

# TRAVEL INFORMATION

## Welcome!

Whether you are a first-time or returning visitor to the 49th state, we are delighted you have chosen this unique tour and Alaska as your destination. Along the journey, you will meet many Alaskans who call this land home — from your Tour Director who assists with all aspects of your tour enjoyment to your local driver, whose knowledge will astound you time and time again. You will marvel at Alaska's wilderness and wildlife viewing opportunities while having time and freedom to discover your very own path. On Norwegian Cruise Line's Alaska Cruisetours, you'll experience the coastline and interior of the state as if you were a native. Enjoy the journey. We look forward to providing you authentic Alaskan experiences every step of the way.

# **IMPORTANT NOTE**

A transfe from your hotel to the Fairbanks airport is included on the ending date of the Cruisetour when departing flight information is given to Norwegian Cruise Line at least 10 days prior to Cruisetour start date. Please contact Norwegian with your flight details:

Guests from U.S./Canada call 800.327.7030 Guests from U.K. call 0845 201 8900

Guests from France call +49 1805 62 55 27 (0.14/min.\*)

Guests from other European countries call 00800 0310 21 21 (toll-free\*)

\*All rates refer to calls from landline networks. Rates may vary for calls from mobile networks.

Guests who do not provide departing flight information will forfeit this transfer and need to make their own arrangements to the airport. Unused transfers are non-refundable.

If you purchased your airfare independently and learn of any flight cancellations or delays, please contact the tour operator, Premier Alaska Tours, with your updated flight information. If you purchased your airfare through Norwegian Cruise Line, we will contact Premier Alaska Tours on your behalf.

#### **HOTEL TRANSFER**

The transfer from hotel to airport on the last day of the program is included when departing flight information is provided to Norwegian Cruise Line at least 10 days prior to cruise start date. Guests who do not provide flight information within the guidelines forfeit this service. Unused transfers are non-refundable.

### **PASSPORTS AND VISAS**

It is each traveler's responsibility to have a passport valid for at least six months after the date of travel and a visa, if required.

IMPORTANT: Passengers who are not U.S. citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what personal identification is required. Passengers who enter, leave and then re-enter the same country on their itinerary should check if they require a double- entry visa.

## TRIP PREPARATION

A little pre-planning can make your trip a lot smoother. Several weeks before your trip, make a list of what you will need to take with you. Make sure your personal documents (passports, visas) are in order and that you have enough prescription medications to last throughout the trip. We suggest you make photocopies of passports, visas and any other important travel documents and pack them separately from the originals. Avoid placing important medications or valuables, such as cameras or jewelry, in your checked luggage.

#### **TOUR DIRECTORS**

Your Alaskan Tour Director will be with you for the entire trip to help make the most of your time and experience the best Alaska has to offer. From providing information about Alaska's history, people and wildlife to offering suggestions on local restaurants and optional excursions, your Tour Director has your best interests at heart.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT ONLY** 

FOR DAY OF TRAVEL:

**Premier Alaska Tours** 

Phone: 907.375.6321

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#### **MEALS**

Meals are not included unless specifically stated in your itinerary. All hotels have restaurants on-site. Other options available are either within walking distance or a short taxi ride from your hotel. Your Tour Director can help recommend restaurants, especially for guests with special dietary needs.

# **AVERAGE MEAL COST PER PERSON**

\$18 to \$25 PER PERSON Lunch \$18 to \$30 PER PERSON Dinner \$20 to \$50 PER PERSON







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Note: \* We're continually evaluating and enhancing our health and safety protocols and will make updates as public health standards evolve.



#### **BAGGAGE**

At each destination, we will ensure your bags are efficiently delivered to your hotel room. Upon departure, they will be picked up from your room and loaded onto the motorcoach.

## **BAGGAGE STORAGE DURING TOUR**

As a convenience to our guests, we offer a service to store luggage while you are on the land portion of your Cruisetour. Your Tour Director will provide you with special tags to indicate storage. Those pieces of luggage will remain secured on the motorcoach during your tour.

## PACKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- Comfortable, casual clothing for dressing in layers
- Comfortable shoes, such as tennis shoes or hiking boots
- · Waterproof jackets, hats and warm clothing
- · Sunscreen, binoculars, insect repellent and umbrellas
- · Camera and plenty of film or spare memory card

**Note:** There are no laundry facilities on tour. Please bring adequate clothing.

# CHILD RESTRAINT INFORMATION

Alaska State Law requires children to be in a car or booster seat as follows:

- Children younger than 1 year of age or less than 20 lbs (9 kg) must be in a rear-facing infant seat.
- Children ages 1-4 years and at least 20 lbs (9 kg) must be in a child restraint.
- Children ages 5-7 years who are less than 57 in (1.4 m) tall or less than 65 lbs (30 kg) must be in a booster seat.
  Booster seats are no longer required for children ages 5-7 once they reach 57 in (1.4 m) tall or weigh 65+ lbs (30+ kg).
- Parents are responsible for providing the appropriate car seat.

