



# ALASKA, DENALI & THE YUKON



**CRUISE/TOUR | ANCHORAGE TO VANCOUVER**

**AUG 2-14 | 13 DAYS | HOLLAND AMERICA LINE | MOST MEALS**

**JOURNEY LEADERS: DEB AND BRIAN TILSON**

*Alaskan Caribou in the sweeping wilderness*

Alaska and the Yukon stand as some of the last frontiers of North America. Rugged peaks, raging rivers, and sweeping vistas paint a landscape that is both wild and breathtaking. For millennia, indigenous peoples like the First Nations and Inuit have thrived amid this untamed beauty. Later, prospectors left their mark during the 19th century gold rushes, flooding in to seek their fortunes. While a modern rush for oil has emerged, these areas remain largely untouched.

Join us as we explore these captivating landscapes, traversing the northlands of both Canada and the United States. We will visit iconic destinations like Anchorage, Denali National Park, Fairbanks, and the Gold Rush city of Dawson. Then, enjoy several nights of pampered luxury as we cruise Glacier Bay and the Inside Passage aboard the ms Koningsdam on our way to Vancouver.

### Book With Confidence

For peace of mind, your deposit for this journey is fully refundable until: **April 30, 2024**



*Witness the magnificent fjords. Courtesy of Holland America Line*

### Inclusive Features

- 8 nights first class hotels as indicated or similar
- Full day wilderness excursion and two night stay in Denali National Park
- Luxury rail car on the McKinley Explorer
- Land travel by deluxe motorcoach
- Travel the 'Trail of '98' on the White Pass and Yukon Railroad
- 4 night cruise on the *ms Zandaam*, based on sharing a twin bedded stateroom in category selected
- All meals and entertainment on board the ship
- All gratuities for included services
- Baggage handling at hotels and shipside
- All cruise line taxes and fees
- Services of your journey escorts and/or local representatives and cruise director

#### **Air - inclusive rates also include:**

- Estimated return economy group airfare from Canada
- Transfers between the airport and ship
- All current air taxes, fuel surcharges and fees
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value



### Highlights

**McKinley Explorer:** Witness Alaska's pristine wilderness from Anchorage to Denali National Park, onboard the McKinley Explorer, enjoying fabulous views from our reserved seats in the full-domed double-decker railcar. The lower level is a private dining area where we have two included meals.

**Yukon Gold Rush Experience:** Experience Dawson City, the capital of the Yukon Gold Rush and then follow the Trail of '98 to Whitehorse and Fraser aboard a luxury coach, ensuring unobstructed views of the passing scenery.

**White Pass and Yukon Railway:** Descend the infamous Trail of '98 from the heights of the White Pass to Skagway.

**Inside Passage Cruise:** Relax onboard the gracious ms Zaandam as we cruise to Glacier Bay, Ketchikan and south along the Inside Passage to Vancouver.

### Journey Leaders

**Deb and Brian Tilson** divide their time between Guelph-Eramosa and Terrace BC, where they cherish quality moments with their family. They lead an active lifestyle filled with hiking, biking, canoeing, and pickleball.



Their travels have taken them to various corners of the world, including Hawaii, New Zealand, England, Ireland, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama, and Canada from coast to coast. Brian, a skilled photographer, eagerly anticipates sharing his photography passion with you. On the other hand, Deb is a recently retired music teacher, who sang and performed on stage for many years. They are thrilled to be able to share their passion for travel with all who will join them.



**AUG 2, Friday** **Canada / Anchorage, Alaska**

We fly North to Anchorage, Alaska's largest city where we are met and transferred to our hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

**Westmark Anchorage Hotel or similar** (1 night)

**AUG 3, Saturday** **Train to Denali National Park**

Luxuriate in our private, full-dome railcar as the McKinley Explorer takes us into Denali National Park, one of America's greatest wilderness preserves. While in the park, perhaps enjoy a walk by the river, watch for different species of local birds, or raft down the Nenana River.

**McKinley Chalet Resort or similar** (2 nights) BLD

**AUG 4, Sunday** **Denali National Park**

Today's excursion takes us deep into the park in search of big game: moose, caribou, Dall sheep and perhaps a glimpse of a grizzly bear. Watch for views of Denali, North America's highest peak towering at 20,392 feet. BLD

**AUG 5, Monday** **Denali National Park / Fairbanks**

We depart via deluxe motorcoach to Fairbanks, Alaska's "golden heart" city. In the afternoon we have the opportunity to try our hand at gold panning at the historic Gold Dredge #8. **Westmark Fairbanks Hotel** (1 night) BD

**AUG 6, Tuesday** **Fairbanks / Dawson City, Yukon**

This morning we fly to Dawson City where we will fall in love with this perfectly preserved Gold Rush city. Its wooden boardwalks, weathered banks, and saloons appear just as they did back in 1898.

**Westmark Inn Dawson** (2 nights) BD

**AUG 7, Wednesday** **Dawson City**

In the morning we will have free time to explore Dawson. Consider a visit to the rustic cabin of Robert Service, bard of the Yukon, or see the site of the first ever strike at Bonanza Creek. This afternoon, we enjoy a river cruise on the nostalgic paddle-wheeler, Klondike Spirit. This evening we can step back in time at Diamond Tooth Gertie's with a traditional Cancan show, inspired by the dance halls and saloons of 1898, at additional cost. BD

**AUG 8, Thursday** **Dawson City / Whitehorse**

Enjoying spectacular scenery this morning as we depart Dawson by deluxe motorcoach passing Lake Laberge, the inspiration for Robert Service's poem. It's on to Whitehorse, where prospectors gathered before heading out to the gold fields, now the capital of the Yukon Territory.

