







# Ultimate Alaska 🍪 Inside Passage plus Denali

INCLUDING MAGNIFICENT HUBBARD GLACIER & DENALI ALASKA GEOGRAPHIC GUIDED EXPERIENCE!7 Nights on Norwegian Jade I A Night Denali Area Land Tour I Scenic Domed Railcar Ride from Denali to TalkeetnaMay 22 - June 2, 202512 Day - 11 Night Cruise/Tour

Join us to experience Ultimate Alaska ~ land of bald eagles, totem poles, calving glaciers and majestic wildlife by land, sea, rail and air! On this ultimate Alaska experience, you'll view spectacular Denali National Park with a day of sightseeing with your Alaska Geographic guide. An exciting exclusive during your tour is an Alaska rail experience traveling in a special domed railcar from Denali to Talkeetna. Unlike most tours that just include the standard rail car, you'll enjoy spectacular 360 degree views during your ride!

In Whittier, you'll board the Norwegian Jade for a seven day cruise going into immense Hubbard Glacier and through the Inside Passage, and to the ports of Icy Strait Point, Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan. You've always wanted to see Alaska in depth, and this 12 day tour is the best way for you to not just see Alaska, but to experience the ultimate adventure that Alaska has to offer!

# Itinerary

# <u> May 22, 2025 - Your Journey Begins!</u>

Today you board your flight bound for the remote frontier town of **Fairbanks**, deep into the wild Alaskan interior! On arrival, you'll be met and assisted with your transfer to your hotel on the banks of the Chena River. Just 188 miles south of the Arctic Circle, you'll discover a day where the sun seemingly never sets with nearly 21 hours of sunlight! Overnight: Fairbanks - Pike's Waterfront Lodge

### <u>May 23, 2025 - Fairbanks to Denali!</u>

Today you'll explore **Fairbanks** beginning with a ride on the **Riverboat Discovery**, and take a journey back in time. You'll also make an unforgettable stop at a **Chena Indian Village** before returning to Fairbanks for lunch on your own. Then you'll board your deluxe motor coach to ride through the Alaskan wilderness on your way to your rustic lodge located just a mile from **Denali State Park**! Sitting atop Sugarloaf Mountain, you'll have **panoramic views of the surrounding Denali forests**. Check in to your lodge and enjoy the remainder of the day exploring Denali as you wish, with dinner on your own either at the lodge or perhaps by taking a shuttle down to the gulch. Overnight: Denali area lodge

# <u> May 24, 2025 - Denali Alaska Geographic Guided Experience!</u>

You'll depart your lodge at around 6:30am to explore and discuss the park in depth with your newly-retired **Alaska Geographic guide** on your roughly six-hour Denali region tour! Due to longterm park road closures, we've engineered for you this **very special Denali area experience** to specifically avoid the park's currently congested dusty roads, and to give you the best possible Denali sightseeing available with **better stunning park views** than you could otherwise have. This Geographic guide's expertise truly sets your Denali experience apart from what all the rest offer! After lunch on your own back at the lodge, you'll have a free afternoon and evening with plenty of time for a refreshing nature walk, or to sit by the cozy fire - or perhaps best of all, choose to go on one or two of the **TRIPS optional excursions** that'll be available to you today! Overnight: Denali area lodge

# May 25, 2025 - Ride the Rails!

Arising today, you'll marvel at your previous days Denali experience as you enjoy the morning at leisure before you ride the Alaska rails in style! Your four hour journey from **Denali to Talkeetna** will be in a **domed car with spectacular views!** The rail line follows a historic, unspoiled route through beautiful scenic countryside. There are several dining options on the train with food, beverage and bar service available to enjoy on your own. On arrival in the historic mining village of Talkeetna late this afternoon, you'll transfer to your motor coach for **Anchorage**, where you'll check in this evening with dinner on your own. Overnight: Anchorage area hotel

### May 26, 2025 - Come Sail Away!

You'll awake this morning in **Anchorage**, Alaska's largest city that's surrounded by six mountain ranges! You'll then transfer south to the pier in **Whittier** and be assisted with your check-in to board the **Norwegian Jade** in time to enjoy a late lunch and unwind. You'll be sailing away tonight at **8pm**! (L/D)

