

# *The Ultimate Alaskan Adventure*

## *Direct to the Wilderness*

June 10-22, 2009 on Island Princess

### Highlights

*Fairbanks, Discovery Riverboat Cruise, Princess Rail, Denali National Park, Mt. McKinley Lodge, Talkeetna, College Fjord, Glacier National Park, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, Vancouver*

***Alaska - the wilderness destination.*** Experience even more of Alaska's natural wonders and enjoy a complete escape—with our exclusive Direct-to-the-Wilderness rail service. Depart from Mt. McKinley and board the luxury railcars, bound South to Whittier and arrive directly to the ship. Enjoy more time at Mt. McKinley.

#### **Day 1: Depart your hometown - Fairbanks**

Upon arrival in Fairbanks, we will transfer to our hotel for a two night stay.

#### **Day 2: Fairbanks**

Our day is filled with exciting activities while on a Fairbanks City Tour, including a tour of the El Dorado Gold Mine where we pan for gold. Then in the afternoon, we enjoy a cruise on the Riverboat Discovery Sternwheeler. Visit a Native village and meet an Iditarod champion's sled dogs.

#### **Day 3 Fairbanks - Denali**

This morning, reload your camera for the luxury rail ride to Denali National Park. Denali Princess Wilderness, our lodge features fine dining and attentive service.

#### **Day 4: Denali - Talkeetna**

A morning of adventure is ours on the Natural History Tour that takes us into the heart of the national park to the best wildlife viewing and lookout points for Mt. McKinley. This afternoon we depart for Mt. McKinley Princess Lodge. Tonight, relive your experience over cocktails, dinner or an espresso by the fire.

#### **Day 5: Talkeetna**

Enjoy your surroundings. Today is at your leisure.

#### **Day 6: Direct to the Ship**

Today we depart Talkeetna onboard our luxury rail car and are transported directly to Whittier where we board the magnificent Island Princess for our seven day southbound inside passage cruise.

#### **Day 7: College Fjord, Alaska (Scenic Cruising)**

Some of the best glacier viewing in the state can be seen at College Fjord. Tucked into the northwest corner of Prince William Sound, this fjord boasts the world's largest collection of tidewater glaciers — 16, named after Ivy League colleges by the Harriman Expedition that discovered them in 1899.

### **Day 8: Glacier Bay National Park**

The icy wilderness of this spectacular national park and preserve displays massive glaciers that stretch from the ice-draped St. Elias and Fairweather mountain ranges to the ends of majestic fjords. The park is also home to an amazing world of marine life, including humpback whales, sea otters, porpoises and harbor seals. See it all through the eyes of a park ranger who comes aboard to add expert insight.

### **Day 9: Skagway**

Just imagine thousands of gold-crazed adventurers seeking the best jumping-off spot for their arduous trek. They found the deepest penetration by boat was at the northern tip of the Lynn Canal. This is how Skagway was born. Here we can ride the world-famous White Pass and Yukon Railroad and then visit one of the historic gold-rush camps, where we can browse through cabins and tents that were once used as a bakery and a saloon.

*(Tours are additional)*

### **Day 10: Juneau**

Today we arrive in Juneau, the capital of Alaska. Juneau is home to some of Alaska's most spectacular scenery. Nestled at the foot of Mt. Juneau, the city faces the water from the mainland side of Gastineau Channel. Several magnificent fjords are located along the channel coast and the majestic Mendenhall Glacier.

*(Tours are additional)*

### **Day 11: Ketchikan**

Ketchikan originated as an Indian fish saltery, but the town's major growth began when it became a supply base and entry port for miners during the 1898 Gold Rush to the Klondike. Much of the town's colorful past is still in evidence, especially in the nearby Indian villages, where you'll see colorfully carved totem poles and hear the fascinating legends that surround them.

*(Tours are additional)*

### **Day 12: Inside Passage (Cruising)**

Cruising through the Inside Passage is really what has made Alaska cruising so popular. This trip captures so much of what people love about Alaska. There are glaciers the size of Rhode Island. Misty rain forests and ghostly blue fjords and spirited communities that celebrate their varied heritage. Be sure to take in every view as you sail through one of the most beautiful parts of Alaska.

### **Day 13: Vancouver, British Columbia - Home**

Today we arrive in Vancouver, British Columbia. We will disembark the ship in the morning and transfer to the airport. What an adventure we had, and what better way to experience that adventure than with friends!





**Trip Price Per Person:**

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| Mini-Suite (Category AC) | \$4,999.00 |
| Balcony (Category BC)    | \$4,799.00 |
| Ocean View (Category D)  | \$4,499.00 |
| Inside (Category J)      | \$3,899.00 |

**Rates are per person and based on double occupancy.**

**CruiseTour Price Includes:** Roundtrip motor coach transportation, roundtrip air transportation from Chicago, airport and ship transfers, hotel accommodations, cruise accommodations and shipboard amenities, shipboard meals, airport & port taxes, baggage handling, El Dorado Gold Mine tour, Sternwheeler Riverboat cruise and history tour in Denali.

**Not included in cruise price:** Land and ship gratuities, alcoholic beverages, trip cancellation/medical insurance, shore excursions in Juneau, Skagway & Ketchikan, meals on land tour.

**Please note: Airport and port taxes are subject to increase.**

**A valid passport is required.**

A \$900.00 per person deposit is needed in order to guarantee space for this cruise. Final payment is due by March 13, 2009.

A cancellation fee of 50% of the total cruisetour package will be assessed for cancellations received March 14, 2009 through April 12, 2009. Cancellations received after April 12, 2009 will result in complete forfeiture of all monies paid.

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