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**Best-Day Adventures & Beyond**

*Tours for all adults: couples, singles, solos and beyond!*

## **Alaska Cruise**

**July 21-28, 2023**

*plus*

**Vancouver Pre-Cruise Option**

**July 19-21, 2023**

*and*

**Post Cruise Alaska Interior Land Tour Option**

**July 28 - August 1, 2023**

*(As of 8/9/22)*



## **VANCOUVER PRE-CRUISE**

*Enjoy one or two nights in the gateway to Alaska, here in the port city of Vancouver. This bustling west coast seaport surrounded by mountains, water and a vibrant cityscape offers so much to do and is the perfect launching point for an Alaskan vacation. All visitors will be delighted with our central location, within walking distance to all major highlights, including Stanley Park, Granville Island and English Bay. Vancouver is among the world's most livable cities; diverse, cultural and beautiful. This culinary capital treats you to fresh local seafood, farm-to-table produce and authentic Asian flavors. While downtown shines with steel and glass, its epicenter is green Stanley Park, a 1,000-acre oasis of spectacular beaches, trails and views.*

### **Pre-Day 1: Wednesday, July 19, 2023: VANCOUVER 2-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE TOUR BEGINS**

- Welcome to **Vancouver**, a bustling coastal town in British Columbia, Canada's most ethnically diverse city surrounded by mountains, water and cityscape with lifestyles to match.
- Meet and greet arrivals throughout the day. Early arrivals may enjoy some time on **Granville Island** or in **Stanley Park**, the "Central Park" of Vancouver.
- This evening, we come together for a **welcome program and dinner**.

### **Overnight in Vancouver (D)**

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### **Pre-Day 2: Thursday, July 20, 2023: VANCOUVER/1-NIGHT EARLY ARRIVALS**

- This morning we enjoy a wonderful group breakfast at a local establishment in the heart of downtown Vancouver.
- After breakfast, we navigate through the city on our way to the **Capilano Suspension Bridge**. Voices from Vancouver's past mingle with the sounds of nature, beautiful gardens and colorful totem poles. Capilano Suspension Bridge offers a unique mix of adventure, history and culture and the serenity of a West Coast rainforest.
- Those interested in continuing their journey deeper into North Vancouver, head on a little further up the road to **Grouse Mountain** for some hiking and spectacular views atop one of the highest scenic overlooks in the region.  
**OR** choose to head back into the city, where there's so much to see and do along the main drag of **Robson Street**, right outside the front door of our hotel. Better yet, if you haven't been to **Stanley Park** yet, this would be a great time to take a stroll or rent a bike.
- "Follow the leader" dinner option tonight.



***Those on the 1-night Early Arrival program will land and transfer to our hotel on own throughout the day.***

### **Overnight in Vancouver (B)**

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## **ALASKA CRUISE**

*Alaska has a story to tell; a tale of the land and her people and of the animals. Glaciers, mountains, wildlife, adventure and lore; you will 'become one' with Alaska. She is the greatest show on Earth, and you have to experience it to believe it. Embrace Mother Nature's showcase and feel the majesty and the unpredictability of her elements.*

**Celebrity Millennium** is making waves in the cruise world having recently added brand new staterooms and elevated design concepts & technology across the vessel. Slip into new, extraordinary bedding that will surround you in luxury—literally. Marvel at completely new bathroom modernizations. Wine and dine in reimagined restaurants and lounges, including the main dining room, Oceanview Café, Sunset Bar and Rendezvous Lounge. Surrender your senses in the newly redesigned spa and gaze out the endless amounts of windows and outdoor viewing areas at the ever-changing majestic Alaskan landscape. **For more about Celebrity Millennium - click [here](#).**

### **Cruise Day 1: Friday, July 21, 2023: ALL ABOARD!**

- Breakfast on own and check out of our hotel.
- We set out on a **city tour**, including **Gastown Historic District, Chinatown, Stanley Park** with stops at the **totem poles** and **Prospect Point, Queen Elizabeth Park, the 2010 Olympic Cauldron, English Bay** and **Vancouver Harbor**.
- Our tour concludes with a drop off right at the cruise ship to embark **Celebrity Millennium** for our cruise to Alaska!
- Tonight, we enjoy a sail away extravaganza along with a special **group welcome program dinner** as Millennium points north and begins her voyage.



### **Overnight aboard the Celebrity Millennium (L, D)**

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Each day in port, a variety of excursion options will help craft unique and diverse itineraries for each and every guest. (Excursions options are sent about 8 weeks prior to sailing). At night, we come together at a variety of group events to share the stories of our day.

### **Cruise Day 2: Saturday, July 22, 2023: INSIDE PASSAGE (CRUISING)**

- Breakfast aboard our ship.
- The **Inside Passage** is a complex labyrinth of fjords, bays, lush green islands and home to an abundance of wildlife, including orcas, mountain goats, bald eagles, bears, puffins, sea otters and much more. Enjoy a variety of onboard activities, enrichment programs, group events and entertainment while taking in the awe-inspiring scenery from the climate control comforts or the many outdoor overlooks from our amazing ship.
- This evening, we join together for a short **Kabbalat Shabbat**, followed by a delicious **Shabbat dinner** together in the dining room.

### **Overnight aboard Celebrity Millennium (B, L, D)**

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### **Cruise Day 3: Sunday, July 23, 2023: KETCHIKAN (7:00am – 3:00pm)**

- Breakfast aboard our ship.
- This morning, we dock in **Ketchikan**, known as the “**Salmon Capital of the World**” and the ancestral home of Tlingit people, who have carved the world’s largest collection of totem poles. If you’re up for an adventure, take a canoe and nature trail excursion through the rainforest or a wilderness exploration, followed by a sumptuous salmon feast you will long remember.
- After exploring on an excursion or on own, we return to our ship for an evening of fun activities and **dinner** together.

### **Overnight aboard Celebrity Millennium (B, L, D)**

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### **Cruise Day 4: Monday, July 24, 2023: ICY STRAIT POINT (9:00am – 7:00pm)**

- Breakfast aboard our ship.
- Today, we arrive in **Icy Strait Point**. For thousands of years, the Tlingit Indians have called this place home. Located near the city of Hoonah, it is a real Northern Exposure town, where a historic cannery pays homage to the region’s fishing heritage backdropped by adventures in the wilderness, a real-life experience with the locals and open views of wildlife like humpback whales, eagles and brown bears.
- After exploring on an excursion or on own, we return to our ship for an evening of fun activities and **dinner** together.



### **Overnight aboard Celebrity Millennium (B, L, D)**

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### Cruise Day 5: Tuesday, July 25, 2023: JUNEAU (7:00am – 9:30pm)

- Breakfast aboard our ship.
- We dock in **Juneau** this morning for another day of exploration. Juneau is arguably the pinnacle adventure stop of the cruise. It is a hub of excitement, beauty, exploration and Alaskan heritage. Here, in the capital city, cultured sophistication meets the ruggedness of the Last Frontier.
- Embrace your options today, from a drink at an old **Gold Rush era watering hole** called Red Dog Saloon, to the jaw dropping experience of a **glacial dogsled adventure**, to a **helicopter tour** over the **Mendenhall Glacier**, you will never forget your day here in Juneau.
- After exploring on an excursion or on own, we return to our ship for an evening of fun activities and **dinner** together in the dining room or on own in one of the restaurants.



