

# *Denali Explorer* *Alaska*

*Fairbanks to Vancouver*  
*August 21– September 2, 2023*  
*Aboard the Majestic Princess*



# 12 Days | 5 Ports | 5 Nights on Land



## Included In Price:

- Transfers to Chicago O'Hare Airport
- Air from/to Chicago
- Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges
- 5 Night Land Program in Princess Lodges
- 7 Night Cruise on Star Princess
- Meals On Ship
- Beverages\*
- Wi-Fi\*
- Gratuities\*
- Airport/Ship Transfers
- DT Excursion Whale Watching in Juneau\*\*

\* *Princess Plus Promotion available for a limited time and can change at any time.* \*\* *Included Free from Direct Travel*



## Not Included In Price:

- Shore Excursions other than those listed above.
- Optional Extensions



# Princess<sup>®</sup> Wilderness

During our land portion of the tour we stay at spectacular Princess Lodges. Where exhilarating adventure meets restful relaxation in our exclusive Princess lodges. These custom-built wilderness lodges are perfectly woven into their surroundings, putting you in close touch with nature while welcoming you into a warm and inviting environment.



## **FAIRBANKS PRINCESS RIVERSIDE LODGE<sup>®</sup>**

### **In The Heart Of Alaska**

Excitement sets in the moment you arrive in Fairbanks, the gateway to Alaska's wild interior. This gold mine town is full of history and adventures, and your riverside lodge is an ideal space to kick off or end your own exploration, where warm service and exceptional comfort welcome you to stay a while.



## **DENALI PRINCESS WILDERNESS LODGE<sup>®</sup>**

### **Gateway To Denali National Park**

Just one mile from the entrance to Denali National Park, the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge<sup>®</sup> is your gateway to a world like no other. Within the 6 million-acre expanse, Denali is teeming with wildlife. Grizzly bears, moose, caribou, dall sheep and wolves are visible as you embark on a guided tour in the park. Relax by the fireplace or look out over the Nenana River from the expansive deck, and gather with your loved ones at Fannie Q's Saloon — a lively spot named for Fannie Quigley, a colorful homesteader whose hunting skills were as legendary as her wilderness cooking.



## **MCKINLEY PRINCESS WILDERNESS LODGE<sup>®</sup>**

### **View Denali From Your Doorstep**

This true wilderness retreat is an extraordinary getaway. Situated in Denali State Park, this lodge is only 40 miles from Denali with breathtaking views of the summit. There is something here for everyone — sip on locally brewed beer in the Great Room or make s'mores over the fire pits on the patio. This is your chance to try activities you've never done before, like riding a UTV through black bear country or flightseeing over Denali and the Alaska Range.

Date	Port
<b>Monday, August 21, 2023</b>	<p><b>Bloomington to Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge (or similar)</b></p> <p>Travel from Bloomington to Alaska via Chicago. Arrive in Fairbanks, Alaska in the evening. You will be transferred to your hotel and to the beginning of your adventure. This evening dinner is on your own. You may also wish to venture out in the evening to experience this “Golden Heart City”.</p>
<b>Tuesday, August 22 , 2023</b>	<p><b>Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge (or similar)</b></p> <p>This morning we depart the lodge with our luggage at approximately 8:30 AM to enjoy a cruise along the Chena River on a Sternwheeler Riverboat. This is about as authentic as it gets. After lunch you'll head for Denali National Park via a scenic motorcoach trip to the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge (or similar). We arrive at the lodge in the late afternoon usually between 3-4 PM. Check in with the Guest Service Desk for help in planning your own Denali adventure. Or you may enjoy the spectacular main lodge, river view deck, and Princess Village with the popular Christmas cottage and sugar shack. Be sure to check out Fannie Q's Saloon, named after a famed local homesteader.</p>
<b>Wednesday, August 23, 2023</b>	<p><b>Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge (or similar)</b></p> <p>Start your morning with a quick stop at Fannie Q's saloon for a hearty buffet breakfast. Explore Denali National Park on a Natural History Tour, watching for glimpses of Denali as well as Denali's "Big Five"; bears, moose, caribou, wolves and Dall sheep. The included tour with your package is a half day trip if you would like to increase your chances of spotting wildlife we do recommend purchasing the upgrade to the full day tour of the park. Later today, you may want to simply relax with a glass of wine on the deck overlooking the Nenana River. Visit the Grizzly Burger to indulge in the Ernesto Burger, or grab a slice at Lynx Creek Pizza.</p>
<b>Thursday, August 24, 2023</b>	<p><b>Mt. Mckinley Princess Wilderness Lodge (or similar)</b></p> <p>This morning you'll travel by motorcoach to Denali State Park for two nights at the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge (or similar). We arrive just before lunch. You will have plenty of time to arrange for afternoon adventures. Take in the sensational views of Denali and the Alaska Range with a glass of wine in the Great Room or on the expansive deck. Hear stories about climbing Denali in the Hudson Theater or roast a marshmallow at the fireside patio.</p>
<b>Friday, August 25, 2023</b>	<p><b>Mt. Mckinley Princess Wilderness Lodge (or similar)</b></p> <p>You have a full day to plan however you choose. Stop by the Tour Desk to book a variety of optional excursions. Walk the nature trails around the lodge or 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.</p>

Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
<b>Saturday, August 26, 2023</b>	<b>Whittier</b> After a morning enjoying the lodge, you'll transfer to the historic town of Talkeetna to board our exclusive Direct-to-the-Wilderness Rail service for the journey to Whittier and your waiting ship.		8:30 PM
<b>Sunday, August 27, 2023</b>	<b>Hubbard Glacier (Scenic Cruising), Alaska</b> Today we enjoy the amenities onboard the ship until we reach the Glacier then the afternoon and evening we experience the nature and wonder of the Glacier and the wildlife that it supports. It is an absolutely amazing day!!	03:00 PM	08:00 PM
<b>Monday, August 28, 2023</b>	<b>Glacier Bay National Park. Alaska</b> Today we are lucky to have the National Park Rangers on board the ship. They navigate and guide our journey through the bay. We strongly recommend late dinner reservations tonight so you are able to stay on deck or your balcony to enjoy the splendor of this scenic day of sailing.	09:15 AM	07:30 PM
<b>Tuesday, August 29, 2023</b>	<b>Skagway, Alaska</b> The day is yours to spend in town at your leisure.	07:00 AM	08:30 PM
<b>Wednesday, August 30, 2023</b>	<b>Juneau, Alaska</b> (Tender Required), (Wheelchair Access Limited) Today we have the most spectacular day planned for you. As part of the Direct Travel group you will have FREE Whale Watching Adventure,. If time permits we will have a brief photo stop at Mendenahall Glacier before returning back to town with a little free time to shop.	06:30 AM	04:00 PM
<b>Thursday, August 31, 2023</b>	<b>Ketchikan, Alaska</b> This port is full of opportunities to shop. You are free to shop, explore or book other excursions.	10:00 AM	06:00 PM
<b>Friday, Sept. 1, 2023</b>	<b>At Sea</b>		
<b>Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023</b>	<b>Vancouver, Canada</b> This morning we arrive and depart the ship for our return home. On the way to the airport is a city tour.	7:30 AM	

# *Direct Travel Excursions*



## **JUNEAU**

### **2 Hour Whale Watching Cruise**

Witnessing whales gliding through their natural habitats is one of the most incredible things to do in Juneau. If you cruise to Alaska between April and November, you'll likely see one of the approximately 600 humpbacks that thrive along the Inside Passage. Whales will inhabit the waters throughout the year, however, so there's always a chance for you to observe these creatures up close. The picture to the left is an actual photo of the 15 whales “bubble netting” from one of our recent tours.



## Package Rates:

- Interior: \$4,499.00 + \$351.00 Insurance
- Balcony: \$5,899.00 + \$472.00 Insurance
- Mini Suite: \$6,299.00 + \$492.00 Insurance

*Prices are per person based on double occupancy. We recommend at least a balcony cabin. Sea days while sailing the glaciers will be more enjoyable from the comfort of your own balcony.*



## Payment Terms & Insurance:

A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 per person is required to confirm your booking. \$450 will be the deposit of the trip and \$50 is towards insurance. Final payment is March 2, 2023. Direct Travel highly recommends Custom Care travel insurance which provides reimbursement coverage 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. The cost of the policy is per person and is non-refundable. Insurance prices are subject to change based on the actual travel package purchased.

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# Direct Travel's Denali Explorer Alaska Cruise Aug. 21-Sept. 2, 2023

PASSENGER 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Known Traveler # if Applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

PASSENGER 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Known Traveler # if Applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_  VI  MC  AX  DS

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

## Cabin Selected:

- Interior: \$4,499.00 + \$351.00 Insurance  Balcony: \$5,899.00 + \$472.00 Insurance
- Mini Suite: \$6,299.00 + \$492.00 Insurance
- Interested in upgrade me to full day Tundra Tour in Denali - \$185
- Interested in upgrade to include land portion meal program - \$439

## Travel Insurance: We highly recommend travel insurance.

- Yes, please add Custom Care travel protection to my package.
- No, I do not want Travel Protection. PLEASE SIGN IF YOU HAVE ELECTED NOT TO PURCHASE INSURANCE.** Direct Travel has recommended that I purchase travel protection insurance. I have been made aware of the cancellation fees associated with my trip, and I understand that if any unforeseen circumstance (including medical emergencies) should occur and I do not have insurance, I would not be covered.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_