

## Alaska Land



### Fairbanks

Established by the discovery of gold by Felix Pedro in 1902, Fairbanks is located in the Tanana Valley of Alaska's interior. In the early 20th century, sternwheelers carried settlers and miners along the Chena and Tanana Rivers as they do for visitors today. The second-largest city in Alaska, Fairbanks is named the "Golden Heart City" for its historical and modern gold industries and for its central location. The city serves as the hub of the region known as Alaska's Interior. In the summer, visitors and residents alike enjoy nearly 24 hours of light daily. Visitors have many choices in Fairbanks. Experience Fairbanks' rich Gold Rush history via sternwheeler, or visit one of the region's many gold mines. The Arctic Circle and the Yukon River are just a short flight away.

### POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **1 Arctic Circle**

The Arctic Circle, the region around the North Pole, includes the northern parts of Europe, Asia, and North America, and the Arctic and Subarctic regions of Alaska, Canada, Greenland and Iceland.

- **2 Riverboat Discovery**

A cruise aboard an authentic sternwheeler riverboat along the Chena and Tanana Rivers offers a demonstration of a fish wheel, as well as insight into Athabascan Indian culture and the Iditarod.

- **3 Trans-Alaska Pipeline**

The 800-mile-long Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) is one of the largest pipeline systems in the world, stretching from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez, the northernmost ice-free port in North America.

- **4 Gold Dredge # 8**

From a ride on the Tanana Valley Railroad into the gold fields of the Interior to a tour of the mining camp and gold panning, Alaska's mining history comes alive at the Gold Dredge #8.

- **5 Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum**

The Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum features over 70 historically significant American automobiles and showcases the interesting heritage of the automobile during Alaska's post-Gold Rush era.

- **6 Chena Hot Springs & Ice Museum**

Chena Hot Springs is a hot spring and year-round resort. On site is the Aurora Ice Museum considered the most artistic ice hotel in the world with an ice chandelier mimicking the northern lights.

- **7 Pioneer Park**

This 44-acre theme park commemorates Alaska's pioneering history, and features several Alaska museums and historical displays, including an old Alaska riverboat and narrow gauge railroad.

- **8 Native Cultures**

The native cultures of Alaska have had a significant impact on the state. Come learn about their rich history and take a closer look at their unique and extraordinary ways of life.



**Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge** is the perfect base camp for exploring Denali National Park.

The name "Denali" means "The Great One" in the native Athabascan language. At 20,310 feet above sea level, Denali is the highest peak in North America and is surrounded by one of the world's most spectacular wildlife sanctuaries. Denali National Park is home to many types of wildlife including caribou, moose, wolves, Dall sheep, bald eagles, and the mighty grizzly bears. Leave it to Princess to offer excursions for all types of adventurers. Enjoy a scenic float down the Nenana River or an exhilarating jetboat safari. Play a round of golf in the Midnight Sun, or rise above it on a thrilling flightseeing tour. Hike in the backcountry, hoot and holler at the Music of Denali Dinner Theatre, or visit an Iditarod champion's dog kennel ... and hold the puppies! It's all up to you. Let us introduce you to Denali National Park - up close!

#### POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **1 Denali**

The highest mountain in North America, Denali is also perhaps the coldest mountain in the world outside of Antarctica, a challenge even to the most experienced climbers.

- **2 Denali National Park and Preserve**

Denali National Park and Preserve is home to six million acres, and preserves not only Denali, but also the pristine alpine terrain and abundant wildlife in the surrounding lands.

- **3 Glaciers**

Glaciers cover one million acres, or one-sixth of Denali National Park. The most massive glaciers in the park drain snow and ice from the flanks of Denali.

- **4 Nenana River Gorge**

Starting from its glacial headwaters high in the Alaska Range, the Nenana cuts north through the mountains alongside Denali National Park, offering several major rapids and thrilling whitewater rafting.

