

ULTIMATE ALASKA

13 August 2025

19 Day Full Hosted Small Group Tour



Ultimate Alaska

Ultimate Alaska: Explore the Last Frontier

Embark on an unparalleled journey with our 19-Day Ultimate Alaska cruise and tour, designed to connect you with the untamed beauty, rich history, and rugged charm of Alaska and the Yukon. This extraordinary expedition combines the thrill of land exploration with the luxury of scenic cruising for a truly immersive.

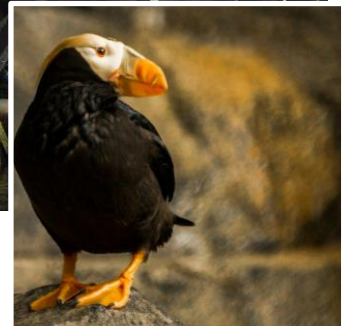
Our journey begins with an overnight stay at the Fairmont Vancouver Airport Hotel, setting the stage for an effortless journey. The next day, join our Holland America tour and fly into Whitehorse, the historic heart of the Klondike Gold Rush, where our guided land tour begins. Led by our expert Tour Director we explore Whitehorse's frontier heritage, then venture into Dawson City, a town alive with gold rush lore, charming streets, and authentic wooden sidewalks.

From Dawson, we fly to Fairbanks, where the excitement of the gold rush still lingers. Board the Riverboat Discovery for a scenic cruise down the Chena River, learning about Alaska's indigenous cultures and gold mining legacy. Try your luck at panning for gold at Gold Dredge 8, an experience that brings history to life.

We venture into the iconic Denali National Park, where we enjoy three unforgettable nights at the McKinley Chalet Resort. Surrounded by 60 acres of pristine wilderness, immerse ourselves in the stunning landscapes, soaring mountains, and abundant wildlife of Denali. Embarking on the Tundra Wilderness Tour, a guided expedition that offers the best opportunities to spot grizzly bears, caribou, and moose, all with the towering peak of Denali as your backdrop.

After days of thrilling land exploration, we board our Holland America Noordam cruise ship for a 7-night journey along Alaska's scenic coastline. As we sail, marvel at the immense blue ice fields of Hubbard Glacier and spend a full day in Glacier Bay National Park, with a Park Service Ranger sharing insights into the park's natural wonders. Explore Alaska's historic ports—Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan—each brimming with charm and cultural treasures. Discover Skagway's rich gold rush history, experience Juneau's breathtaking landscapes with optional whale-watching tours, and take in Ketchikan's renowned native totem art.

With flights on Air North, luxury accommodations, and expertly guided tours, the Ultimate Alaska tour delivers a journey into Alaska's untouched wilderness and vibrant cultural heritage. Traverse the bustling frontier towns of the Yukon and immerse yourself in Alaska's awe-inspiring landscapes—from glacier-carved fjords to encounters with majestic wildlife. Each day unveils new marvels, ensuring an unforgettable adventure in America's Last Frontier.



ALASKA ITINERARY

13th to 31st August 2025

WED 13 Home > Vancouver

The day we have all been eagerly awaiting has finally arrived! Our journey begins as we embark on our flight to Vancouver. Settle in and enjoy the comfort of in-flight hospitality as we soar across the skies, filled with excitement for the experiences ahead.

Upon arrival in Vancouver, we transfer to our hotel and have the remainder of the day at leisure to relax and recover from the journey.

Tomorrow, we begin our **Ultimate Alaska Exploration**, featuring the stunning landscapes of **Denali** and **Yukon** as part of an unforgettable journey with **Holland America's Tour and Cruise**.

THU 14 Vancouver > Whitehorse, Yukon (B) (D)

Today we start our journey by flying with Yukon's own **Air North**, where the adventure begins the moment we land. Upon arrival in **Whitehorse**, Northern Canada's largest city, we will be greeted by our expert Tour Director, who will guide us through the fascinating history and landmarks of this frontier town.

Once a bustling stop for gold seekers in the late 1890s, Whitehorse sprang to life as a key supply hub for stampeders on their way to **Dawson City**. Its name comes from the thundering **Whitehorse Rapids**, whose white-capped waves resemble the manes of wild stallions. We will retrace the steps of those early prospectors and learn how this vital town supported the rush for fortune. The day will give us a rich introduction to the **Klondike Gold Rush** history that shaped this region.

