

## ALASKA TOUR AND CRUISE: JULY 7, 2017 - JULY 17, 2017



### **DAY 1 – JULY 7, 2017 – Depart PIT/PHL in the afternoon, Arrive in Anchorage in the evening.**

Welcome to Alaska! Arrive in Anchorage, the state's largest city, where most of the population resides; upon arrival transfer to your **Clarion Suites Hotel, Anchorage**. The remainder of the evening is at leisure to get familiar with this thriving city located between the Chugach Mountains and the waters of the Cook Inlet. The downtown area in Anchorage has grown into a prosperous and vibrant center with a world-class museum and plenty of gift shops, galleries, and restaurants. Stop to see the bronze statue of Captain Cook at Resolution Park dedicated to his exploration of Cook Inlet in 1778 or visit the monument to President Eisenhower commemorating Alaska's admission to the Union in 1959. Whether you're exploring Alaska's largest city or the wonderful amenities your hotel has to offer, get ready for an unforgettable journey in the days ahead.

**Overnight:** Anchorage

### **DAY 2 – JULY 8, 2017 - Denali National Park**



This morning travel via railroad for a majestic journey north to Denali National Park. This beautiful rail leg offers many different views of the Last Frontier, including many potential vistas of North America's tallest peak, Denali, previously known as Mt. McKinley. Enjoy lunch on board the Wilderness Express before arriving in Denali. Upon arrival you'll settle into a comfortable stay near the entrance of the National Park. From here you will be able to access the Park Visitor Center for an introduction to one of the nation's most unique wilderness preserves and parks.

Overnight at **Grand Denali Lodge** near the entrance to Denali National Park.

**Overnight:** Denali  
**Meals:** Breakfast

### DAY 3 – JULY 9, 2017 - Denali/Anchorage



More than just the mountain, Denali National Park is six-million acres of wild land, where wild animals large and small roam un-fenced lands, living as they have for ages. You will travel deep into Denali National Park on the Tundra Wilderness Tour and search the vast wilderness for bear, moose, caribou, Dall sheep, and a variety of other wildlife. The six-to-eight hour journey is narrated – allowing for insight into the flora and fauna of this spectacular region. Revel in the beauty of the low-elevation taiga forest, high alpine tundra and snowy mountains, culminating in North America's tallest peak.

**Overnight:** Denali  
**Meals:** Breakfast

### DAY 4 – JULY 10, 2017 – Denali to Seward



Enjoy breakfast before your full day journey south to Seward by deluxe motor coach. Be sure to watch for many potential vistas of Denali as well as a very evident transition into the southcentral climate zone. As we drive south of Anchorage towards Seward, make sure to keep watch for Beluga whales along the Turnagain Arm and Dall sheep grazing on the rocky cliffs along the highway. Enjoy one of America's most scenic byways, the Seward Highway, as you wind through the Kenai Mountains to Seward. Situated at the head of Resurrection Bay on the Kenai Peninsula, Seward boasts a picturesque town and unparalleled

natural beauty. Upon arrival, prepare for your Norwegian cruise and transfer to the Cruise Ship Terminal for an unforgettable 7-day Cruise on the *Norwegian Sun*.

**Overnight:** Cruise  
**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 5 – JULY 11, 2017 - Cruising Hubbard Glacier

Enjoy a day at sea while you cruise to the Hubbard Glacier, the longest river of ice in North America and one of the most active glaciers of its kind in Alaska. With 1,350 square miles of translucent blue ice, the Hubbard Glacier offers breathtaking views from the comfort of the ship.

**Overnight:** Cruise  
**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 6 – JULY 12, 2017 - Full Day Icy Straight Point

Arrive at 9:00 am to Icy Straight Point, a port which combines authentic regional culture with incredible natural beauty. Enjoy the day at leisure, perhaps catching a glimpse of humpback whales or brown bears in the wild. Set sail for Juneau at 5:00 pm

**Overnight:** Cruise  
**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 7 – JULY 13, 2017 - Morning in Juneau, Afternoon Sailing Sawyer Glacier

This morning, at 7:00 am, dock at Juneau, Alaska. Located at the foot of grand mountain peaks on the Gastineau Channel, the town of Juneau has the massive Mendenhall Glacier and the immense Juneau Ice fields at its back door. Juneau is the place to let your imagination run wild. Explore the lush Tongass National Forest, visit the rustic shops in town, or get out and kayak, dogsled, raft, hike, or whale watch. Set sail for Skagway at 1:15 pm. As you cruise to Skagway, enjoy cruising the Sawyer Glacier. Tucked

away at the end of the remarkable Tracy Arm fjord are two very active reminders of the Ice Age - the twin Sawyer Glaciers, calving icebergs into the jade-colored inland sea, and Kittiwakes, a mountain where seals are a common sight and even whales and bears may even make an appearance

**Overnight:** Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **DAY 8 – JULY 14, 2017 - Full Day in Skagway**

Arrive in Skagway at 7:00 am. This city was originally founded by hopeful adventurers looking for gold, but today the city is the perfect jumping off point for a hike or horseback ride. The Yukon railroad offers scenic rides through the countryside, and the Chilkat Glacier system offers the opportunity for an up close and personal view of icebergs. Set sail at 5:00 pm

**Overnight:** Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **DAY 9 – JULY 15, 2017 - Full Day in Ketchikan**

This afternoon arrive in Ketchikan, Alaska at 1:00 pm. Built out over the water and climbing weathered stairways, Ketchikan clings to the shores of Tongass. Besides the main attractions which include Creek Street, the Tongass Historical Museum, Totem Bight State Park and Saxman Village, try a flight seeing trip to breathtaking Misty Fjords National Monument, an adventure not to be missed. These deep water fjords left by retreating glaciers left granite cliffs towering thousands of feet above the sea and countless waterfalls cascading into placid waters. Set sail this evening at 8:00 pm

**Overnight:** Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **DAY 10 – JULY 16, 2017 - Sailing the Inside Passage**

Enjoy a day at sea aboard the ship as you cruise Alaska's Inside Passage. Keep an eye out for wildlife such as Orca whales and bald eagles. Humpback whales are often seen breaching by the ship, sometimes even lifting their whole bodies out of the water in a spectacular acrobatic displays

**Overnight:** Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **DAY 11 – JULY 17, 2017 - Return Home**

This morning, arrive in Vancouver at **8:00 am**. Disembark the ship and transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

**Overnight:** Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast