



THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary

Alaska Discovery

**Including a 7-night Princess Cruise in Balcony Cabins
Thursday, August 27 – Tuesday, September 8, 2009**

This exploration of Alaska by land and sea is an irresistible “call of the wild.” Begin in Fairbanks with a sternwheeler cruise and some leisure time. In magnificent **Denali National Park** you’ll enjoy a natural history tour with a park expert and learn about this six-million acre pristine wilderness. Arrive in Whittier aboard the Denali Express train and board your **Princess** cruise ship—the luxurious **Coral** (or **Island**), both impressive floating resorts. Your southbound cruise begins with a sail through **College Fjord** in Prince William Sound. Continue into **Glacier Bay**, filled with tidewater glaciers and coastal islands. You’ll enjoy ports-of-call in **Skagway**, the “Gateway to the Klondike” and the original gold rush town; **Juneau**, Alaska’s lively capital and **Ketchikan**, home to the world’s largest collection of totem poles. Your cruise winds down with an amazing journey through the **Inside Passage** whose natural beauty will leave you breathless. After disembarkation in Vancouver, you’ll have time for sightseeing before your return home. We can’t resist, can you?

Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to Fairbanks, AK and Seattle, WA to Boston
- Seven night Princess cruise in Balcony Cabins
- Five nights' first class accommodations
- Twenty one meals: seven breakfasts, six lunches, eight dinners
- Round-trip, private airport/hotel/dock transfers
- Sightseeing and touring

Rates

\$3,929 per person double occupancy
\$6,699 for single reservations
 Add \$243 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges and \$476 port taxes. Cancellation waiver and travel insurance is \$235. Although not required, we recommend purchasing the waiver. Purchase must be made at time of booking. Passport required. Cabins are confirmed in Balcony category BC

Please note: Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your vacation. For your convenience, Princess Cruise Lines automatically applies a \$10 per guest per day service charge to your shipboard account. Separately a 15% gratuity is added for bar drinks and spa services.

Trip Planner

Day 1: Flight from Boston
Days 2-3: Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge
 Fairbanks, AK
Days 3-4: Princess Wilderness Lodge Denali AK
Days 5-11: Coral or Island Princess
Day 12: Holiday Inn, Seattle WA
Day 11: Return flight to Boston

Features

Fairbanks, Sternwheeler cruise, Denali National Park, College Fjord, Glacier Bay, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, Inside passage, Vancouver

DAILY ITINERARY

Thursday, August 27, 2009: Fairbanks, Alaska - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Fairbanks, in the great state of Alaska. What better way to explore such a vast and undisturbed region than with a vacation that combines the best of both land and sea, highlighted by accommodations confirmed in a balcony cabin, on an unforgettable 7-night Princess cruise!

Friday, August 28, 2009: Fairbanks

Begin your day on an amazing cruise aboard the popular Stern Wheeler, Discovery, an unforgettable journey showcasing Alaska’s diverse culture and rich history. The remainder of your day is at leisure to discover Alaska’s second largest city on your own.

Saturday, August 29, 2009: Fairbanks - Denali National Park

Depart Fairbanks for a scenic motorcoach ride to Denali National Park. Tonight, enjoy an entertaining evening at the Music of Denali Dinner Theater which tells the story of the first ascent of Mount McKinley. You'll find yourself clapping and singing along with the talented cast which includes Walter Harper - the first Alaska native to set foot on the summit of Mount McKinley. The actors and actresses do double-duty as your servers for a hearty all-you-can-eat meal of salmon and ribs. **(D)**

Sunday, August 30, 2009: Denali

This morning, meet up with a park expert and embark on a natural history tour into Denali National Park. This guided tour will take you beyond where private vehicles can travel and teach you about the six million acres that make up this pristine wilderness. The scenery alone is worth the trip, but you may be lucky enough to view some wildlife as well! The remainder of your day is at leisure in Denali National Park to experience this great national park.

Monday, August 31, 2009: Denali Rail Station - Whittier - Board Cruise Ship

Transfer to the rail station and ride the Denali Express direct to Whittier where you'll embark your ship to begin your 7-night cruise aboard Princess's Coral or Island. The Coral Princess is a luxurious way to escape completely, with all the amenities for an amazing cruise. It features an impressive array of dining options, such as specialty restaurants Sabatini's Italian restaurant and the Bayou Cafe & Steakhouse, as well as a European-style casino, a cigar lounge and retro martini bar. The Island Princess is a fabulous floating resort designed to make your stay onboard truly memorable. This vessel has over 700 balconies and a wrap-around Promenade Deck. So, after being mesmerized by the scenery off the bow, you will be dazzled by the entertainment in the state-of-the-art lounges and a myriad of dining options. While on board your ship, breakfast, lunch, dinner and nightly entertainment are included. **(D)**

Tuesday, September 01, 2009: Cruising - College Fjord

Your ship cruises through College Fjord. Located in scenic Prince William Sound, College Fjord is home to several glaciers named for East Coast universities, including Harvard and Yale. Carved by ancient glaciers, the fjord's steep sea cliffs rise above the water and are covered with dense strands of giant trees. The area is a haven for wildlife including a variety of marine and land mammals. **(B, L, D)**

Wednesday, September 02, 2009: Cruising - Glacier Bay

Cruise through Glacier Bay today, a treasure trove of tidewater glaciers and scenic coastal islands that is Alaska at its best. Here travelers can go back in time to the Ice Age to see the faces of glaciers whose retreat over just two centuries has sculpted a 65-mile long fjord. **(B, L, D)**

Thursday, September 03, 2009: Cruising - Skagway

Relive Alaska's Gold Rush days in this "Gateway to the Klondike" and home of the famed Chilkoot Trail. In Skagway, Alaska's past lives on and cries of "gold in the Yukon!" can still be heard. Explore this historic town in its spectacular natural setting. **(B, L, D)**

Friday, September 04, 2009: Cruising - Juneau

From massive scenic mountains to historic buildings, explore Juneau, Alaska's gorgeous capital city with something for everyone. **(B, L, D)**

Saturday, September 05, 2009: Cruising - Ketchikan

Your port of call today is Ketchikan, known as the "Salmon Capital of the World" and the "City of Totems." Located on the tranquil Revillagigedo Island, Ketchikan is home to the world's largest collection of totem poles. **(B,L,D)**

Sunday, September 06, 2009: Cruising - Inside Passage

A wonderful day of sightseeing is in store for you as your ship sails along the amazing Inside Passage, an extensive stretch of land known for its natural beauty and abundant wildlife. Take advantage of the many amenities of your ship or just relax and enjoy the view. You will be awe-struck with this natural wonder. **(B,L,D)**

Monday, September 07, 2009: Vancouver, B.C. - Disembark Cruise - Seattle, WA Airport

Your cruise ends in the vibrant city of Vancouver. You may choose an optional city tour which features Stanley Park, famous for its Indian totem poles, Chinatown, and Gastown, home to the world-famous steam-powered

clock. Or, take time to explore this lovely city on your own. Next, board your coach for your drive to the Seattle Airport for an overnight stay. **(B)**

Tuesday, September 08, 2009: Seattle Airport - Tour Ends

Transfer to the Seattle Airport for your return flight home.

PLEASE NOTE: *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure. Flight schedules are approximate, and will not be guaranteed until 30 days prior to departure.*

PLEASE NOTE: *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2 –3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*