



Alaska

The Denali Explorer



Featuring the Royal Princess
August 20-31, 2019

From Anchorage to Vancouver, British Columbia
11 Days | 5 Ports of Call | 4 Nights on Land

Alaska - the Wilderness Destination

So incredibly beautiful, you'll think you stepped into a painting. This is Alaska as seen from the panoramic perspective of your dazzling Princess cruise ship. Monumental glaciers are nature's draw and Alaska's waterways reveal more of these thrilling Ice Age giants than anywhere else on earth. Alaska's Inside Passage is one of the most scenic sea-lanes in the world, home to bald eagles, whales, sea lions, otters, brown bears, mountain goats and flocks of seabirds. Plus you'll visit a variety of flavorful ports of call full of rich history and native culture.



Cruise Tour Itinerary

Central Illinois to Anchorage: August 20, 2019

Today you will board your coach to the airport and then fly to Alaska. Arrive in Anchorage and get settled in your hotel for an overnight stay. You might enjoy getting out to see the shops, restaurants and cultural attractions of this surprisingly metropolitan city.

Anchorage to Denali: August 21, 2019

This morning, you'll head for Denali National Park via a scenic motorcoach trip for your arrival at the first of your two destinations in the Denali area, the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge. Later today, you may want to stop by the tour desk to plan an activity such as rafting or hiking or enjoy a glass of wine out on the deck.

Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge: August 22, 2019

You have a full day to get out into one of America's best national parks. This afternoon, a Natural History Tour serves as a wonderful introduction to the animals, plants and geological features found there.

Denali to Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge (Talkeetna): August 23, 2019

A scenic drive between our two lodges culminates in incredible views of Denali, and with your arrival at the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge, a relaxing haven in one of the most dazzling settings imaginable. Sit and gaze at the majesty of "The Great One" from the lodge's treehouse designed and built by Pete Nelson of Animal Planet's Treehouse Masters. Hear stories about climbing Denali in the Hudson Theater or roast a marshmallow at the fireside patio.

Whittier: August 24, 2019

After a morning enjoying the vistas, you'll transfer to the historic town of Talkeetna to board the exclusive Direct-to-the-Wilderness Rail for the journey to Whittier and your waiting ship. Our ship is set to leave port at 8:30 p.m. *—time subject to change.*

Hubbard Glacier (Scenic Cruising): August 25, 2019

Our ship passes the mammoth Hubbard Glacier, Alaska's only advancing glacier. Our day is filled with amazing natural sights as you linger along its shimmering five-mile long face.

Glacier Bay National Park: August 26, 2019

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.

Skagway: August 27, 2019

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)

Juneau, August 28, 2019

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)*

Ketchikan, August 29, 2019

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)*

Inside Passage (Cruising): August 30, 2019

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. View 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 we sail through one of the most beautiful parts of Alaska.

Vancouver, British Columbia - Home: August 31, 2019

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!

Cruise Tour Rates



Interior Stateroom: \$3,899.00

Approx. 158 to 162 sq ft.

Standard amenities include a hair dryer, refrigerator, TV, closet and bathroom with shower



Balcony Stateroom: \$4,699.00

Approx. 179 to 279 sq. ft., including balcony.

Standard amenities include a hair dryer, refrigerator, TV, closet and bathroom with shower. Balcony with 2 chairs and table. Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors

Rates are per person and based on double occupancy.

Cruise Price Includes: Round-trip transportation from Central Illinois to Chicago, round-trip air from Chicago, airport and ship transfers, hotel accommodations, cruise accommodations and shipboard amenities, shipboard meals, airport & port taxes and land tours as listed on the itinerary.

Cruise Price Does Not Include: Ship staff gratuities, alcoholic beverages, trip cancellation/medical insurance, cruise shore excursions, meals on the land portion of the trip and airline baggage fees.

Meal Program for Land Portion: \$309.00 per person 8 meals (4 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners)

Payments & Insurance

An initial deposit of \$100.00 per person deposit is needed in order to guarantee space for this cruise. A second payment of \$800.00 per person is due by November 15, 2018. Any deposit placed after November 15, 2018 will be \$900.00 per person. Final payment is due by May 20, 2019.

A cancellation fee of \$900.00 will be assessed for reservations canceled between November 15, 2018 and May 20, 2019. Cancellations made after May 20, 2019 will result in complete forfeiture of monies paid.

Direct Travel highly recommends travel insurance which provides reimbursement coverage for trip cancellation for covered medical reasons, and other benefits including Trip Delay, Missed Cruise Departure, Accident Medical Expense, Sickness Medical Expense, Baggage & Personal Effects, Baggage Delay, Medical Evacuation, and emergency, toll-free travel assistance. ***This trip cancellation insurance is available at the rate of: \$383.00 per person and is non refundable.***

Insurance may be purchased at time of deposit or final payment. Please note, if insurance is purchased at time of final payment, pre-existing conditions are not covered.

Alaska Reservations & Questions

Please call the Group Department at *Direct Travel*

309-834-3739 or 866-592-0455

A valid passport is required for this Alaskan Cruisetour.

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Please return with your deposit to: *Direct Travel*, 2415 E. Washington, Bloomington, IL 61704

Name(s) _____ Rooming with _____

(Please list first, middle and last names as they appear on your passport)

Complete Address _____

Day/Cell Phone _____ / _____

Date(s) Of Birth: _____ / _____

Email Address: _____

Bedding Choices: One Bed Two Beds

Dining Requested: Main (6:00 p.m.) Late (8:30 p.m.) Anytime dining

Table Size For Main or Late Seat: Large (8-10 ppl) Small (4-6 ppl)

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Stateroom Requested:

Inside \$3,899.00 pp *Balcony* \$4,699.00 pp

Trip Insurance:

Yes, I would like to purchase the insurance at \$383 per person and have included the payment with my deposit.

No, I do not wish to purchase the insurance and understand and accept the penalties involved in cancellation.

Form of Payment: Enclosed please find my personal check for deposit (Please make payable to *Direct Travel*). For your convenience when you use a charge card, final payment will be automatically applied on May 20, 2019.

Please charge my credit card for deposit: *Visa* *MasterCard* *American Express* *Discover*

Card Number _____ exp. _____

Security Code _____ (Three digit code on back of card or four digit on front for AMEX)