### Overnight aboard Celebrity Millennium (B, L, D)

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### Cruise Day 6: Wednesday, July 26, 2023: SKAGWAY (7:00am – 4:00pm)

- Breakfast aboard our ship.
- Today, we are in **Skagway**, where the great Klondike Gold Rush lives on in this restored 19<sup>th</sup>-century town. Located on the edge of the wilderness, Skagway saw its fair share of gold rush, get-rich dreamers pass through. There is so much fascinating history to uncover. Head to **Klondike Gold Rush Park Museum** for an in-depth look at Klondike and the two routes out of Skagway; Chilkoot Pass and White Pass. From the vintage locomotives, admire the mountains and see the 1898 trail that fortune seekers traveled on foot. The **White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad** runs through the famously steep **Chilkoot Trail** and offers sweeping mountain views during its climb towards Canada.
- After a day of adventure and exploration, we return to our ship for an evening of fun activities and **dinner** together in the dining room or on own in one of the restaurants.

### Overnight aboard Celebrity Millennium (B, L, D)

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## Cruise Day 7: Thursday, July 27, 2023: HUBBARD GLACIER (CRUISING)

- Breakfast aboard our ship.
- Today, we remain on the ship and cruise to **Hubbard Glacier**. One of Alaska's most exciting natural treasures, this incredible picture-perfect ship excursion will give you the chills (literally and figuratively). You will view glorious amounts of ice from about every angle on the ship. Dramatically massive at about seven miles wide, 76 miles long and as tall as a 30-story building above the water line, it is the longest tidewater glacier in the world. While most of the world's glaciers are retreating, the Hubbard Glacier has continued to thicken over the years, and you will come face to face with the towering natural wonder. The face of the glacier halves almost on a daily basis, sending massive chunks of ice crashing into **Disenchantment Bay** and we will witness this awe-inspiring phenomenon through the misty, chilled air of the **Gulf of Alaska**. Our dedicated onboard naturalist narrates the experience and keeps an eye out for the whales, harbor seals and otters that hunt and play in the water of **Yakutat Bay**. It's an adventure of a lifetime!
- This evening, we come together one last time for a festive **farewell program and dinner**; a fun final evening together.



## Overnight aboard Celebrity Millennium (B, L, D)

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### Cruise Day 8: Friday, July 28, 2023: SEWARD/FAREWELL

- Breakfast aboard our ship.
- This morning, we arrive in **Seward**. This rustic port town will be our transition stop as we disembark our cruise and embark on our Alaska interior land journey. Some may decide to go directly to the airport in Anchorage for their flight home, but those who choose to join the extended land tour will be in for a different, yet equally dazzling kind of treat!

## OR JOIN OUR ALASKA INTERIOR POST-CRUISE

**July 28 – August 1, 2023**

*Extend your visit with our immersion into Alaska's interior highlighted by two nights inside the incredible Denali National Park. Our tour begins with a drive along arguably the most beautiful drive in all of America on the way to the vibrant city of Anchorage. After an opportunity to enjoy the hustle of this vibrant city with a backdrop that'll make your jaw drop, we head off to the pinnacle of our land tour, two nights in Denali National Park. This 6-million-acre park is an outdoor adventurer's dream, and you will never forget your time here. Our grand finale is a luxury domed rail car journey through the wilderness into the "bullseye" of Alaska, the city of Fairbanks where our tour comes to an end, but the memories last forever.*



### Post Day 1: Friday, July 28, 2023: SEWARD - ANCHORAGE

- The rustic port town of **Seward** will be our transition stop as we disembark our cruise and embark on our Alaska interior land journey. Seward is emblematic to the wildly beautiful state of Alaska, situated at a grand natural intersection where bays and fjords stretching south to the Pacific meet the crested wilderness and connected communities extending northwards via the famously scenic Seward Highway. We will join that stretch of road, arguably one of the most scenic drives in the world, as we continue our journey "**North to Alaska**".
- After boarding our motor coach at the **Port of Seward**, we head north towards Anchorage. Along the way, we make a stop at the **Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center** for an up close and personal experience with some of the most famous Alaskan wildlife. This 200-acre animal sanctuary is home to dozens of rescued wild animals who either call this place home or are being rehabilitated for future release into the wild.
- Later in the day, we arrive in **Anchorage** and begin exploring this sophisticated metropolis in the midst of rugged wilderness. Among the sights and sounds, we will have opportunities to visit the **Ship Creek fish ladder**, the **Tony Knowles Coastal Trail**, the **Ulu Factory**, **Lake Hood Seaplane Base**, and if we're lucky, get a view of Denali reaching miles into the sky.
- We check into our hotel and have a chance to freshen up before a short but sweet **Kabbalat Shabbat** and then **dinner** together tonight.