- **5 Stampede Trail**

The Stampede Trail was a mining trail blazed in the 1930s. Today, what is now known as Stampede Road begins near the Nenana River and is popular with travelers on foot, bicycle and snow machine.

- **6 Sled Dog Experience**

Our tours provides an in-depth look at the world of dog mushing and the Iditarod, Alaska's great sled dog race, including the training, racing and breeding of these champion sled dogs.

- **7 Alaska Tundra**

Alaska's arctic tundra is found in Alaska's interior toward its northern or western coast. It's treeless and often bitter cold, and dotted with small lakes, or divided into strange geometric patterns.

- **8 Black Diamond Peak**

Black Diamond Peak promises dramatic views of the entire Healy Valley and a chance to witness foxes, rabbits and the occasional wolf, bear or caribou.



**Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge®**

The native Alaskans called it Denali - "The Great One" - and you'll find towering Denali and the Alaska Range simply stunning. The lodge is located approximately one hour from the town of Talkeetna, which is nestled at the base of Denali and is also home to the Talkeetna, Chulitna & Susitna Rivers. Some residents say Talkeetna means "Where three rivers meet" but established in 1919 Talkeetna is now more known as the base camp for climbers preparing for their attempt to ascend Denali. The rail depot is in Talkeetna and several land excursion tours have convenient tour times that will coordinate with the Princess Rail schedule to avoid the unnecessary one hour transfer between the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge and Talkeetna for those guests arriving or departing by rail. Refer to each description for our recommendations as to how to book Talkeetna or lodge based tour options to maximize your

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- **2 Talkeetna**

Talkeetna was originally the site of a Tanaina Indian village, and was settled as a mining town in 1896. Today, this small distinctive community is probably the best location to view Denali.

- **3 Denali State Park**

Denali State Park covers 325,240 acres north of Anchorage and south of Denali National Park. It boasts a landscape that varies from meandering lowland streams to alpine tundra.

- **4 Rivers - Talkeetna, Susitna & Chulitna**

The Talkeetna and Chulitna Rivers join the Susitna River at Talkeetna, an Indian (Tanaina) word meaning "river of plenty". On these waterways, serene beauty and abundant wildlife abound.

- **5 Glaciers**

Glaciers cover one million acres, or one-sixth of Denali National Park. The most massive glaciers in the park drain snow and ice from the flanks of Denali.

- **6 Sled Dog Experience**

Experience provides an in-depth look at the world of dog mushing and the Iditarod, Alaska's great sled dog race, including the training, racing and breeding of these champion sled dogs.

- **7 Alaska Homesteading**

After the U.S. purchased Alaska, farmers, miners and wilderness pioneers began claiming land. Until 1986, homesteading remained a viable method of settling Alaska.

- **8 Gold Panning**

Just as the lure of gold brought the miners to Alaska over 100 years ago, it still does today. Learn how to pan for gold and how gold mining has progressed through the years.



#### Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge®

Located at Cooper Landing in the middle of the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge is perched high above the beautiful turquoise waters of the Kenai River. The lodge is the base for many wilderness activities and the starting point for the scenic drive to Seward, gateway to Kenai Fjords National Park. Cooper Landing was first settled by the Kenaitze Indians, who set up fish camps along the upper Kenai River. More recently, Cooper Landing was the site of the first gold discovery in Alaska in 1848, the year before the California Gold Rush. Early Russians discovered the gold but proved more interested in the fur trade. From Cooper Landing, the Kenai River flows 75 miles before entering Cook Inlet. World-famous fishing, scenic float trips and hiking are all located just a short distance from the lodge's front door.

#### POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **1 Kenai Fjords National Park**

The 690,000-acre Kenai Fjords National Park is dominated by the expansive Harding Icefield, feeding dozens of deep-blue glaciers that tumble down into the waters of the bay.

- **2 Kenai Rivers (Kenai & Kasilof)**

Kenai Rivers are known throughout the world for their abundance of fish. Both have four out of the five species of Pacific Salmon that return to spawn each season in Alaska, as well as Rainbow Trout.

- **3 Exit Glacier**

Exit Glacier is part of the Kenai Fjords National Park, and is derived from the Harding Icefield in the Kenai Mountains.

- **4 Alaska Sealife Center**

Alaska's only public aquarium and ocean wildlife rescue center is located on the shores of Resurrection Bay. This "window on the sea" offers close encounters with puffins, octopus and sea lions.

- **5 Sled Dog Experience**

Lorraine Temple provides an in-depth look at the world of dog mushing and the Iditarod, Alaska's great sled dog race, including the training, racing and breeding of these champion sled dogs.

- **6 Gold Panning**

Just as the lure of gold brought the miners to Alaska over 100 years ago, it still does today. Many areas available for recreational gold panning include the scenic Kenai Peninsula.

- **7 Chugach National Forest**

Chugach is the second-largest national forest in the country. Its 5,940,000 acres spread across three distinct landscapes, stretching from the Kenai Peninsula east across Prince William Sound.

- **8 Kenai National Wildlife Refuge**

Kenai National Wildlife Refuge was established as a way to protect the moose from market hunting, and stretches across 2 million acres, including the western slopes of the Kenai Mountains.



Whittier, approximately 65 miles southeast of Anchorage, lies nestled at the base of the Chugach Mountains bordering Passage Canal. Established as a World War II port for cargo and troops of the Alaska Command, Whittier remained activated until 1960. Today, Whittier's economy and its 290 residents rely largely on the fishing industry, the port and, increasingly, on tourism.

Once accessible only by boat or via a war-era railway tunnel, The Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel was recently enhanced to accommodate highway traffic as well, making it the longest highway/rail tunnel in North America at 2.5 miles.

Named for the poet John Greenleaf Whittier, the community is also the gateway to spectacular Prince William Sound, with its magnificent tidewater glaciers and abundant marine life.

Whittier tours are available to passengers on back-to-back voyages who will stay onboard the ship and cruise back to Vancouver as well as guests ending their cruise in Whittier with an evening flight out of Anchorage on the day of disembarkation or an overnight in Anchorage after their cruise. Whittier tours are only available to cruisetour guests who spend the first night of their package in Anchorage. Other cruisetour guests cannot take an excursion as they would miss the transfer their next destination.

#### POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **1 Prince William Sound**

Boasting more tidewater glaciers than anywhere else in North America, this gorgeous deepwater sound is home to a host of rich marine life.

- **2 Portage Glacier**

This giant wall of ice is one of Alaska's most popular and exciting attractions. It's your chance to witness glacier calving and hear the thunderous roar when a huge block of ice crashes into the sea.

- **3 Turnagain Arm**

The journey along the Turnagain Arm of Cook Inlet is one of the world's great drives, boasting breathtaking views of mountain scenery and the inlet and the chance to see wildlife.

- **4 Mt. Alyeska Tram**

Climb 2,300 feet above sea level to a viewing deck with panoramic vistas of hanging glaciers towering mountains, expanses of evergreen and glistening streams. Telescopes on deck intensify the view.

- **5 Seward Highway**

The Seward Highway linking Anchorage and Seward is a National Scenic Byway and one of 15 routes designated as an "All-American Road" in the United States. Dramatic views of wild Alaska abound.

- **6 Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center**

Dedicated to preserving Alaska's wildlife through public education, this refuge for injured and orphaned animals includes moose, elk, caribou, bears, musk oxen, bison, deer, lynx and eagles.

- **7 Outdoor Adventures**

Enjoy what is truly an outdoorsman's paradise, with activities you won't find anywhere else.

- **8 Anchorage**

A modern city surrounded by spectacular wilderness and the state's largest community. Enjoy world-class attractions, Native Alaskan culture, shopping and dining in this four-time All American City.

## HUBBARD GLACIER, ALASKA (SCENIC CRUISING)



Nicknamed the "Gallop Glacier," this east Alaskan glacier is rapidly advancing toward the Gulf of Alaska into a pristine area known as Disenchantment Bay. In fact, its movement temporarily formed a natural dam that twice closed off nearby Russell Fjord from the bay, but the intense water pressure building within the fjord-turned-lake has thus far been enough to explode through the wall of ice.

The largest tidewater glacier in North America, Hubbard Glacier measures 76 miles long and plunges 1,200 feet into the depths of the bay. Its immense beauty and phenomenal blue hues are enchanting, even from afar. But it's when your cruise ship draws closer that its towering surface really impresses, dwarfing even the uppermost deck on your ship at a whopping 40 stories high. There, with the snowcapped mountains serving as a glorious backdrop, you'll have a prime viewing spot from which to witness the glacier calving, as it often expels icebergs the size of 10-story buildings—imagine the splash!

The area around Hubbard Glacier is also renowned for its wildlife, where whales, harbor seals and otters swim, brown bears, moose and black-tailed deer roam ashore, and a wide variety of seabirds soar gracefully across the sky.

## GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK, ALASKA (SCENIC 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. Not surprisingly, Glacier Bay National Park and its epic ice giants are part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site comprising Alaska's magnificent park system.

During your scenic cruise, friendly Park Rangers will join the ship to share their knowledge of this amazing place and host a fun Junior Ranger program for kids. They may even be able to help you identify Glacier Bay's abundant wildlife, including humpback whales, sea otters, porpoises, harbor seals, black bears, mountain goats, bald eagles and large colonies of seabirds.

Take in the awe-inspiring scenery as you enjoy an unforgettable day of sailing through this dazzling park, where you'll glide along emerald waters and past calving icebergs, and can breathe in the crisp, fresh air to your heart's content.

## SKAGWAY, ALASKA



Skagway was the gateway to the gold fields for the thousands who flocked to Alaska and the Yukon with the hope of striking it rich. Skagway may have boasted the shortest route to the Klondike, but it wasn't the easiest.

Over 100 years ago, the White Pass route through the Coast Mountains and the shorter but steeper Chilkoot Trail were used by countless stampeders. Many a would-be miner perished on the treacherous Chilkoot Trail.

The gold rush was a boon and by 1898, Skagway was Alaska's largest town with a population of about 20,000. Hotels, saloons, dance halls and gambling houses prospered. But when the gold yield dwindled in 1900, so did the population as miners quickly shifted to new finds in Nome.

Today, Skagway has less than 1,000 residents. It still retains the flavor of the gold rush era.

### POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **1 White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad**

The "Scenic Railway of the World" links Skagway with Yukon, Canada. A 41-mile roundtrip offers an unforgettable journey to the summit of the White Pass at nearly 3,000 feet in elevation.

- **2 Outdoor Adventures**

Enjoy what is truly an outdoorsman's paradise, with activities you won't find anywhere else. Go for a ride on a dog sled, horseback riding, hiking, river rafting, flightseeing, ziplining and more.

- **3 Klondike Summit**

The Klondike Summit, also called the White Pass Summit rises 3,292 feet above sea level along the Klondike Highway. The journey, running parallel to the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad, offers breathtaking views of waterfalls, glaciers, scenic vistas and glimpses of the original Brackett Wagon Road and Tormented Valley.

- **4 Gold Rush History**

Relive the color and history of the Yukon Gold Rush. Tour the camps, pan for gold and meet a few costumed characters who'll show you what life was like during the boom-town days in the 1800s.

- **5 Yukon (Canada)**

Yukon is a wilderness playground with an extensive network of waterways. On the scenic 65-mile drive from Skagway, the lush coastal landscape gives way to rugged wilderness. Its capital, Whitehorse, is the center for the Yukon's mining and forestry industries, and a welcoming spot for visitors.

- **6 Haines**

Pristine beauty and an abundance of wildlife define Haines. Just 14 miles from Skagway by water, the town is renowned for huge convocations of bald eagles and one of the planet's longest fjords.

