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Alaska Cruising Aboard the *Noordam*

featuring the Alaska Railroad, Denali National Park and the Inside Passage

Departure Date: July 23, 2024



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DAY 1 Fly to Fairbanks: Your flight to the “Land of the Midnight Sun” takes you to Fairbanks, Alaska, where your Tour Manager greets you at the hotel. The first day of travel will come to a quiet close as you explore the new surroundings and prepare for your adventure.

DAY 2 Fairbanks, the “Golden Heart City”: Cast off aboard the Riverboat *Discovery*, the only authentic sternwheeler in Alaska. Your narrated cruise takes you to Old Chena Village where native Alaskan guides show the culture and lifestyle of the original Alaskans. This afternoon visit Gold Dredge #8 Camp for a rail journey through an old mining camp. Here you will be able to try your hand at gold panning in an authentic setting. Dinner this evening is at Pioneer Park for a sumptuous feast of grilled salmon, prime rib or deep-fried cod. Afterwards, enjoy humorous skits and songs about early Fairbanks in the Palace Theatre’s production, *Golden Heart Review*. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 3 Alaska Railroad and *Music of Denali* Dinner Show: Today, board the Alaska Railroad’s flagship *The Denali Star* for the trip to Denali National Park. The track cuts through the northern boreal forests of the interior on a journey where sparkling salmon streams, stands of aspen and birch and carpets of purple fireweed create a dramatic landscape. Arriving in Denali, the afternoon is free of scheduled activities to explore your scenic surrounding and enjoy an optional “flight-seeing” trip on a helicopter through the park, or a river float trip on the Nenana River. Tonight, sample Alaskan cuisine at the *Music of Denali* Dinner Show. Then sit back for a hilarious show of tall tales, fun songs and foot-stompin’ music. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 4 Natural History Tour of Denali National Park: Rise early and join an experienced local guide who conducts this morning’s Natural History Tour of Denali National Park. Weather permitting, see North America’s tallest mountain, Denali. Learn about Denali’s varied and interesting collection of birdlife as well as the over 650 species of flowering plants. Later, travel down the George Parks Highway where you might catch a glimpse of Denali and the rest of the Alaska Range through the stands of spruce and pine. A stop at the Iditarod Trail Headquarters showcases the race’s exciting history.

Meals: B, L

DAY 5 Martin Buser’s Happy Trails Kennel and Alaska Native Heritage Center: Begin the day at Happy Trails Kennel, the home and kennel of four-time Iditarod Champion, Martin Buser. Hear Martin’s personal stories, meet his champion dogs and get a glimpse of what life is really like out on the trail. This is an outdoor facility, so please dress accordingly. Later, visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center which features interactive displays and exhibits. Here, you will explore the rich cultural history of Anchorage through guides in traditional dress in their model lakeside village. **Meal: B**

DAY 6 Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center: This morning take in the dramatic views of Turnagain Arm enroute to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. This haven for orphaned or injured Alaskan wildlife hosts an array of animals. Then, take the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel to Whittier. This 2.5 mile-long tunnel is the gateway to Prince William Sound. Later, board your ship, Holland America Line’s *Noordam* to begin the unforgettable cruise portion of the tour. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 7 Prince William Sound and Hubbard Glacier: With its 3,000 miles of shoreline, Prince William Sound is one of the most scenic archipelagoes of tidewater glaciers in the world. Keep one eye on the shoreline while cruising, as you just may spot otters, seals, bears, eagles and deer. From almost anywhere on the ship you will be able to view Hubbard Glacier, a massive 1,350-square mile natural wonder of blue ice. It is the longest river of ice in North America and one of the most active glaciers of its kind in Alaska. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 8 Glacier Bay: Cruise Glacier Bay National Park and take in the sounds of the “living” ice, shrill cries of gulls and soaring eagles and splash of a breaching whale. Frosted peaks towering over mossy forests, wide tidewater glaciers, and marine wildlife are givens on Glacier Bay cruises, but every experience in this changing biosphere is unique. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 9 Skagway and the Lynn Canal: As your ship approaches Skagway, see the town resting peacefully at the base of a river valley bordered by the Coast Mountains.