# **CLIMATE (APPROXIMATE)**

MONTH	LOW	HIGH
May	40°F 4°C	55°F 13°C
Jun	48°F 9°C	62°F 17°C
Jul	52°F 11°C	65°F 18°C
Aug	50°F 10°C	62°F 17°C
Sep	40°F 4°C	55°F 13°C

AVERAGE HOURS OF LIGHT	
May	17 Hours
Jun	18 Hours
Jul	18 Hours
Aug	16 Hours
Sep	14 Hours

## **MARINE AND WILDLIFE**

- Wildlife is unpredictable but plentiful. You will have many opportunities for marine and wildlife viewing.
- When viewing wildlife, we strictly adhere to all suggested or required distances and procedures recommended by local wildlife agencies.

## SUGGESTED TIPPING: ESCORTED LAND TOURS

Tipping is not mandatory. However, here is a suggested guideline:

- Tour Director: \$5-\$7 per person, per day
- Motorcoach Driver: \$5-\$7 per person, per day
- Rail Tour Guide: \$1-\$2 per person, per day

#### **SMOKING**

Smoking is not allowed in your motorcoach, on the Alaska Railroad, Denali Park bus or in your hotel room.

# **GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Please contact Norwegian Cruise Line to inform us if you have special needs. Motorcoaches and hotels are wheelchair accessible; however, due to limited availability, advance notice is required.







# **AUTHENTIC ALASKA EXPLORER**

The most complete tour of Denali and Alaskan life in the past and present. For the active, outgoing guest, this tour offers spectacular vantage points of Denali and an extended stay in Homer — the halibut capital of the world — giving you time to purchase an optional all-day fishing excursion.

## LAND TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Fully escorted by local Alaskan Tour Director
- Iditarod Sled Dog Kennel visit, Denali Park, Alaska
- Brief visit to Soldotna community and Kenai Peninsula
- Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour narrated by an Alaska naturalist
- Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center, Homer, Alaska
- Brief Fairbanks City Tour
- · Homer City Tour
- Riverboat Discovery cruise, Fairbanks, Alaska
- Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center
- Plenty of time for optional exploring
- Deluxe Dome on the rails of the Alaska Railroad

## NORTHBOUND TOUR ITINERARY<sup>†</sup>

# DAYS 1-7: MONDAY TO SUNDAY - NORWEGIAN JEWEL NORTHBOUND ALASKA CRUISE

## **DAY 8: MONDAY - SEWARD/HOMER**

Your Norwegian Cruise Line Tour Director will greet you in Seward upon debarkation of Norwegian Jewel. Board your deluxe motorcoach for your journey through the Kenai Peninsula where Alaskans go to play! In dramatic fashion, see where mountains meet the sea. Watch along the banks of the rivers where fishermen call this area home from May to September.

A lunch stop will be made in the community of Soldotna, also known as the "Fishing Capital of the World." Enjoy a brief stop near the world-famous Kenai River and see where monster King Salmon fish are lured by fishermen, and learn about the five species of salmon that call Alaska home.

As you continue through the mountains of the Kenai Peninsula down the coast, enjoy the spectacular views of Kachemak Bay, the Kenai Mountains and several volcanic peaks across Cook Inlet, including Mt. Augustine, Mt. Iliamna and Mt. Redoubt. Near the southern tip of the Kenai Peninsula, you'll encounter the town of Homer, an authentic Alaskan community not geared toward mass tourism, often described as "where the land ends and the sea begins."

Visit the Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center before arriving to the hotel – your window to the largest seabird refuge in the world with all the natural wonders of Kachemak Bay right outside its doors. The Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center is a partnership between the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge and the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve, dedicated to understanding and conserving the marine environment. Enjoy the modern displays, movies and information throughout as the Center takes you on an incredible journey through this rough and rugged land.

Homer has a history steeped in commercial fishing and a mild climate moderated by the Pacific Ocean. This results in warmer winters and cooler summers compared to other areas of Alaska. Homer is also famous for the Homer Spit, a 4.5-mile-long natural spit of land extending into Kachemak Bay, which you can explore in the evening.

