits to Icy Strait Point, your port of call for the day.

Sit down for an included dinner aboard the ship this evening.

Day 9: Free day in Ketchikan Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Dock in Ketchikan and enjoy an included lunch aboard the ship.

Spend a day at your leisure in Ketchikan, the ancestral home of the Tlingit people and gateway to some of Alaska's most sublime scenery and wildlife, or add an excursion.

Sit down for an included dinner aboard the ship this evening.

Ketchikan & Totem Bight State Park Optional Excursion at additional cost

Ketchikan is known for its charming harbor, Native American culture, and jaw-dropping scenery. On this morning's guided tour, you'll get to know the city from every angle. Set off on a walk along the historic boardwalk where colorful homes line the the Inside Passage, one of the state's most scenic waterways. Next, head over to the Totem Bight State Park to learn about how the U.S. Forest Services and Native American people worked together to preserve important Native American monuments. Walk along a path through the forest to view restored and perfectly reconstructed totem poles as well as a replica of a traditional chieftain's house. Then, visit a nearby lookout point to see a waterfall and have the opportunity to spot local wildlife like bald eagles, seals, salmon, deer, whales, and bears.

Day 10: Cruising the Inside Passage Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sail the southern section of Alaska's Inside Passage, a collection of waterways, inlets, fjords and bays.

- View the region's glaciers, several mountain ranges and secluded isles
- Enjoy an included lunch aboard the ship
- Look out for bald eagles as you cruise

Sit down for an included dinner aboard the ship this evening.

Vancouver, British Columbia 1 night

Day 11: Disembarkation & free day in Vancouver **Included meals: Breakfast, Farewell dinner**

Disembark in Vancouver, British Columbia, Western Canada's largest city. Then, enjoy a free day to explore before sitting down to a farewell dinner with your group.

Flight Home

Day 12: Departure **Included meal: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to explore Vancouver.

Extension to Vancouver **\$449 pp/do**

Delve deeper into the diversity and vibrancy of British Columbia, the westernmost province of Canada. Many cultures meet in the seaport of Vancouver, which boasts thriving Chinese and Indian neighborhoods. Spend your days wandering around the original settlement in Gastown or enjoying the great outdoors. Then, spend your evening feasting on Chinese food and checking out the lively music scene. Opt for a day to take in the beauty and refinement of Victoria, beloved for its blooming gardens and mild weather.

Vancouver 2 nights

Day 12: Sightseeing tour of Vancouver **Included meal: Breakfast**

Today, tour the multicultural, cosmopolitan city of Vancouver with your guide before enjoying a free afternoon for exploration of your own.

- Drive through downtown Vancouver, passing the Roman-inspired Public Library
- See the historic Gastown district
- Make your way to the waterfront where you'll see Canada Place, a sail-inspired building, which houses the Vancouver Convention Center and World Trade Center
- Stroll through Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth Park to take in views of the city
- End your sightseeing tour with free time to explore Granville Island, located directly across the water from downtown Vancouver

Day 13: Free day in Vancouver **Included meal: Breakfast**

Enjoy a free day in the city or add an excursion.

Victoria Sightseeing **Optional Excursion at additional cost**

Board a ferry for a scenic ride to Victoria, where a local guide will introduce you to the city's downtown area. Next, take in a passing view of the Parliament Buildings, the Inner Harbour, and the iconic Empress Hotel. After a few hours to eat lunch and explore on your own, travel through the countryside for a guided tour of the famed Butchart Gardens, home to 55 acres of stunning floral displays. Your evening comes to a close as you head back to the docks to catch your return ferry to Vancouver.

Flight Home

Day 14: Departure **Included meal: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.