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s the icy grip of winter recedes, Alaska awakens to welcome visitors from around the world to experience its breathtaking landscapes and unique charm. The Alaska cruise season, which typically runs from May to September, offers a spectacular opportunity to witness nature's grandeur up close, while also discovering the best that the Last Frontier has to offer.

Cruising in Alaska offers sights from the towering glaciers that calve into the sea to the playful dance of whales in icy waters, the Alaska cruise season promises a sensory overload of sights and sounds. Setting sail along the Inside Passage, travelers are treated to a mesmerizing display of fjords, lush forests, and towering mountains. The calving of glaciers, such as the Hubbard Glacier and Glacier Bay's Margerie Glacier, provides an awe-inspiring spectacle that reminds us of nature's raw power.

ALASKA CRUISE PORTS

Alaska cruise ports offer a wealth of activities that cater to every taste. Adventurous souls can embark on a variety of outdoor pursuits, including hiking, kayaking, and even dog sledding. For those seeking cultural enrichment, Alaska's indigenous heritage shines through in its museums and cultural centers. Exploring the rich history and traditions of the native peoples is both educational and deeply

moving. These Alaskan cruise ports possess a unique character that reflects the state's rich history and modern spirit.

Here are a few standout gems:

Juneau - The capital city, nestled between mountains and sea, offers a blend of urban amenities and natural beauty.

In Juneau, don't miss the chance to visit the Mendenhall Glacier, do a Whale Quest, A Salmon Bake, or take a Tramway Ride up Mount Roberts for breathtaking views.

Skagway - Step back in time in this Gold Rush-era town with its well-preserved historic buildings.

Great things to do in Skagway, Take a ride on the White Pass & Yukon Route Railway, a journey through scenic landscapes or a visit to the Klondike Gold Fields for panning.

Ketchikan - Known as the "Salmon Capital of the World," Ketchikan boasts a lively arts scene and stunning totem poles.

Ketchikan is great for shopping, a visit to the famous Creek Street, embark on a wildlife watching tour or explore the Tongass National

Sitka - Immerse yourself in Russian and Tlingit history in Sitka, home to St. Michael's Cathedral and the Sitka National Historical Park.

Its coastal location offers opportunities for sea kayaking, Wildlife spotting and Natural Reserves.

ENHANCE YOUR ALASKAN ADVENTURE WITH A CRUISE TOUR

Alaska Shore Excursions offer an abundance of land adventures, but to enhance your Alaskan Adventure even more consider adding a

3-5-night land tour to your cruise. By adding a land tour, you can explore the diverse and stunning landscapes of this vast state.

Cruise Tours offer so many additional experiences that might include:

- · Time in the city of Anchorage, surrounded by its stunning natural landscapes.
- · A visit to Talkeetna, with its small-town charm, friendly residents, and stunning natural beauty, offers panoramic views of the Alaska Range, including Denali.
- · A scenic flight to Mt. Denali with a glacier landing
- Time in Denali National Park, with its vast wilderness filled with stunning landscapes, abundant wildlife, and outdoor adventures like rafting, or a dinner theater.
- · Travel on the scenic Denali Star route between Anchorage and Denali
- · Travel or the scenic Coastal Classic Route between Anchorage and Seward
- · Take a Kenai Fjords National Park cruise or a 26-glacier cruise.
- · Visit Fairbanks and take a sternwheeler riverboat cruise down the Chena River
- · Visit Fannie Q's saloon for a hearty buffet breakfast.

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