### Overnight in Anchorage (B, D)



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**Post Days 2-3: Saturday, July 29 – Monday, July 31, 2023: ANCHORAGE - TALKEETNA - DENALI NATIONAL PARK**

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we travel north from Anchorage to **Talkeetna** along the Parks Highway and rimmed by three major mountain ranges: the **Alaska Range**, and the **Talkeetna** and **Chugach Mountains**.
- Along the way, we will stop at the **Iditarod Headquarters** and have a chance to meet a past Iditarod champion, learn a little more about this famous annual event and yes, even play with some puppies!
- We also make a pit stop for lunch on our own in the village of **Talkeetna**, a true Northern Exposure town with flare for unusual charm.
- We continue on to our true wilderness retreat for two nights in **Denali National Park**, where adventure, serenity and majesty take on all new meanings. Covering more than 6 million acres, **Denali National Park** is one of North America's best locations to view an amazing array of wildlife in a spectacular setting. Keep your eyes peeled to catch a glimpse of the park's most famous mountain, Denali, which at 20,320 feet is North America's highest peak.
- We have so much in store for you here, highlighted by the **Tundra Wilderness Tour**, a full day safari 60 miles deep into the national park in search of wildlife, tales of the trails and unforgettable views of one of the most pristine ecological places on Earth. Other highlights include **Cabin Nite Dinner Theater** and a variety of optional tours, including **glacial river rafting**, **flightseeing** and exceptional **hiking** opportunities.



**Overnights in Denali National Park (1B, 2D)**

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**Post Day 4: Monday, July 31, 2023: DENALI OPTIONS – TRAIN TO FAIRBANKS**

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning is option time to join your choice of adventure. We'll have several opportunities from which to choose; something for all ability and interest levels. Or choose to do nothing at all and enjoy the serenity of your surroundings on your own terms.
- This afternoon, we board the **Alaska Railroad** for a luxury domed train ride to Fairbanks. Complete with meal and bar service, narration and cozy comfortable seating, our train ride through the wilderness will be an unforgettable luxury experience accompanied by 180° views of the landscape passing by.
- In the early evening, we arrive in **Fairbanks**, a city that combines modern amenities with a quintessentially Alaskan frontier spirit. Commonly known as the "**Gateway to the Arctic**", the second largest city in Alaska has a colorful history dating back to the late 1800's and the discovery of gold in the area. Located at the epicenter of the state, Fairbanks has the widest temperature range of any city on Earth, with temperatures dropping below -65 Fahrenheit in the winters and occasionally rising well into the 80s in the summers.
- Upon our arrival, we transfer to our hotel and then join our tour leader for a late night-but still sun-filled sky walkabout of downtown.

**Overnight in Fairbanks (B)**



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## Post Day 5: Tuesday, August 1, 2023: FAIRBANKS BY DAY - FAREWELL BY NIGHT

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we set out on a **guided tour** of the city's highlights, including **Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge**, a 2,000-acre habitat, where visitors can view several species of birds as they make their biannual migrations.
- We make a stop to view the **Trans-Alaska Pipeline**, a feat of civil engineering that still carries crude oil from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez.
- We also visit the **Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitor's Center**, a place for discovery and celebration, featuring insight into Alaskan culture and life in interior and arctic Alaska.
- Later in the afternoon, we transfer to the airport for our flights back to our hometowns and start thinking about our next Best-Day Adventure!

### The Memories Last Forever!!

*\*Itinerary subject to change*