Trip Highlights

- **Land Tour (11 Nights)**

Excursions:

- **Caribou Crossing Trading Post:** Cultural experience with an included lunch.
- **Riverboat Discovery Cruise:** A journey along Fairbanks' waterways, including a visit to Gold Dredge 8 for gold panning.
- **Tundra Wilderness Tour:** A 5-6 hour narrated excursion into Denali National Park, offering wildlife viewing opportunities

- **Cruise (7 Nights):**

- **Scenic Cruising:**
 - **Hubbard Glacier:** Afternoon cruising to view North America's longest tidewater glacier.
 - **Glacier Bay National Park:** A full day of cruising through ice-studded fjords, narrated by a Park Service Ranger.

Port Visits:

- **Skagway:** Explore the historic gold rush town with optional shore excursions.
- **Juneau:** Discover Alaska's capital city, with opportunities for whale watching and glacier tours.
- **Ketchikan:** Experience the rich native culture and scenic beauty of this unique port.

Additional Inclusions:

- **Optional Add-Ons:** Opportunities to enhance the experience with additional excursions and activities.

FRI 15 Discover Dawson City, Yukon
A Journey Through Gold Rush History

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Today, we experience a captivating blend of Canadian culture and history as we begin our journey at the renowned **Caribou Crossing Trading Post**, where we will enjoy a delicious lunch. We fully immerse ourselves in this vibrant cultural hub before embarking on a scenic flight with **Air North** to the historic **Dawson City**, the heart of the **Klondike Gold Rush**.

Upon landing in Dawson, we step back in time to explore this gold rush-era town. With its wooden sidewalks and charming frontier shops nestled along the scenic **Yukon River**, Dawson City offers a glimpse into a fascinating past. From this moment, we begin our deeper immersion into the rich legacy of the North's gold rush history.

SAT 16 Dawson City, Yukon
Explore Dawson at Your Own Pace or Take Optional Excursions

(B) (D)

Spend the day exploring Dawson City at your leisure or join one of the optional excursions that will deepen your experience of this unique town. History enthusiasts can embark on a Gold Fields Tour, uncovering the rich gold rush heritage, or try their hand at gold panning, or don't miss the chance to visit the Diamond Tooth Gertie's Gambling Hall.

Whether you spend your day wandering the streets of this vibrant town, steeped in Klondike history, or browsing the local shops and galleries, Dawson offers something for every traveller. The day is yours to soak in the culture, history, and scenic beauty that make **Dawson City, Yukon** such a special place.

SUN 17 Dawson City > Fairbanks, Alaska

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Today, we board a short flight to **Fairbanks**, known as Alaska's "**Golden Heart City**." As we soar over the vast northern wilderness, we take in glimpses of the stunning landscapes that define this majestic region. Upon arriving in Fairbanks, we step into a city where the rich legacy of the gold rush meets the vibrant culture of modern-day Alaska.

Fairbanks is a city brimming with adventure, history, and natural beauty. Get ready to dive into this dynamic community, where thrilling discoveries and new experiences await as our Alaskan journey continues.

Explore Fairbanks & Alaska's Gold Rush Legacy

MON 18

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Today, we step back in time as we board the historic **sternwheeler Riverboat Discovery** for an unforgettable journey along Fairbanks' scenic waterways. As we glide through Alaska's breathtaking wilderness, we delve into the region's rich history, indigenous culture, and abundant wildlife. A delicious lunch will be served onboard, allowing us to relax and fully immerse ourselves in this unique Alaskan experience.

After our riverboat adventure, we continue our gold rush journey with a visit to **Gold Dredge 8**, a historic site where we will try our hand at **gold panning**, just as the early prospectors did. Feel the thrill of discovering gold firsthand while gaining insight into the impressive engineering behind the gold dredging operations of the early 20th century.

Today's activities provide the perfect blend of history, culture, and hands-on adventure, enriching our understanding of Fairbanks' remarkable gold rush legacy.

TUE 19 Journey to Denali National Park

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Today, we head to the awe-inspiring **Denali National Park** for our three-night stay at the McKinley Chalet Resort a 60-acre riverside resort in one of Alaska's most magnificent treasures. Prepare to be surrounded by the untouched beauty of rugged landscapes, towering peaks, and abundant wildlife as we begin our immersive Denali experience.

