

2017

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ALASKA ADVENTURE CRUISE

featuring the Inside Passage, Alaska Railroad and Denali National Park



13 DAYS • 27 MEALS

2017 Departure Dates:
July 16, 30


MayflowerTours™
Life Enriching Experiences

ALASKA ADVENTURE CRUISE

The Mayflower Way

- ✓ 27 Meals (10 dinners, 6 lunches and 11 breakfasts)
- ✓ Free roundtrip airport transfers
- ✓ Experience an exciting 7-day Inside Passage cruise aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's *Norwegian Sun*
- ✓ Visit Ketchikan, the "Salmon Capital of the World"
- ✓ Visit Juneau, considered the nation's most beautiful capital city
- ✓ Visit Skagway, founded during the Gold Rush of 1898
- ✓ Cruise through Glacier Bay National Park with its glaciers and mountains
- ✓ Visit Exit Glacier in Kenai Fjords National Park
- ✓ Panoramic tour of Anchorage, the "Metropolis of the North"
- ✓ Spend 1 night in Anchorage, Alaska's most cosmopolitan city
- ✓ Visit the Iditarod Trail Headquarters and learn about this famous race
- ✓ Ride the *Talkeetna Queen* on Mahay's Wilderness Jetboat Adventure
- ✓ Enjoy tall tales, foot stompin' music and Alaskan music at Alaska Cabin Nite
- ✓ Spend 1 night at Denali National Park and enjoy a Natural History Tour
- ✓ Ride the Alaska Railroad from Denali National Park to Fairbanks
- ✓ Spend 2 nights in Fairbanks, "The Golden Heart City"
- ✓ Cruise the Chena River aboard the Riverboat *Discovery* and visit Old Chena Village
- ✓ Enjoy an Alaska Salmon dinner and Golden Heart Review show at the Palace Theatre
- ✓ \$65 in Mayflower Money

DAY ONE – Fly to Seattle

Our journey to the "Land of the Midnight Sun" begins in Seattle, Washington, where our Tour Manager greets us at the hotel. The first day of travel will come to a quiet close as we prepare for our adventure.

DAY TWO – Travel to Vancouver and Board the *Norwegian Sun*

This morning we board our waiting motorcoach for the transfer to Vancouver, British Columbia. Here, we board our ship, the *Norwegian Sun* to begin the unforgettable cruise portion of the tour. (Dinner onboard)

DAY THREE – Cruising the Inside Passage

Cruise the Inside Passage, a 1,000-mile-long sea corridor from British Columbia to Alaska, the longest sheltered inland waterway in the world. Its scenery is as grand as that of Norway. Be on the lookout for orcas and humpback whales as you take in the sheer cliffs, massive glaciers and snow-capped mountains.

(All meals onboard)

DAY FOUR – Ketchikan

A popular destination along Alaska's famed Inside Passage, Ketchikan is teeming with Native American culture. Known as the "Salmon Capital of the World," it is home to the largest concentration of Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people in the state.

(All meals onboard)

DAY FIVE – Juneau

Our port of call this morning is the Alaskan Capital of Juneau, considered by many to be the most beautiful capital city in the nation. Founded during the gold rush in 1880, the former gold-mining town counts among its riches some of Alaska's most spectacular scenery. The terrain is hilly and winding, and narrow streets present a small-town quaintness existing side-by-side with cosmopolitan sophistication. (All meals onboard)

DAY SIX – Skagway and the Lynn Canal

As our ship approaches Skagway, we see the town resting peacefully at the base of a river valley bordered by the Coast Mountains. When gold was discovered in the Klondike region of the Yukon Territory, it resulted in the historic Gold Rush of 1898. As thousands of gold-crazed adventurers sought the best jumping-off spot for their trek, they found the deepest penetration by boat was at the northern tip of the Lynn Canal. This is how Skagway was born. (All meals onboard)

DAY SEVEN – Glacier Bay National Park

This spectacular national park and preserve displays massive glaciers that stretch 3.3 million acres from the St. Elias and Fairweather mountain ranges to the ends of the fjords. It is home to an amazing world of marine life, including humpback whales, sea otters, porpoises and harbor seals. It also possesses the highest concentration of tidewater glaciers on the planet. At the head of Glacier Bay is the Tarr Inlet, where scientists have found exposed rock that is believed to be more than 200 million years old. (All meals onboard)

DAY EIGHT – Full Day Cruising

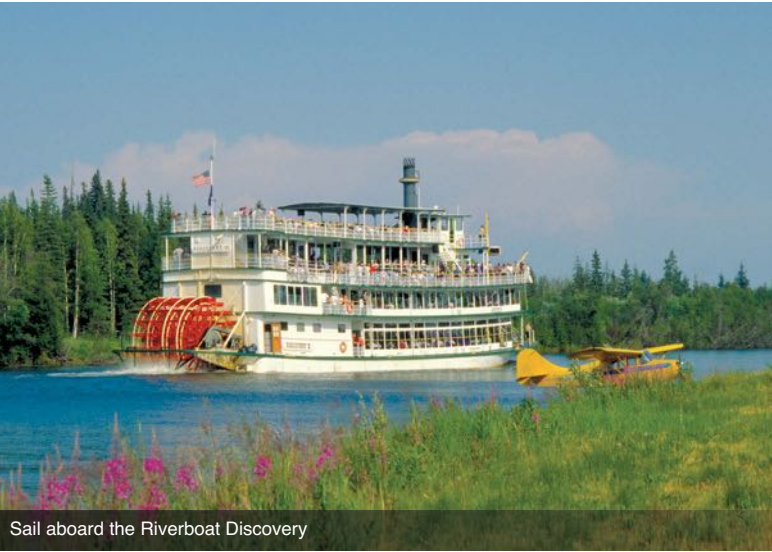
With its endless miles of shoreline, scenic archipelagoes of tidewater glaciers and abundance of wildlife such as otters, seals, bears and eagles, this is some of the most beautiful and fascinating country in these United States. Enjoy cruising today and be amazed. (All meals onboard)

DAY NINE – Seward and Anchorage

The *Norwegian Sun* arrives in Seward this morning where our motorcoach awaits to begin the land portion of the tour. We pay



Ketchikan, Alaska



Sail aboard the Riverboat Discovery

a visit to Exit Glacier in Kenai Fjords National Park to see a real glacier. For those who wish a closer view, the half-mile trek to Glacier View lookout offers amazing views of this natural wonder. Then we continue to Anchorage, often called the “Metropolis of the North,” and home to almost half of Alaska’s population. A local guide joins us for a panoramic tour of Alaska’s most “cosmopolitan” city before we settle into our hotel. (Breakfast onboard)

DAY TEN – Mahay’s Jet Boat Adventure and Alaska Cabin Nite

Watch for a glimpse of Mount McKinley through stands of spruce and pine en route to Wasilla where a stop at the Iditarod Trail Headquarters is planned. In Talkeetna, we board the *Talkeetna Queen* for an exciting wilderness Jetboat adventure along the Susitna River. Visit a Dena’ina Indian encampment and an authentic trapper’s cabin and watch for the abundant wildlife from the comfort of your glass-domed and environmentally controlled river jetboat. Later, we continue to our hotel located just outside the entrance to Denali National Park. Enjoy some free time to enjoy your scenic surroundings. Tonight, sample Alaskan cuisine at Alaska Cabin Nite and enjoy an all-you-can-eat Alaska dinner. Then sit back for a hilarious show of tall tales, fun songs and foot-stompin’ music. (Dinner)

DAY ELEVEN – Denali National Park and Alaska Railroad

We are up early as an experienced local guide conducts this morning’s Natural History Tour of Denali National Park. Weather permitting, see North America’s tallest mountain, Mt. McKinley. Learn about Denali’s varied and interesting collection of birdlife as well as the over 650 species of flowering plants. In the late afternoon, we climb aboard the Alaska Railroad’s flagship *The Denali Star* for the trip to Fairbanks. The track cuts through the northern boreal forests of the interior on a journey where sparkling salmon streams, stands of aspen and birch and carpets of purple fireweed create a dramatic landscape. Enjoy dinner on the train. (Breakfast, box lunch and dinner)

DAY TWELVE – Fairbanks, the “Golden Heart City”

We cast off aboard the *Riverboat Discovery*, the only authentic sternwheeler in Alaska. Your narrated cruise takes you to Old Chena Village where native Alaskan guides show the culture



and lifestyle of the original Alaskans. The afternoon is free to enjoy Alaska’s second largest city at your own pace or you may wish to join us on an optional visit to the El Dorado Gold Camp for a rail journey through an old mining camp. Here you will be able to try your hand at gold panning in an authentic setting. Dinner this evening is a sumptuous all-you-can-eat feast of grilled salmon, prime rib or deep-fried halibut and cod. Afterwards, enjoy humorous skits and songs about early Fairbanks in the Palace Theatre’s production, *Golden Heart Review*.

(Breakfast and dinner)

DAY THIRTEEN – Home

After breakfast prepare for your group motorcoach transfer to the airport with a new appreciation of Alaska’s mountain spires, mighty rivers and glaciers. (Breakfast)



Ride the Alaska Railroad

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Be on the lookout for whales breaching in the North Pacific waters

2017 DEPARTURES	STATEROOM CATEGORY	PER PERSON TWIN ROOM	SINGLE ROOM
July 16, 30	Inside	\$3,299	add \$1,669
	Outside	\$3,659	add \$2,049
	Balcony	\$4,819	add \$3,199

Add \$444 for port charges, government and fees, which are subject to change.



Call for air rates and schedules for your city to Seattle and from Fairbanks



Rooms for the night before or after the tour are available.
Cost for a room in Seattle is \$239 and for Fairbanks is \$279, tax included.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Day One – Marriott Hotel, Seattle, WA

Days Two through Eight – Norwegian Cruise Lines' *Norwegian Sun*

Day Nine – Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska

Day Ten – Grande Denali Lodge, Denali National Park, Alaska

Days Eleven and Twelve – Wedgewood Resort, Fairbanks, Alaska

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

EASY **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** **ENERGETIC**

FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terms and Conditions

- 91 days or more: Deposit Amount
- 90 to 46 days prior: 30% of tour cost
- 45 to 16 days prior: 50% of tour cost
- 15 to Day of Departure: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

Since the Alaska Adventure Cruise program is not covered under Mayflower's Travelers Protection Plan, we make available and highly recommend that you purchase the MS Ross Travel Insurance Plan to protect your investment. Policy and enrollment information about the MH Ross Travel Insurance Plan will be enclosed with your deposit receipt.