

CRUISETOUR TO ALASKA SAILING ON PRINCESS CRUISES-“GRAND PRINCESS”

7-NIGHT VOYAGE OF THE GLACIERS CRUISE
PLUS 6-NIGHT INTERIOR TOUR WITH DENALI NATIONAL PARK
14 DAYS - 13 NIGHTS
August 1 - 14, 2024

From \$4865 PP Double Balcony Cabin
\$3665 PP Double Inside Cabin



PRICES INCLUDE ALL PORT CHARGES, TRANSFERS, LAND ACCOMMODATIONS AND EXCURSIONS LISTED

PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE AIRFARE- ROUNDTRIP AIRFARE
WITH OUR GROUP WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL \$1035 * per person
*A pre-night hotel in Atlanta is included in the airfare cost due to an early am departure

Come along with **Ionosphere Tours** as we discover Alaska. Our journey begins as we fly to **Fairbanks, Alaska** for a 2-night stay. We'll enjoy a cruise on the **Riverboat Discovery sternwheeler** down the Chena River and a visit to an **Athabaskan village**. Next we'll enjoy a Gold Dredge #8 tour with the chance to pan for your own gold. A hearty miner's lunch is included. From Fairbanks we travel by motorcoach to **Denali National Park** and check into the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge for a 2-night stay. The next afternoon, we'll travel into the park for a **Denali Natural History Tour**. After our second nights stay, we travel by motorcoach to the south side of the park for 2-night stay at the **Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge**. We can take in the sensational views in the Great Room or on the expansive deck. Our land tour continues the next day with a transfer to Talkeetna and our exclusive Direct-to-the-Wilderness **Princess Rail journey aboard domed railcars to Whittier**, where we will board "**Grand**" Princess. We'll sail beyond the Hubbard Glacier through Glacier Bay to Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan, and suddenly our world perspective will change. Now we'll be looking up at perpetually snow capped mountains that rise 15,000 feet seemingly straight up from the shoreline. We'll view massive glaciers looming large over iceberg-strewn bays, pushing their faces into tidewater. We'll marvel at the wonder of it all...on a **7-night Cruise between Whittier, Alaska and Vancouver, British Columbia**.

Due to an early morning flight departure it will be necessary to spend a pre-tour night (July 31) in a hotel near the airport in our Atlanta. Cost of this hotel is included in the above flight cost.

DAY 1 - THURSDAY, AUGUST 1 - FAIRBANKS

We will depart and take our flight to Fairbanks, Alaska, where we have accommodations for 2-nights.

DAY 2 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 2 - FAIRBANKS

This morning we'll take a cruise on an authentic Sternwheeler Riverboat down the Chena River. Next, we will enjoy a Gold Dredge #8 tour with the chance to pan for our own gold. A hearty miner's lunch is included. The evening is at leisure. We'll spend a second night in Fairbanks.

DAY 3- SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 - FAIRBANKS/DENALI

Today we will travel by scenic motorcoach to Denali National Park and check into the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge for our 2-night stay. The remainder of today is ours to enjoy. There are optional tours available for you to book.

DAY 4 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 - DENALI

The morning is free to choose an optional excursion or just relax. This afternoon we will take the included Natural History Tour into Denali National Park, where we might see moose, bear or caribou. This evening is free for you to explore the area. We'll spend the night again in Denali.

DAY 5 - MONDAY, AUGUST 5 - DENALI/MT. MCKINLEY

Today we'll travel by motorcoach to the south side of the park for a 2-night stay at the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge. We'll have sensational views of the mountain in the Great Room or on the expansive deck. Our evening is at leisure.



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DAY 6 – TUESDAY, AUGUST 6 – MT. MCKINLEY

Today is ours to enjoy at the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge. We may choose an optional excursion or just take time to relax. Optional tours could include a tour of an authentic Homestead of a modern pioneer family, a horse-drawn covered wagon ride for amazing views of the peaks and glaciers or maybe a Talkeetna River float trip.

DAY 7 – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 - MT. MCKINLEY/WHITTIER

We'll take in the final views of the mountain from our motorcoach before our transfer to Talkeetna and our Direct-to-the-Wilderness **Princess Rail journey to Whittier**, where we will board the "Grand Princess". We depart Whittier at 8:30 pm

DAY 8 – THURSDAY, AUGUST 8 - HUBBARD GLACIER CRUISING

We spend today cruising **Hubbard Glacier**. The stars of the voyage are the dazzling glaciers that flow from the icy peaks that line the bay.

DAY 9 – FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 – GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK CRUISING

Princess is one of a select few cruise lines permitted to cruise the pristine waters of **Glacier Bay**, the highlight of our 7-day Voyage of the Glaciers cruise. Just west of Juneau, this breathtaking national park and preserve boasts some of the world's most spectacular tidewater glaciers, such as Margerie Glacier, which often drops colossal chunks of ice into the sea.

DAY 10 – SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 - SKAGWAY

We seem to step back in time today as we visit **Skagway**. During the icy winter of 1897-98, gold was discovered and within 3 months the settlement grew from one cabin into a thriving city of more than 20,000. We may want to take a narrated helicopter journey over the vast Gold Rush country beyond mountains, glaciers, canyons and waterfalls. Or you may experience Alaska on the White Pass Scenic Railroad. Our ship sails at 8:30 pm.

DAY 11 – SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 - JUNEAU

We will arrive at 6:30 am this morning in **Juneau**, Alaska's capital. We may want to pan for gold, flightsee the Juneau Ice Field, or walk right up to the Mendenhall Glacier. We set sail at 4:00 pm.

DAY 12 – MONDAY, AUGUST 12 - KETCHIKAN

This morning we arrive in **Ketchikan**. We'll have plenty of time to immerse ourselves in Tlingit Indian culture as we have an option to view the world's largest collection of totem poles, take the Rain Forest Canoe Adventure, or just explore the city along the colorful waterfront. We depart at 6:00 pm.

DAY 13 – TUESDAY, AUGUST 13 - INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISING

This day will be spent cruising the inside passage. Many shipboard activities will be available and will be highlighted in our daily activity sheets.

DAY 14 – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14 - VANCOUVER, BC/HOME

Homeward bound - We say goodbye to Alaska as we transfer to the airport in Vancouver, BC for our flight back home.



Passport required



Deposit Payment Requirements:

\$1000.00 Deposit* Per Person due with your reservation

Plus cost of insurance if desired (rates for persons 80 & under) - Cost per person from:
\$431 double balcony- \$327 double inside cabin - Includes insurance for cruise & airfare*

* subject to change— additional cost for persons 81+

CANCELLATION POLICY WITHOUT INSURANCE:

Due to the strict cancellation policies of Princess, any cancellation after final payment date, will result in charges for any unrecoverable expenses that would not be refunded to Ionosphere Tours.

Final Payment Due by April 12, 2024

* Your deposit reserves your spot on the tour. We must provide Princess with the names of everyone going on this cruise by the deposit date listed above. After this date we may or may not be able to secure additional cabins. Your deposit will be refundable until the final payment due date. So please deposit early to secure your cabin.

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