- **7 Red Onion Saloon**

During the Klondike Gold Rush, the Red Onion Saloon was Skagway's most exclusive bordello. Now this colorful establishment is a bar/restaurant and a National Historic Building.

- **8 Dog Sledding**

Meet professional mushers and their amazing canine companions in an introduction to Alaska's state sport. Take a flight to a glacier to experience flying over the snow, or visit the summertime training grounds for a ride in a wheeled sled.

## JUNEAU, ALASKA



In 1880, it was slow going for Joe Juneau and Richard Harris as they searched for gold with the help of Native guides. After climbing mountains, forging streams and facing countless difficulties, they found nuggets "as large as beans."

From their discovery came three of the largest gold mines in the world. By the end of World War II, more than \$150 million in gold had been mined. Eventually the mines closed, but the town Joe Juneau founded became the capital of Alaska and the business of gold was replaced by the business of government.

Some 30,000 people live in Juneau. Its total area makes it one of the biggest towns, in size, in the world. Only Kiruna, Sweden, and Sitka, Alaska, exceed Juneau's 3,248 square miles.

Today Juneau is famous not only for gold and government but also for its breathtakingly beautiful glaciers and stunning views of both water and mountains.

### POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **1 Mendenhall Glacier**

This amazing glacier is 12 miles long, a half-mile wide and from 300 to 1,800 feet deep. Stretching from the Juneau Icefield to Mendenhall Lake, it has been slowly retreating since the mid 1700s.

- **2 Outdoor Adventures**

Enjoy what is truly an outdoorsman's paradise, with activities you won't find anywhere else. Go for a ride on a dog sled, whale watching, hiking, nature watching, flightseeing, ziplining and more.

- **3 Whale Watching**

You're virtually ensured a whale sighting from April to November when hundreds of humpbacks feed and frolic in the waters of the northern Inside Passage. Orcas are also common sightings in Juneau.

- **4 Glacier Flightseeing**

Fly over the massive Juneau Icefield and get a front-row seat to awe-inspiring glaciers, spectacular icefalls and majestic rock formations - accessible only from the air.

- **5 Macaulay Salmon Hatchery**

Discover the life cycle of the Pacific salmon species. Witness their amazing development from tiny fish (year round) to returning adult salmon fighting their way up a 450-ft fish ladder (late-June to October). Indoor aquarium displays showcase local marine life in a natural setting.

- **6 Glacier Gardens**

This 50-acre garden features species native to this temperate rainforest. Guided tours provide insight into a self-sustaining ecosystem and lookout points on Thunder Mountain are spectacular.

- **7 Dog Sledding**

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- **8 Mount Roberts Tramway**

For a bird's-eye view, take a five-minute tram ride to the top of Mt. Roberts for a panoramic vantage point 1,800 feet above the city. Mountaintop attractions include trails, shops and nature displays.

## KETCHIKAN, ALASKA



Ketchikan is known as Alaska's "First City" because it's the first major community travelers come to as they journey north. Located on an island, Ketchikan began life as an Indian fishing camp. The name Ketchikan comes from a Tlingit phrase that means "eagle with spread-out wings," a reference to a waterfall near town.

In the early 1900s, when gold was Alaska's claim to fame, fishing and timber industries were established in Ketchikan. The growth of these industries helped make this Inside Passage port Alaska's fourth-largest city.

Visitors to Ketchikan will be intrigued by its rich Native heritage, which includes the world's oldest collection of totem poles at Totem Heritage Center. The Haida, Tlingit and Tsimshian are all a part of the city's colorful history. Ketchikan, with its abundance of salmon, is also a sportfishing paradise. Sightseers will be impressed with both the scenic town and its surroundings, especially Misty Fjords National Monument.

### POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **1 Outdoor Adventures**

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- **2 Totem Bight State Park**

Set amidst the peaceful forest, the park is home to 14 totem poles, each telling their own story, and a replica of a 19th-century clan house, offering a look into the Tlingit and Haida Native Alaskan cultures.

