



Alaska: The Best of the Inside Passage

Featuring Spectacular Glacier Bay!!

Join TRIPS and experience Alaska - land of bald eagles, totem poles, calving glaciers and majestic wildlife.

This is the easiest way possible to see our nation's largest state, unpack once onboard the Norwegian Pearl and spend your days seeing the sights! Glaciers, fjords and wildlife interspersed with towns that reflect "the last frontier"!

Alaska is big and so is everything about it. This is nature at its grandest and most beautiful, from calving glaciers to breaching whales. As you sail through the inside passage, be on the lookout for eagles or perhaps a grizzly along the waters edge looking for its next meal.

Pan for gold and enjoy an all you can eat salmon bake. And like exquisite bookends, Seattle and Victoria are perfect ways to begin and end your cruise!

Day 1

Today you board your flight bound for Seattle! On arrival, you'll be met and assisted with your transfer to your hotel. After time to freshen up, enjoy dinner on your own at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Seattle Area

Day 2

This morning after breakfast, you will be treated to a special **Sightseeing Tour** of Seattle that has been included in your tour package. After boarding your motor coach, your guide will take you to explore the rich beauty and historical monuments of the Emerald City! You will visit **Pike Place Market**, and view the Space Needle before transferring to the Norwegian Pearl, your five-star floating resort for the next seven days. Norwegian's **Freestyle Cruising** offers a wide range of amenities, activities, restaurants and entertainment all designed to provide you with exactly what you want. Choose among the 16 dining options, 13 bars and lounges, 6 hot tubs, state-of-the-art fitness center, Pearl Club Casino, bowling alley, basketball court, rock climbing wall, the Bora Bora Spa and Salon and much more! You decide what to do and when to do it, when and where to dine - you personalize every aspect of your cruise to be exactly as you wish! Your ship sails at 4:00 pm. (L/D)

Day 3

Today you cruise the **Inside Passage**. Protected within Alaska's Panhandle, this beautiful waterway features **274 miles of dramatic scenery**. The towering glaciers, the brilliant blue ice, the emerald green of the hemlock and spruce **forests** and the diamond bright **waterfalls** all provide an unparalleled opportunity for stunning photographs and videotape footage. But this pristine area does more than provide grand vistas, it takes you into prime habitat for bald eagles, sea lions, porpoise and whales. There are few places left on earth that are as well preserved and as ruggedly beautiful as Alaska and you will find yourself marveling at the wild and glorious scenery of our northernmost state. (B/L/D)

Day 4

Dock at **Juneau**, the capital of Alaska, at 2pm. Accessible only by water or air, it is not surprising that wildlife thrives in this stunning frontier landscape. You might choose to enjoy a **whale watching** excursion and marvel at the power and strength of these stunning creatures! In fact, tours from Juneau guarantee that you'll see whales! And don't miss 12 mile long **Mendenhall Glacier** just 13 miles from downtown Juneau! Watch closely and you might see, or hear, the glacier calving producing icebergs floating in Mendenhall Lake. Alaska is so stunning and immense that you should plan to enjoy at least one of these excursions! Your ship sails at 10pm. (B/L/D)

Day 5

You arrive in **Skagway** at 7:00am. At the end of the 19th century, Skagway was known to hopeful gold rushers as the gateway to the gold fields. Today, the flavor of that past has been preserved on **Broadway Street** with its charming false-front buildings and gold rush museums. You'll have the morning free to explore the town on your own. Then as an extra special treat this afternoon, we've **included** an excursion to the **Liarsville Gold Rush Camp** and **Salmon Bake**, located at the foot of the White Pass Trail and nestled beside a shimmering waterfall. You'll feast on freshly grilled filet of wild Alaskan salmon along with baked chicken, rice pilaf, a variety of salads, baked beans and dessert. After your meal, wander over to the camp and enjoy the waterfall and authentic exhibits of Liarsville where a cast of sourdoughs and dance hall girls will entertain you with a hilarious melodrama and a poem while teaching you the art of panning for gold! Then, you'll be set free in the **Liarsville Gold Fields** where you can pan for the precious metal that drove men and women wild with gold fever! Be sure and dress comfortably and bring your camera! Your ship sails at 8:15pm. (B/L/D)

Day 6

Today is spent sailing to world famous **Glacier Bay**, where only a **handful of ships are allowed to enter every year!** Your transit today offers a relaxing and tranquil experience as you view this pristine landscape in comfort and luxury from Norwegian Pearl's abundant floor-to-ceiling windows and expansive decks. Marvel at the beauty of your surroundings, which just centuries ago were completely covered with ice and are now home to stunning plants and wildlife! Later today, you'll have plenty of time to continue to explore all the amenities that your floating hotel has to offer! Without a doubt, this is the most relaxing and breathtaking way to experience Alaska! (B/L/D)

Day 7

After sailing north through the night, you dock at **Ketchikan** at 6:00 am. With almost 200 inches of annual rainfall make this area incredibly lush and green. Nearby **Misty Fjords** is home to waterfalls that plunge 1,000 feet, beautiful river valleys and serene crystalline lakes surrounded by pristine forests. This favorite port of call also boasts an outside museum with the largest collection of totem poles in the world! You'll understand why Ketchikan is recognized as one of the **top 100 art communities in the US!** Your ship sails at 1:30 pm. (B/L/D)

Day 8

At 6:00 pm you sail into **Victoria**, known as Canada's "Best Blooming City!" You might choose to visit the beautiful 50-acre **Butchart Gardens** where you can stroll through the Sunken Gardens, explore the Japanese and Italian Gardens or delight in the English Rose Garden. Or, you might opt to explore Chinatown or simply stroll along the causeway in the Inner Harbor before stopping in at the luxurious **Victoria Hotel** for an evening nightcap! Your ship sets sail tonight at 11:59 pm. (B/L/D)

Day 9

Your ship sails back into the port of **Seattle** at 8:00 am after seven nights of the best that Alaska has to offer. You will be assisted with your transfer to the Seattle airport for your flight home. Memories of the breathtaking beauty of Alaska will delight you for a lifetime! (B)



Inclusions

- Round trip airfare to Seattle (checked baggage fees are not included)
- Transfers to and from airport to hotel to pier in Seattle
- One night pre-cruise in Seattle
- Seattle city tour prior to boarding the Norwegian Pearl
- 7 nights cruise on board the Norwegian Pearl in your selected stateroom category
- All meals while onboard the Norwegian Pearl
- **Liarsville Gold Rush Trail Camp and Salmon Bake in Skagway**
- Portage of 1 suitcase per person
- All taxes, port charges and fees, including Alaska State Visitor Tax
- **Please note - Passports are required for this trip!!**

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