CRUISETOUR TO ALASKA SAILING ON PRINCESS CRUISES-"CARIBBEAN PRINCESS"

7-NIGHT VOYAGE OF THE GLACIER'S CRUISE PLUS 5-NIGHT INTERIOR TOUR WITH DENALI NATIONAL PARK

13 DAYS - 12 NIGHTS July 21- August 2, 2025

From \$3615 PP Double Inside Cabin \$5015 PP Double Balcony Cabin



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

PRICES <u>DO NOT</u> INCLUDE AIRFARE—ROUND TRIP AIRFARE WITH OUR GROUP
WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL **\$TBD*** per person *Airfare cannot be secured until 11 months prior to Cruise

Come sail with **Ionosphere Tours** as we discover Alaska. Our journey begins as we fly to **Fairbanks, Alaska** for a 1-night stay. We'll enjoy a cruise on the **Riverboat Discovery Sternwheeler** down the Chena River and a visit to an **Athabascan village**. From Fairbanks we travel by scenic motorcoach to **Denali National Park** and check into the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge. This afternoon is free to choose an optional excursion or just relax. The next morning we travel into the park for a **Denali Natural History Tour**. The following day we travel by **Princess Rail journey aboard domed railcars**. The journey to Talkeetna is unforgettable. Once you've arrived there, transfer by motorcoach to 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 afternoon as we head by motorcoach to Anchorage for a 1-night stay at the Hotel Captain Cook. Spend the afternoon exploring Alaska's largest city. The following morning we depart Anchorage and make a stop at the **Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center**. From there we continue to **Whittier**, where we will board **Princess "Caribbean Princess"**. We'll sail beyond the Hubbard Glacier to Juneau and Skagway, through Glacier Bay 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**.

DAY 1 - MONDAY, JULY 21 - AIRPORT/FAIRBANKS

We will depart early morning and take our flight to Fairbanks, Alaska, where we have accommodations for the night.

<u>DAY 2 – TUESDAY, JULY 22</u> – FAIRBANKS/DENALI

This morning, we take a cruise on an authentic Sternwheeler Riverboat down the Chena River before heading via motorcoach for Denali National Park and the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge. Upon arrival we will check in for our 2 night stay. The rest of the day 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 O's Saloon, named after a famed local homesteader.

DAY 3- WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 - DENALI

Explore Denali National Park on an included Natural History Tour, watching for glimpses of Denali as well as Denali's "Big Five"; moose, caribou, bears, wolves and Dall sheep. We'll spend the night in Denali again.



DAY 4 - THURSDAY, JULY 24 - DENALI/MT. McKINLEY

This morning the journey by Princess Rail to Talkeetna is unforgettable. Once we've arrived there, transfer by motorcoach to the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge. After getting settled in, have a glass of wine out on the deck 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. We will spend the night here.

DAY 5 - FRIDAY, JULY 25 - MT. McKINLEY /ANCHORAGE

We'll take in the final views of the mountain before we travel by motorcoach to Anchorage for a 1-night stay at the Hotel Captain Cook. Spend the afternoon exploring Alaska's largest city. This cosmopolitan city is filled with museums and shops. Overnight will be in Anchorage.

DAY 6 - SATURDAY, JULY 26 - ANCHORAGE/WHITTIER

Today we can relax on a deluxe motorcoach as we ride to **Whittier**, where we will board the **Caribbean Princess** to begin our cruise adventure. We will also visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center en-route. We depart Whittier at 8:30 pm tonight.

DAY 7 - SUNDAY, JULY 27 - 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 8 - MONDAY, JULY 28 - 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 9 - TUESDAY, JULY 29 - 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 experience Alaska on the White Pass Scenic Railroad. Our ship sails at 8:30 pm.

DAY 10 - WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 - 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 11 - THURSDAY, JULY 31 - KETCHIKAN

This morning we arrive in **Ketchikan**. We'll have plenty of time to immerse ourselves in Tingit 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 12 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 - 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 13 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 - VANCOUVER, BC/AIRPORT

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 or by February 20, 2025

Plus cost of travel protection if desired - Cost per person is: \$TBD double balcony- \$TBD double outside cabins- \$TBD double inside cabin - Includes protection for cruise & airfare

CANCELLATION POLICY WITHOUT TRAVEL PROTECTION:

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 7, 2025

* 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 <u>may or may not be able to secure additional cabins</u>. Your deposit will be refundable until the final payment due date. So please deposit early to secure your cabin.

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