8:00 am	Disembark Norwegian Jewel
11:00 am	On-your-own lunch in Soldotna/Kenai Area
12:45 pm	Depart Soldotna/Kenai Area
2:45 pm	Islands & Ocean Visitor Center
4:00 pm	Arrive in Homer and visit Homer Spit

## **Overnight: Homer**

## **DAY 9: TUESDAY - HOMER FREE DAY**

Open day in Homer to explore this community. Book an optional fishing excursion for halibut and salmon, ride one of the ferries to the remote communities of Halibut Cove or Seldovia, or simply stay in town to enjoy the many local galleries and restaurants.

## **Overnight: Homer**

# DAY 10: WEDNESDAY - HOMER/ANCHORAGE

After departing Homer, stops will be made along the way for you to experience the beauty of the area and break for lunch. The Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center will have you up close to moose, bears, musk ox and other indigenous animals of the region. Taking in orphaned animals and providing quality animal care year-round, the Conservation Center is dedicated to the protection and preservation of Alaska's wildlife. Animals that cannot be released back into the wild are given a permanent home at the Center. Continue in your deluxe motorcoach to Anchorage, Alaska's largest city, which is surrounded by beautiful mountains and water, and many walking trails for you to explore. During the extended daylight hours in the summer months, you can extend your evening activities to suit your personal style.

9:00 am	Depart Homer
12:00 pm	Lunch on your own
4:00 pm	Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center
6:30 pm	Arrive in Anchorage

Overnight: Anchorage



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#### DAY 11: THURSDAY - ANCHORAGE/TALKEETNA/DENALI

This morning, you'll board your deluxe motorcoach and travel north to the rail depot of Talkeetna. Enjoy traveling along the rails of the Alaska Railroad to Denali National Park while taking in the 360-degree views from your deluxe dome railcar seat. As the gorgeous scenery of Alaska rolls past, be watchful for wildlife and glimpses of Mt. Denali, or, as local Alaskans call it, "The Great One." Full bar and meal service are available for purchase during your rail journey. An open evening in Denali is available for optional activities such as whitewater rafting, helicopter flightseeing, hiking or one of the park service programs.

11:20 am Deluxe Dome Rail, Talkeetna to Denali

4:00 pm Arrive in Denali

## Overnight: Denali

## **DAY 12: FRIDAY - DENALI**

Today's itinerary begins with an included stop at a local Iditarod sled dog kennel where you'll learn about the Alaska state sport of dog mushing. You'll be amazed about this fascinating sport, the musher, the dogs, and even get to hold a future champion puppy in your arms. After this authentic visit, we won't be surprised if you are ready to run "The Last Great Race" yourself. More than just a mountain, Denali National Park is 6 million acres of wild land. Hop on the National Park Service bus and travel into this pristine region of Alaska on the only road into and out of the park. Along the way, enjoy a fully narrated ride learning about the flora and fauna of the area while looking out for the wild animals that roam freely and call this park home. While in this beautiful area, set aside time to experience the solitude and tranquility that vast wilderness can provide. During your Tundra Wilderness tour, you will travel into Denali National Park, enjoying the incredible scenery and some of the best opportunities to see wildlife in its natural setting. A light snack is included on the tour.

8:00 am	Depart Hotel
8:30 am	Iditarod Kennel visit
11:00 am	Lunch on your own, Denali Visitors Center
12:00 pm (approx.)	Tundra Wilderness Tour

### Overnight: Denali

## **DAY 13: SATURDAY - DENALI/FAIRBANKS**

This morning, board the motorcoach for your journey to Fairbanks. Upon arrival, enjoy a brief city tour of Fairbanks with an included stop at the Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline. Time for lunch on your own will be available. Enjoy an afternoon ride on the Riverboat Discovery, a 3-hour journey that will take you into the heart of Alaska. Operated by a family who has made the Alaskan rivers home for five generations, you'll witness a Bush pilot take off and land beside the boat, and hear stories of flying into remote Alaska firsthand. Half way through the experience, you'll be immersed in frontier living with a guided walking tour of a recreated Athabascan Indian village. See cabins made of spruce logs, along with other indigenous dwellings that have allowed the strong Athabascan people to survive for thousands of years in this harsh environment. The evening is yours to explore Fairbanks or take an optional tour.

8:00 am	Depart Hotel
11:00 am	Brief Fairbanks City Tour and lunch on your own
2:00 pm	Riverboat Discovery Cruise
5:30 pm	Arrive at Hotel

# Overnight: Fairbanks

#### **DAY 14: SUNDAY - RETURN HOME FROM FAIRBANKS\***

Transfer to the Fairbanks International Airport for your flight home.

<sup>†</sup>All times shown are approximate and subject to change without notice due to local conditions.



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# **OPTIONAL TOURS**

Enhance your Cruisetour experience with additional tours that can be purchased along the way through your Norwegian Tour Director.

Note: Below is a sample of options which are subject to change at the discretion of each operator. Prices, times and complete program details will be provided by your Tour Director.

