

# VANCOUVER AND THE BEST OF ALASKA

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This trip is for those who want to see the best of Alaska but still want to visit the Pearl of the West Coast, Vancouver. You will be introduced to the city which has been considered for the the last 10 years Western city of the highest standard of living. On the third day you will start a discovery adventure in Alaska starting from one of its highlights, the Inside Passage with its high fjords, glaciers, high cliffs, waterfalls and dynamic nature.

During this mini-cruise you will be accompanied by whales, orcas and sea lions: this will be your welcome in Alaska. From that day on, you are going to discover the most charming attractions of this region which is defined as the last frontier of America.





#### **ITINERARY**



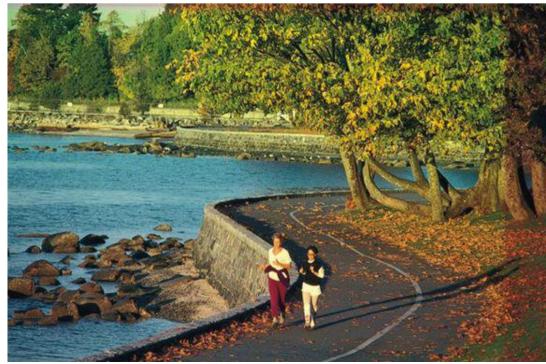
#### DAY 1: THE WEST COAST

Upon arrival at Vancouver International Airport you will be greeted by one of our representatives who will accompany you to your hotel. During this transfer you will have your first sightseeing tour of the area between the airport and Downtown. You'll have dinner probably at the same hotel or in one of the restaurants along the beautiful English Bay.

#### DAY 2: VANCOUVER BEAUTY!!

The second day is devoted to visiting Vancouver, a beautiful city on the West Coast. Our guide will introduce you to the culture, history and habits of this part of Canada, characterized by a strongly multiethnic and balanced society. Downtown Vancouver, Stanley Park Aquarium & Suspension Bridge, the Capilano Hatchery (salmon hatchery) and West Vancouver parks — the giant trees of Light House and Dundrave Park with picnic on the sea; Stanley Park And Aquarium. If there is time and desire - a guided tour to M.O.A., Museum of Antoplogy, the U.B.C., University of British Columbia. Upon return, dinner at a restaurant marked by the roadbook. Overnight stay at your hotel with breakfast.







### FROM CANADA TO ALASKA

#### DAY 3: FROM VANCOUVER TO PRINCE RUPERT AND ALASKA

Note: departure to Inside Passage Alaska is scheduled for the same day of the flight from Vancouver. On certain dates, however, you will need to stay overnight in Prince Rupert and depart the next morning.

Today you will get to Prince Rupert by Le Reve House van, where you will be embark for another adventure on the sea that follows the route of the Inside Passage of Alaska and takes you to Juneau with Alaskan Marine Highways ferry. You will stay in a comfortable and spacious room with exterior views. You will cross the spectacular passage accompanied by rich marine life... You will stay on board for about one day and a half: a real cruise on one of the most spectacular stretches of sea in the world, on a very comfortable and modern boat, equipped with restaurants like a cruise ship.

You will arrive in the morning (or evening) of the next day in Juneau. Transfer to your hotel (breakfast included)

#### DAY 4: JUNEAU AND MENDENHALL GLACIER

Juneau, Alaska's capital, is considered by locals to be the most beautiful city in the country: it's also know by nickname "little San Francisco". We will start with a walk through the central streets populated by old pubs, art galleries, cosy bars and sophisticated restaurants. However you are here to see Alaska, and Juneau will be your port of departure for various excursions starting with a trek to see the Mendenhall Glacier from above. If you want to, you can take a canoe on Mendenhall



Lake, going as far to the front of the eponymous Glacier (optional excursion on request): that is a wonderful experience. When finished, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

# DAY 5: GUSTAVUS AND GLACIER BAY

Today you will take a flight to Gustavus, the gate of Glacier Bay, most important Alaskan **UNESCO** World glacier, Heritage Site since 1979. On a small cruise boat we will sail through the ice. On board a delicious lunch will be served. The boat, a fast vacht, will arrive to the famous ice fronts, and at the same time you can see spectacular fauna. Upon returning from the trip, transfer to the airport of Gustavus where you'll take a return flight to



Juneau, from where you will fly directly to Anchorage. Arrival in the evening, dinner and overnight stay at Crown hotel or Western Baranoff, with breakfast.



# DAY 6: SEWARD — OPTIONAL MINI-CRUISE TO KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK (OPTIONAL EXCURSION ON REQUEST)

This morning at 7.00, if you requested this excursion, you'll get on the bus to Seward and from here we will embark on fast and comfortable boat and sail for about 140 Km in the waters of Kenai Fjords National Park for one of the most interesting eco-tourism experiences throughout North America. Plenty of scenarios between glaciers and large animal life, both on



land and in the ocean, you can see they are one of the main ideas of the whole experience and observation exploration in Alaska. The captain, rangers and guides experts in ethology, geology and naturalism will show you all aspects of this amazing nature. Lunch on board is included. At the end, you'll take a bus coach for Anchorage where you will arrive in the evening. Night at your hotel (with breakfast included)

#### DAY 7: VISIT TO DENALI PARK

Spend a few hours this morning to visit this cold City of the North, then, in the early afternoon leave for Denali. You will travel by coach bus, this is a convenient and spectacular way to reach Denali. You can relax and enjoy the amazing views from the comfortable seats of the bus. You will get to Denali at 9 pm and will check in at your beautiful lodge, in a double room with breakfast, ready for the next day's excursion.