When gold was discovered in the Klondike region of the Yukon Territory, it resulted in the historic Gold Rush of 1898. As thousands of gold-crazed adventurers sought the best jumping-off spot for their trek, they found the deepest penetration by boat was at the northern tip of the Lynn Canal. This is how Skagway was born. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 10 Juneau and Sawyer Glacier: Your port of call this morning is the Alaskan Capital of Juneau, considered by many to be the most beautiful capital city in the nation. Founded during the gold rush in 1880, the former goldmining town counts among its riches some of Alaska's most spectacular scenery. The terrain is hilly and winding, and narrow streets present a small-town quaintness existing side-by-side with cosmopolitan sophistication. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 11 Ketchikan: A popular destination along Alaska's famed Inside Passage, Ketchikan is teeming with Native American culture. Known as the "Salmon Capital of the World," it is home to the largest concentration of Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people in the state. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 12 Cruising the Inside Passage: Cruise the Inside Passage, a 1,000-mile-long sea corridor from Alaska to British Columbia, the longest sheltered inland waterway in the world. Its scenery is as grand as that of Norway. Be on the lookout for orcas and humpback whales as you take in the sheer cliffs, massive glaciers and snow-capped mountains. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 13 Vancouver to Seattle and Home: Arrive in Vancouver early and take your motorcoach transfer to the airport in Seattle for flights home departing after 4:00 p.m. **Meal: B**

HOTEL / CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1 and 2** – Bear Lodge, Fairbanks, Alaska
- Day 3** – Denali Bluffs Hotel, Denali National Park, Alaska
- Day 4** – Grand View Inn, Wasilla, Alaska
- Day 5** – Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska
- Days 6 through 12** – Holland America Line's *Noordam*



Tour Highlights

- 28 Meals: 12 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 9 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- Spend two nights in Fairbanks, "The Golden Heart City"
- Narrated cruise aboard the Riverboat Discovery to Old Chena Village and visit Gold Dredge #8
- Enjoy an Alaska Salmonbake dinner and see the *Golden Heart Review*
- Ride the Alaska Railroad from Fairbanks to Denali National Park
- Spend one night at Denali National Park with a Natural History Tour
- Enjoy tall tales, Alaskan music and dinner at a *Music of Denali Dinner Show*
- Visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center, highlighting the rich native heritage
- Tour the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center and take the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel to Whittier
- Experience an exciting seven-day Inside Passage cruise aboard Holland America's *Noordam*
- Signature Beverage Package and Group Cocktail Party
- One night of specialty dining in the Pinnacle Grill
- Surf Wi-Fi Internet Package* and up to \$100 towards a Shore Excursion *For first and second guest in stateroom
- Visit Skagway, founded during the Gold Rush of 1898
- Visit Juneau, considered the nation's most beautiful capital city
- Visit Ketchikan, the "Salmon Capital of the World"

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Enjoy the Alaska Railroad for a trip to Denali National Park

TOUR DEPARTURE	STATEROOM CATEGORY	PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM
July 23, 2024	Inside	\$6,648	add \$2,799
	Outside	\$7,148	add \$3,429
	Balcony	\$8,148	add \$4,499

Add \$510 for port charges, government taxes and fees, which are subject to change.

Pricing Includes Cruise, Tour, Airfare, and Travel Insurance

Rooms for the night before the tour are available. Cost for a room in Fairbanks is \$399, tax and breakfast included.

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

SPECIAL MAYFLOWER AMENITIES

- Signature Beverage Package which includes a wide array of premium beverages
- Surf Wi-Fi Internet Package*
- One night of Specialty Dining in the Pinnacle Grill
- One Shore Excursion up to \$100 value or \$100 off a shore excursion
- Group Cocktail Party

*For first and second guest in stateroom

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$399 per person INCLUDED

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hotline, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 121 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
- 120 days until the day of departure: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour



Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours.



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