- **3 Saxman Native Village**

Experience the rich living culture of the Tlingits as they welcome you to their village. Unravel totem pole mysteries, see carvers in action, shop for fine art and enter a clan house to watch Native dancers.

- **4 Alaska Rainforest Sanctuary**

This 40-acre rainforest reserve is home to bald eagles, black bear, seals and a variety of birds, a live eagle display and a master Native totem pole carver at work.

- **5 Misty Fjords National Monument**

Take in the dramatic beauty of a land slowly crafted by the hands of nature. It encompasses more than two million acres of sheer granite cliffs, 1,000-foot waterfalls, and crystalline lakes.

- **6 Great Alaskan Lumberjack Show**

This celebration of a bygone era is a rip-roaring good time. World champion athletes compete in springboard chopping, buck sawing, axe throwing, log rolling and the thrilling 50-foot tree climb.

- **7 George Inlet Lodge**

A former cannery bunkhouse built in the 1940s, this historic lodge was towed on a log raft over 70 miles to its current site on the shores of the spectacular George Inlet waterway 15 miles south of Ketchikan.

- **8 Creek Street**

This historic boardwalk was a Red Light District during the Gold Rush. Now, it's a quaint place to tour Dolly's House museum, view totem poles, and shop at locally owned stores and galleries.

## VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA



It seems unlikely that a character named "Gassy Jack" Deighton would be responsible for one of the most beautiful cities on the continent. But that's history for you.

During the gold rush, Gassy Jack saw a chance to make money from the hordes of miners on their way to the Yukon. The saloon he built became the focus of the shanty town known as Gastown. From that ragtag group of shacks, modern Vancouver was born. The provincial government persuaded settlers to change the name of the town to Vancouver, after Captain George Vancouver, who sailed the region's waters in 1792.

Canada's third-largest city, Vancouver is a cosmopolitan place with a European feel and a personality all its own. It's a community with a rich ethnic mix - including the second-largest Chinatown in North America - and stunningly beautiful parks.

## POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **1 Stanley Park**

A lush rainforest in the heart of the city, this 1,000-acre park teems with wildlife and natural beauty. Enjoy a spectacular array of activities, including the famed Vancouver Aquarium and the majestic Totem Pole Park.

- **2 Vancouver Lookout**

Take a glass elevator 430 feet in the air to the city's famed lookout and step into the heated observation deck for breathtaking 360-degree views of the city, mountains and your cruise ship below.

- **3 Chinatown**

Experience the vibrant Asian atmosphere in the second largest Chinatown in North America. Authentic architecture, exotic cuisine, and colorful specialty shops make each turn down the narrow alleyways a unique adventure.

- **4 Granville Island**

Connected to the city by a causeway from the south, it was named "One of the World's Greatest Places" by Project for Public Spaces. It is a sophisticated home to performing arts, dining, and a fabulous public market that offers a wide array of fresh food and hand-made crafts.

- **5 Grouse Mountain**

From sophisticated entertainment to unspoiled nature, Vancouver's most visited attraction is the pre-eminent all-in-one destination, with something for everyone. The famous Grouse Mountain Skyride takes you on a one-mile journey to the Alpine Station, 3,700 feet above sea level, where you can choose from a variety of activities.

- **6 Vancouver Aquarium**

Home to over 70,000 fascinating creatures including majestic beluga whales, Pacific white-sided dolphins, curious sea otters, harbour seals and Steller sea lions! Long-established as a global leader in marine research, education and conservation, the Aquarium offers visitors an unforgettable experience through face-to-face engagement with a wide array of amazing animals.

- **7 Gastown**

The original site from which modern Vancouver evolved. The varied shops and boutiques make the area a popular shopping district. The famous steam clock fills the air with music every 15 minutes.

- **8 Robson Street**

Vancouver's most famous shopping street set in the heart of downtown is a three-block commercial mecca including premier fashion stores, fine dining and amenities. The street to see and be seen on!