

PREBLE COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING PRESENTS
ALASKA CRUISETOUR
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11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS ~ MAY 19 – 29, 2021

DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
1	Anchorage - Arrive in Anchorage and get settled in your hotel for an overnight stay. You might enjoy getting out to see the shops, restaurants and cultural attractions of this surprisingly metropolitan city.		
2	Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge (Talkeetna) - Board a motorcoach for your journey along the George Parks Highway to the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge. You may catch your first views of incredible Denali along the way. Sit and gaze at the majesty of "The Great One" from the lodge's treehouse designed and built by Pete Nelson of Animal Planet's Treehouse Masters. You can choose optional excursions or simply enjoy the grounds of your lovely lodge.		
3	Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge - This morning, depart on another scenic motorcoach drive to the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge. Explore Denali National Park on a Natural History Tour, watching for glimpses of Denali as well as Denali's "Big Five"; moose, caribou, wolves and Dall sheep. Be sure to check out Fannie Q's Saloon, named after a famed local homesteader, or sit outside at a fireside patio.		
4	Whittier - Enjoy the scenic rail journey through some of the best wilderness in the Great Land on our exclusive Direct-to-the-Wilderness rail service. Once in Whittier, you'll step from the train onto your ship for the beginning of your unforgettable cruise.		
4	Anchorage (Whittier), Alaska		8:30 pm
5	Hubbard Glacier, Alaska (Scenic Cruising)	3:00 pm	8:00 pm
6	Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska (Scenic Cruising)	9:15 am	7:30 pm
7	Skagway, Alaska	7:00 am	8:30 pm
8	Juneau, Alaska	6:30 am	4:00 pm
9	Ketchikan, Alaska	10:00 am	6:00 pm
10	At Sea		
11	Vancouver, British Columbia	7:30 am	

		Member Rates	Non-Member Rates
Inside Cabin Category	ID	\$3,997	\$4,047
Outside Cabin Category	OE	\$4,587	\$4,637
Outside Cabin Category	OC	\$4,647	\$4,697
Balcony Cabin Category	BD	\$4,827	\$4,877
Balcony Cabin Category	BC	\$4,862	\$4,912

Rates are per person double occupancy and include roundtrip airfare from Dayton, cruise, port charges, government fees, taxes and transfers to/from ship. PRINCESS CRUISES® HAS ADVISED THAT ALL AIR PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL FULL PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

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PASSPORT REQUIRED

DEPOSIT POLICY: An initial deposit of \$200 per person double occupancy or \$400 per person single occupancy is required in order to secure reservations and assign cabins. Final payment is due by January 18, 2021. **Those who book early get the best prices, the best cabin locations and their preferred dining times.**

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ANCHORAGE (WHITTIER), ALASKA

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.

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. 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

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. 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. 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.

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. 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.

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. 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.

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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.