**Sternwheeler Hotel & Conference Centre** (1 night) BD

**AUG 9, Friday** **Whitehorse / Skagway, Alaska**

Enjoy the sights at your leisure as we journey to Skagway. We continue our travels by coach along the Trail of '98, the torturous route followed 100 years ago, passing Emerald Lake and Carcross. At Fraser, we board the legendary White Pass and Yukon Railroad and descend through the most treacherous parts of the trail, enjoying the spectacular scenery en route to Skagway, the staging ground for the gold rush, now restored to its former glory.

**Westmark Inn Skagway** (1 night) BD

**AUG 10, Saturday** **Skagway**

Today enjoy exploring this delightfully restored frontier town, complete with its boardwalk and authentic shops



*Stunning views of Juneau. Courtesy of Holland America Line*



*Keep an eye out for majestic whales. Courtesy of Holland America Line*



*Embark on the White Pass and Yukon Railway to retrace the Trail of '98*



*Stunning Glacier Bay*



from a bygone era. We say farewell to our Yukon guide as we embark on the *ms Zaandam*, our floating home for the next four nights. **Embark / Sail 9:00pm** BD

**AUG 11, Sunday** **Glacier Bay Cruising**  
We spend the day cruising in Glacier Bay, viewing the world's most extraordinary display of glaciers: sixteen mighty rivers of ice converge here, including Grand Pacific and Margerie, two of Alaska's most active.

**Arrive 7:00am / Sail 4:00pm** BLD

**AUG 12, Monday** **Ketchikan, Alaska**  
Be sure to explore Creek Street, a boardwalk lined with interesting shops and old buildings. You may also want to book an excursion to visit Totem Bight State Park and the Totem Heritage Centre to see the world's best collection of totem poles, or join one of the various fishing excursions.

**Arrive 11:00am / Sail 7:00pm** BLD

**AUG 13, Tuesday** **Inside Passage Cruising**  
Homeward bound, we sail along the scenic Inside Passage, relaxing with newfound friends and enjoying the majestic scenery of forest clad mountains and snow capped peaks.

**AUG 14, Wednesday** **Vancouver / Disembark**  
After an early arrival in Vancouver, our transfer to the airport will be waiting. Upon arrival, we will board our flights for home. **Arrive 7:00am / Disembark / Fly Home** B

### Our Cruise Ship • ms Zaandam

The *ms Zaandam* boasts exquisite details, from spacious staterooms to the priceless antiques lining the halls. At 61,000 tons, she carries 1,432 guests in truly spacious comfort.

Fifteen different lounges and restaurants beckon, including the Mainstage, a two-deck entertainment hub, and the Dining Room with a grand staircase and floor to ceiling windows. Enjoy the redesigned Lido for casual meals, a full-size theatre, casino, cardroom, numerous intimate lounges and recent additions like the Explorations Café with a library, internet access and coffee bar, Kids Club, and the Culinary Arts Centre. Ample deck areas, a complete Promenade Deck, two pools and the superb Greenhouse Spa and fitness area are all ours to enjoy. From fashion shows to relaxing in the sauna, or playing bridge, there is plenty to do.

Staterooms feature twin beds (most convert to queens), plush mattresses, Egyptian cotton sheets, bathrobes, private bathrooms, individually controlled air conditioning, ample closet space, a flat-panel television and more. Averaging over 190 sq. ft., they offer a separate sitting area and vanity. Most outside staterooms feature picture-window viewing and all feature a bathtub/shower. Deluxe mini-suites boast a private balcony, floor to ceiling windows, mini-bar, and whirlpool bath.



**CT Rating 3.5/5 - Challenging:** This cruise/tour involves early starts, long travel days, numerous types of transportation and relatively strenuous travel conditions. Members should be in good physical condition to undertake this journey.

### Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars per person

Category/Description/Deck	Sharing Twin
<b>K</b> Inside (Main, Verandah, Navigation).....	\$5,865
<b>E</b> Outside (Dolphin, Main, Lower Promenade) .....	\$6,065
<b>DA</b> Outside (Main, Verandah) .....	\$6,115
<b>D</b> Outside (Dolphin, Lower Promenade) .....	\$6,145
<b>B</b> Veranda Suite (Verandah, Navigation) .....	\$7,125
<b>AA</b> Veranda (Verandah, Navigation).....	\$7,185
<b>A</b> Vista Suite (Verandah, Navigation).....	\$7,255
<b>SB</b> Veranda Suite (Verandah, Navigation).....	\$7,855

Above rates are per person based on sharing the category chosen. Cruise/tour only costs are based on joining in Anchorage, Alaska and leaving the group on the ship in Vancouver. See deck plan for full details on various categories available. For single rates, ask for prices or visit our website. For your complete cost, add the airfare noted below from your home city.

### Estimated air add-ons per person

Vancouver.....	\$575
Calgary / Edmonton.....	\$875
Regina / Saskatoon / Winnipeg .....	\$895
Toronto .....	\$1,235
Ottawa / Montreal .....	\$1,375
Halifax / St. John's .....	\$1,525

Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carrier are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to inclusive features for details. Cruise price is based on sharing a twin-bedded stateroom with private bathroom. Prices are based on rates, taxes and fees effective July 2024. Prices are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Itinerary is based on the air/sea program offered by the cruise line. Due to air schedules, passengers from Atlantic Canada may require an overnight hotel before and/or after the cruise (cost not included). Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

**Final payment will be due May 1, 2024**

**Deposit will be \$900 per person**

To reserve your spot on this cruise, simply complete the enclosed enrollment form, indicating the cruise you wish to join and your home city, and forward it with your deposit to:



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