WED 20 Free Day in Denali

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Enjoy a full day exploring **Denali National Park** at your own pace or choose from a variety of optional excursions that will deepen your experience. Whether you are hiking scenic trails, observing wildlife, or simply soaking in the natural splendour, Denali offers endless possibilities for adventure.

Be sure to visit **Denali Square** located in the heart of the Denali Lodge, where you can learn more about the park's history and culture while enjoying local art and performances. Take in the breathtaking views of **Mount Denali**, North America's tallest peak, as you relax and immerse yourself in the heart of Alaska.

THU 21 Tundra Wilderness Tour

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Today is dedicated to the unforgettable **Tundra Wilderness Tour**, a 5-6 hour fully narrated excursion that takes you deep into **Denali National Park**. Although road construction limits the tour to mile 43, this journey still provides the best opportunity to encounter **Denali's iconic wildlife**, including bears, moose, and caribou, while taking in the majestic landscapes.

With any luck, we will catch a glimpse of **Mount Denali** towering in the distance, weather permitting. A snack is included during this incredible adventure.

Please note that the Tundra Wilderness Tour schedule may change depending on conditions.





Scenic Rail Journey to Anchorage, Alaska, US

FRI 22

(B) (L) (D)

This morning, board the luxurious domed rail cars of the **McKinley Explorer** for a scenic journey to **Anchorage**, Alaska's largest city. As you travel, enjoy breathtaking views of mountains, rivers, and vast Alaskan wilderness through the panoramic windows of the train. Arrive in Anchorage, nestled between rugged mountains and the scenic Cook Inlet, and prepare to explore this dynamic city that blends natural beauty with vibrant culture.

SAT 23 Explore Anchorage at Your Own Pace

(B) (D)

Today is yours to explore **Anchorage** at your leisure. Whether you are seeking outdoor adventure or cultural immersion, Anchorage offers a wealth of experiences. One highlight is the **Anchorage Trolley Tour**, a charming way to see the city's landmarks and learn about its rich history and wildlife.

For those interested in Alaska's indigenous heritage, don't miss a visit to the **Alaska Native Heritage Center**. Here, you can learn about the state's 11 major cultural groups, explore traditional dwellings, and enjoy performances of indigenous dance, art, and storytelling.

SUN 24 Whittier, Alaska, US

(B) (D)

We bid farewell to our Land Tour Director as we prepare for the final leg of our unforgettable Alaskan adventure. Today, we embark on a scenic rail journey along **Turnagain Arm** aboard the luxurious **Cruise Train**, offering spectacular views of Alaska's rugged coastline, towering mountains, and picturesque landscapes.

As we travel towards **Whittier**, take in the breathtaking beauty of the surrounding wilderness, where the shimmering waters of Turnagain Arm meet the soaring peaks of the **Chugach Mountains**. This scenic journey offers one last chance to soak in Alaska's awe-inspiring natural wonders.

Upon our arrival in **Whittier**, it is time to board our cruise ship and embark on the next exciting chapter of this journey, sailing through Alaska's magnificent coastal waters. Prepare for more breathtaking scenery and unforgettable moments as our cruise adventure begins.

MON 25 Cruising Hubbard Glacier

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Enjoy a leisurely day at sea, with the highlight being an afternoon of scenic cruising to **Hubbard Glacier**, North America's longest tidewater glacier. As we approach this majestic natural wonder, take in the stunning views of the immense ice fields, towering blue ice, and calving icebergs.

Hubbard Glacier is a true sight to behold, stretching over 76 miles in length and 7 miles wide at its face. Listen for the thunderous sounds of ice breaking off and crashing into the water as the glacier continues its slow yet dramatic movement. This awe-inspiring experience will create lasting memories of Alaska's breathtaking and untamed landscapes.

TUE 26 Glacier Bay

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Spend an unforgettable day cruising through the **ice-studded fjords** of **Glacier Bay National Park**, one of Alaska's most prized natural wonders. For a full eight hours, you will be immersed in the beauty of this pristine wilderness while a **Park Service Ranger** narrates the journey, sharing fascinating stories about the park's glaciers, wildlife, and rich history.

As we sail through these majestic waters, witness the incredible sight of towering glaciers, some dramatically calving ice into the sea. Keep a lookout for the diverse wildlife that calls this region home, including seals, whales, and a variety of seabirds. This scenic cruise through Glacier Bay promises to be a truly awe-inspiring experience, offering unmatched views and a deep connection to Alaska's wild beauty.