## May 27, 2025 - Cruise Hubbard Glacier!

This afternoon you'll get up close and personal with the **gargantuan Hubbard Glacier**, the longest river of ice in North America at 75 miles! It's also one of the most active glaciers in Alaska, measuring **1,350 square miles of translucent blue ice**! This 300-foot ice wall has been thickening and advancing toward the Gulf of Alaska in sharp contrast to most glaciers which have thinned and retreated. Seeing the immense Hubbard Glacier will surely be a highlight of your cruise/tour - and the most relaxing and breathtaking way to experience Alaska! (B/L/D)

### May 28, 2025 - Icy Strait Point!

You'll dock this morning at the private port of **Icy Strait Point** at **7am**. This historic town, once home to a fishing cannery, offers a variety of excursions, fine dining and shopping at locally owned stores. You might choose a Hoonah sightseeing tour where you'll visit the **world's largest Tlingit village!** Hear how this village of 850 was rebuilt after being destroyed by fire during WWII, and learn about the lifestyle of local fishermen. Or, opt for a **Bear Search adventure** in an area with one of the largest brown bear populations in the world! Sail at **6pm**. (B/L/D)

# May 29, 2025 - Juneau: Whale Watching & Mendenhall Glacier!

Today you're in **Juneau**, the capital of Alaska, from **7am** to **6pm**. Accessible only by water or air, it's not surprising that wildlife thrives in this frontier landscape dotted with **quaint 19th-century architecture** from the town's gold-mining days. Juneau's lively downtown is compact, easy to explore on foot and offers numerous attractions, including the **State Capitol Building**, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, and historic South Franklin Street. You might also choose to enjoy a whale watching excursion and marvel at the power and strength of these stunning creatures. In fact, tours from Juneau even guarantee that you'll see whales! And don't miss the stunning 12-mile-long **Mendenhall Glacier** just 13 miles from downtown Juneau. (B/L/D)

## <u> May 30, 2025 - Skagway, the Klondike Gold Rush Gateway!</u>

You'll arrive in **Skagway** at **7am**. At the end of the 19th century, Skagway was known to hopeful gold seekers as **the gateway to the gold fields**. Today, the flavor of that past has been preserved on **Broadway Street** with its charming false-front buildings and gold rush museums, where you'll have the morning free to explore on your own. Or you may prefer to take a **scenic ride on the White Pass and Yukon Route Railway.** Sit back and enjoy the views and historic commentary from the comfort of vintage passenger coaches, as you watch a splendid panorama of mountains, glaciers and gorges, waterfalls, tunnels and trestles passing by. Your ship sails at **4pm**. (B/L/D)

## May 31, 2025 - Ketchikan: Salmon and Totem Poles!

After sailing through the night and early morning, from **10am** to **7pm** you'll dock at Ward Cove near deep-green **Ketchikan**, often referred to as the "First City" as it's the first stop going north into Alaska. Incredibly lush and green with almost 200 inches of annual rainfall, it's also known

as "the salmon capital of the world," so you just might want to try some while you're here! This favorite port of call boasts an outdoor museum of native art with the largest collection of totem poles in the world and is recognized as one of the top 100 art communities in the US. You might also decide to take a float plane flight to Misty Fjords to see waterfalls that plunge 1,000 feet, beautiful river valleys and serene crystalline lakes surrounded by pristine forests. (B/L/D)

## June 1, 2025 - Cruise the Inside Passage!

Today you'll cruise the **Inside Passage**. Protected within Alaska's Panhandle, this beautiful waterway features 274 miles of dramatic scenery. The **towering glaciers**, **the brilliant blue ice**, **the emerald green of the hemlock and spruce forests and the plunging waterfalls** all provide an unparalleled opportunity for stunning photographs and video footage. But this pristine area does more than provide grand vistas, it's also a **prime habitat for bald eagles**, **sea lions**, **porpoise and whales**. There are few places so well preserved and ruggedly beautiful as Alaska, and you'll find yourself marveling at the wild and glorious scenery of our northernmost state as you cruise the Inside Passage! (B/L/D)

#### June 2, 2025 - Heading Home!

After your scenic cruise/tour of Alaska, it's time to head home. The Jade docks in **Vancouver** at **6am**. You'll be assisted with disembarking, then transfer to the airport for your flight home. **Memories of Denali and your Alaskan cruise are sure to be with you for years to come!** (B)

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