#### DAY 8: A VISIT TO DENALI NATIONAL PARK (2 OPTIONS AVAILABLE)

This is your day of visit to Denali National Park. There are 39 species of mammals including black and grizzly bears, moose, big horns, white wolves and wolverines, then 167 species of birds, 10 species of fish as well as countless species of plants, flowers, mosses lichens, fungi and algae. The Kantishna Wilderness Trails bus will depart very early from your lodge and will cross the Park at almost all its extension. During the excursion you will be offered a snack and the lunch, included, will be served at Kantishna Roadhouse, where you'll also get a chance to see a demonstration of sled dogs. Back at the lodge you can choose whether to use the same bus or take a scenic flight and fly over the beautiful and huge Muldrov glacier and Alaska Range, the huge massif of the central mountains of Alaska; then you'll be back to your lodge in just 55 minutes, ready for a relaxing afternoon.

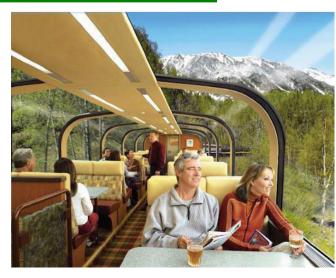
Free time for dinner and overnight stay.





DAY 9: DENALI - ANCHORAGE BY TRAIN (SPECIAL OPTION: GOLD STAR DOME)

Today, in early afternoon, you will be transfered to Denali Depot to start your spectacular journey on Gold Star Dome Train. These will allow you to make a real "safari in motion" of the marvellous nature of Alaska, staying comfortably seated in your armchairs. You are really immersed in nature with panoramic views of the most impressive scenery of Alaska. You can spot bears, moose, deer, wolves, large swans and storks in flight. You will arrive in Anchorage at 8 o'clock at night and we arranged your accommodation at Westmark Baranoff hotel or at Crown Plaza (breakfast included).





#### DAY 10: THE FISHING BEARS OF KATMAI

Your last day in Alaska will be dedicated to the observation of brown bears of Katmai National Park and Preserve, one of the world's most important areas for the observation of these impressive and fascinating animals. You can see them while, indifferent to the presence of humans (at a safe distance), they feed themselves with berries or salmon, depending on season and location. You'll reach Katmai by plane, then you will fly to Kulik or King Salmon and from here, on a seaplane you'll be transported to the best location for observation. After a briefing on the bears by the rangers, you will be free to wander safely within the Park, following predetermined paths linking the various locations. Arrival in the evening, dinner and overnight stay in the hotel.

# Katmai option for Day 10:

On request, you can opt for 1 night stay at a lodge of the park instead of a day trip.





After breakfast you will be transfered by shuttle to the airport of Anchorage for your return flight.

# LIST OF SERVICES - DOUBLE ROOM ITINERARY ROAD BOOK INCLUDED UPON ARRIVAL ASSISTANCE 24/24-7 ON 7

1 Meet & Greet at Vancouver Airport. Transfer. Sheraton, Century Plaza Hotel or similar

2 Nights at Hotel Century Plaza or similar one, double room w/breakfast

# \* 1 Guided Tour in Vancouver on request

1 Flight Vancouver Prince Rupert, one way x 2 pax

1 Alaska Inside Passage with Alaska Marine Highway - Prince Rupert-Juneau

2 nights at Juneau Western Baranoff or similar with breakfast + lunch

Walking tour on Mendenhall Glacier

# \*1 canoe trip to Mendenhall Glacier

1 day excursion to the Glacier Bay 2 Pax with lunch included

1 flight for 2 Pax x Seaplane Gustavus to Glacier Bay round trip

1 shuttle transfer to the Juneau airport for the flight to Anchorage

Juneau - Anchorage flight x 2 pax, one way

1 Coach Bus from Anchorage to Seward, round trip

# \*1 cruise excursion from Seward to the Kenay National Park Fjord, 5/6 Hours

Four-hour excursion to Katmai. The bears, round trip flight from Anchorage

1 pass for Coach luxury Bus from Anchorage to Denali.

2 nights in a lodge in Denali Park in a double room with breakfast

1 Excursion to Denali Park with lunch, 7/8 hours or 13 hours

1 return trip by standard train Denali/Anchorage, or

## \*1 journey by Gold Star Dome train from Denali to Anchorage, 2 Pax

3 Nights at Westmark Anchorage Hotel or similar one, double room with breakfast

1 round trip by plane to Katmai from Anchorage to observe the bears

## \* 1 night accommodation on request at a Lodge in Katmai Park

1 transfer by shuttle to the airport of Anchorage for your flight back home.

\* Excursions on request are highlighted

Exclusions: everything not included in the abovementioned list. Fixed priced subject to fluctuation not over 10% + or - the exchange rate fixed at the receipt of the bank transfer

#### PRICES PER PERSON

May 15 – September 30	€ 3,850 .00
Extra charge for single room	price on request
Children	up to 3 years: free
	from 3 to 12 years: price on request