# **DENALI NATIONAL PARK**

## **DENALI NATIONAL PARK VISITOR CENTER (complimentary)**

Learn more about the park by visiting the Denali Visitor Center located two miles from the park. Talk with park rangers and experience the exhibits at this award-winning facility. View the "Heartbeats of Denali" at the theater and experience the four seasons of this special place we call Denali. The bookstore and the concession-operated Morino Grill are located on the Visitor Center campus.

#### **HELICOPTER - DENALI BY AIR!**

For "once-in-a-lifetime" adventurers, enjoy a 50-minute helicopter thrill as you soar high above the land and view wildlife and Alpine glaciers while viewing the Alaska Range and Denali.

## WHITEWATER RAFTING OR SCENIC FLOAT ADVENTURE

Each trip is approximately 3 hours with a total of 2 hours on the water. The Canyon Run is an exciting whitewater (Class III/IV) adventure. This is one ride where you will get wet! The Scenic Float is great for families. Enjoy scenic beauty along with Class II/III rapids.

# **FAIRBANKS**

#### ARCTIC CIRCLE AIR ADVENTURE

Fly above the Arctic! This thrilling tour allows guests to experience the Brooks Range, cross the Arctic Circle and fly the wilderness airways of Alaska's Arctic. This fully narrated adventure also includes a visit to the community of Wiseman, views of the Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline and mighty Yukon River.

**ALASKA SALMON BAKE** 

Feast the Alaskan way! Enjoy an all-you-can-eat Alaskan-style meal as you dine on fire-grilled salmon, roasted prime rib and cod direct from Alaska's icy waters. The meal also includes salad bar, dessert and beverages. Afterward, stroll through neighboring Pioneer Park, an Alaskan theme park featuring historical buildings, transportation venues and shops, or catch a show!

## **GOLDEN HEART REVIEW**

Experience the "Golden Heart Revue" at the Palace Theater for an evening of dinner, history and fun. This light hearted musical comedy is about the Gold Rush and the founding of Fairbanks. Sold in conjunction with Alaska Salmon Bake.

# **HOMER**

#### **SALTWATER FISHING CHARTERS**

Let's go halibut or salmon fishing! Full- or half-day adventure in Kachemak Bay seeking out halibut to impress your neighbors back home! Early morning check-in to purchase your license before you head to the boat for departure to fishing grounds. For those wanting to participate without the work, onboard staff assists with baiting the hook and handling the halibut once you bring it up from the ocean floor. A local fish processor can assist with vacuum packing and freezing your fish to send home at an additional cost. Fishing regulations in Alaska are subject to change.



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If you are traveling with family and friends in more than one stateroom, please advise your booking agent to link your reservations to ensure your entire party will be accommodated at the same hotels throughout the land tour.

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# FAIRBANKS PROPERTIES\*



RIVER'S EDGE RESORT 4200 BOAT ST FAIRBANKS, AK 99709 907.474.0286



BEAR LODGE 212 WEDGEWOOD DRFAIRBANKS, AK 99701 1.800.528.4916



SOPHIE STATION SUITES 1717 UNIVERSITY AVE S , FAIRBANKS, AK 99709 907. 479.3650

# DENALI NATIONAL PARK PROPERTIES\*



DENALI PARK VILLAGE 231 GEORGE PARKS HWY DENALI NATIONAL PARK DENALI, AK 99755 907 683 8900



GRANDE DENALI LODGE MP 240 GEORGE PARKS HWY DENALI NATIONAL PARK DENALI, AK 99755 907 683 5100



DENALI BLUFFS 238 PARKS HWY DENALI NATIONAL PARK DENALI, AK 99755 907.683.7000

# **HOMER PROPERTIES\***



OCEAN SHORES INN 3500 CRITTENDEN DR HOMER, AK 99603 907.235.7775



BEST WESTERN BIDARKA 575 STERLING HWY HOMER, AK 99603 907.235.8148



ASPEN SUITES HOTEL HOMER 91 STERLING HWY HOMER, AK 99603 907.235.2351

<sup>\*</sup>Hotels are assigned at Norwegian's discretion. We are unable to accept requests for specific hotels. Hotels are guaranteed at 30 days prior to the start of the tour. Norwegian Cruise Line reserves the right to substitute hotels of equal or greater quality. Extra nights must be booked independently.

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# ANCHORAGE PROPERTIES\*



HILTON ANCHORAGE 500 W 3RD AVE ANCHORAGE, AK 99501 907.272.7400



SHERATON ANCHORAGE 401 E 6TH AVE ANCHORAGE, AK 99501 907.276.8700



MARRIOTT ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN 820 W 7TH AVE ANCHORAGE, AK 99501 907.279.8000