WED 27 Skagway, Alaska, US

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Step back in time to the days of the **last great gold rush** as we explore the historic town of **Skagway**. Choose from a variety of exciting **shore excursions**, including a scenic ride on the iconic **White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad**, a visit to restored gold rush-era buildings, or a hike along scenic trails that retrace the steps of early prospectors.

Afterwards, there will still be time to browse the local shops, where you can find unique souvenirs, handcrafted goods, and authentic Alaskan treasures. **Skagway** offers the perfect combination of history, adventure, and shopping, making it an unforgettable stop on our Alaskan journey.

THU 28 Juneau, Alaska, US

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Today, we arrive in **Juneau, Alaska**, the state's bustling capital, ready for a day filled with discovery and adventure. With a wide range of shore excursions available, you can experience the best of Alaska's wild beauty. Take in the breathtaking sight of the **Mendenhall Glacier**, head out on an exciting whale-watching excursion, or enjoy stunning panoramas from the **Mount Roberts Tramway**.

Afterwards, take some time to explore Juneau's quaint downtown area, where you can browse for local crafts, unique gifts, and Alaskan delicacies. This vibrant city is a perfect blend of wilderness and urban charm, ensuring an unforgettable stop on your Alaskan journey.

FRI 29 Ketchikan, Alaska, US

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Today we arrive and explore the uniquely Alaskan port of **Ketchikan**, known for its rich native culture, world-renowned salmon fishing, and the stunning beauty of **Misty Fjords**. Often referred to as Alaska's "**First City**", the town clings to the banks of the **Tongass Narrows**, surrounded by lush forests nurtured by frequent rainfall, creating a scenic backdrop for our visit.

Be sure to visit the **Totem Heritage Center** to admire the intricately carved totem poles that tell the stories and traditions of the region's indigenous **Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian** people.

MON 30 Scenic Cruising the Inside Passage

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Sit back and enjoy a full day of **scenic cruising** through Alaska's famous Inside Passage aboard our luxurious cruise ship. As we journey through this breathtaking network of protected waterways, we are treated to stunning views of **glacier-carved fjords**, lush rainforests, and abundant wildlife.

Today is the perfect opportunity to unwind and fully embrace the pristine natural beauty of Alaska, all from the comfort and elegance of your cruise ship.

TUE 31 Vancouver, B.C, CA

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As our unforgettable journey comes to a close as we arrive in the vibrant city of Vancouver, B.C. Reflect on the unforgettable experiences and breathtaking landscapes of your Alaskan adventure as you disembark and prepare for your journey home or further exploration of this beautiful city.

From the joy of exploring new countries to the serene moments at sea, this journey has been nothing short of magical. As we head to the airport for our flight back to New Zealand, arriving on September 2, we depart with treasured memories that will last a lifetime.



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19 DAYS • FULLY HOSTED SMALL GROUP CRUISE & TOUR

DEPARTS 13 August – 2 September 2025



You are invited to join us on our fully hosted small group tour, with a maximum number of guests is 18.

Based on the beautiful Kapiti Coast with our guests joining us from all corners of New Zealand, we believe you will be pleasantly surprised by just how much we include in our tour price.

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- 11 Day Land Tour Denali & Yukon
 - Flights with Yukon's Air North: Whitehorse, Dawson City and Fairbanks.
 - Guided tours and excursions with an experienced Tour Director

- 7 Night cruise aboard Holland America Noordam

- Premium Hotels: High-quality accommodations during the land-based segments of the tour.

- Holland America Noordam: Verandah Balcony Stateroom

- Transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary

- Meals as per itinerary during land and cruise segments.
 - Includes Drinks Package and Wifi Package

- All gratuities to local guides and cruise ship staff

- Departs 13th August 2025

| Suite | Twin Share | Single |
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| Verandah Stateroom | \$18,995 pp | \$26,995 pp |

Important Information:

This tour is designed to deliver an exceptional travel experience and requires a minimum of 10 participants to operate. In the unlikely event this number is not met, the tour may be subject to cancellation or offered as an unhosted option to ensure you can still enjoy the planned itinerary.

Shore Excursions:

Excursions at cruise ports are not included in the package price



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