



Best of Alaska

Discover the Wonders of “The Last Frontier”

— MULTIPLE DATES —

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 Anchorage and enjoy a complimentary transfer to your hotel. This evening, meet your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner and a relaxed introduction to the journey ahead. **D**

DAY 2: AWCC/PORTAGE GLACIER CRUISE/ANCHORAGE MUSEUM

Travel along 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 eagles 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**

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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. **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 AND 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

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.



CRUISE WITH HOLLAND AMERICA

Experience Alaska Up Close

Sail through glacier-carved fjords, watch forested shorelines drift past your window, and travel deep into landscapes few ships can reach. With more than 75 years of experience navigating Alaska's waters, Holland America offers a relaxed, comfortable way to experience "The Last Frontier." Their ships are ideally sized to bring you closer to towering glaciers and rugged coastline, with prime docking locations and special access to national parks. Along the way, knowledgeable guides and onboard experts add insight that brings each destination into clearer focus.

The MS Zaandam

Your home on the water is the elegant MS Zaandam, where fresh floral arrangements and richly detailed fabrics create a warm, garden-inspired atmosphere throughout the ship's public spaces. Settle into a comfortable rhythm at sea as you enjoy thoughtfully prepared meals and a variety of onboard entertainment. You might take in ocean views while playing Pickleball at Sea or spend the evening enjoying live performances and music.

Glacier Bay National Park

Cruising Glacier Bay offers a rare opportunity, with only a limited number of ships granted access each day. Holland America's longstanding presence in Alaska allows you to experience this protected landscape with special park entry. As you sail through the bay, Park Service rangers come aboard, sharing stories and insights that deepen your understanding of the glaciers, wildlife, and history surrounding you. Their guidance transforms the scenery into a more meaningful and memorable experience.



Cruise aboard the MS Zaandam

Bridal Veil Falls, Inspiration Point, and Dead Horse Gulch. Look out over steep mountain slopes, glacier-carved valleys, and 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 and 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** 🌱

Book by February 28, 2027 and receive a
Early Booking Discount of \$500.00 per person!

Cabin	Inside		Outside		Verandah	
Occupancy	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single
Price	\$4,997	\$8,775	\$5,337	\$9,285	\$6,107	\$10,635
Price with Discount	\$4,497	\$8,275	\$4,837	\$8,785	\$5,607	\$10,135

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES:

- Port Taxes: Double: \$300; Single: \$385 (per person)
- Daily onboard gratuity while cruising
- Optional excursions
- Specialty dining experiences
- Packages: Wi-Fi, beverage, etc.

TOUR DETAILS

13 Days • 26 Meals

Jul 9-21, 2027

Jul 23-Aug 4, 2027

Price Per Person:

See Table

Pre-Hotel Anchorage: \$468/night

Post-Hotel Vancouver: Call for pricing

Depart/Return:

Depart: Anchorage, AK

Return: Vancouver, BC

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend two nights in Denali National Park, where Denali rises above vast wilderness and opportunities for wildlife viewing unfold throughout your stay
- 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 and Yukon Railroad, passing waterfalls, mountain passes, and historic landmarks along the route

HAPPY TRAILS KENNELS

Step into the world of competitive dog sledding at Happy Trails Kennels, home of four-time Iditarod champion Martin Buser and his family. Here, you'll gain an inside look at a working training facility that welcomes CTD travelers year after year. Meet the true stars of the kennel, the energetic sled dogs, and experience firsthand the dedication and care that go into preparing for one of Alaska's most demanding races.



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*