# DENALI / ALYESKA EXPLORER CRUISETOUR 12-DAY SOUTHBOUND | NORWEGIAN JEWEL



# TRAVEL INFORMATION

#### Welcome!

Whether you are a first-time or returning visitor to the 49th state, we are delighted you have chosen this unique tour and Alaska as your destination. Along the journey, you will meet many Alaskans who call this land home — from your Tour Director who assists with all aspects of your tour enjoyment to your local driver, whose knowledge will astound you time and time again. You will marvel at Alaska's wilderness and wildlife viewing opportunities while having time and freedom to discover your very own path. On Norwegian Cruise Line's Alaska Cruisetours, you'll experience the coastline and interior of the state as if you were a native. Enjoy the journey. We look forward to providing you authentic Alaskan experiences every step of the way.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

A transfer from the Anchorage airport to your hotel is included on the starting date of the Cruisetour when arriving flight information is given to Norwegian Cruise Line at least 10 days prior to Cruisetour start date. Please contact Norwegian with your flight details:

Guests from U.S./Canada call 800.327.7030 Guests from U.K. call 0845 201 8900 Guests from France call +49 1805 62 55 27 (0.14/min.\*) Guests from other European countries call 00800 0310 21 21 (toll-free\*)

#### EMERGENCY CONTACT ONLY FOR DAY OF TRAVEL:

Premier Alaska Tours Phone: 907.375.6321

\*All rates refer to calls from landline networks. Rates may vary for calls from mobile networks. Guests who do not provide arriving flight information will forfeit this transfer and need to make their own arrangements to the hotel. Unused transfers are non-refundable.

If you purchased your airfare independently and experience any flight cancellations or delays en route to Alaska, please contact the tour operator, Premier Alaska Tours, with your updated flight information. If you purchased your airfare through Norwegian Cruise Line, we will contact Premier Alaska Tours on your behalf.

#### HOTEL TRANSFER

Upon your arrival to Alaska, look for the Norwegian Cruise Line/Premier Alaska Tours Representative located in the baggage claim area for your transfer to the hotel.

#### PASSPORTS AND VISAS

It is each traveler's responsibility to have a passport valid for at least six months after the date of travel and a visa, if required. IMPORTANT: Passengers who are not U.S. citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what personal identification is required. Passengers who enter, leave and then re-enter the same country on their itinerary should check if they require a double-entry visa.

#### **TRIP PREPARATION**

A little pre-planning can make your trip go more smoothly. Several weeks before your trip, make a list of what you will need to take with you. Make sure your personal documents (passports, visas) are in order and that you have enough prescription medications to last throughout the trip. We suggest you make photocopies of passports, visas and any other important travel documents and pack them separately from the originals. Avoid placing important medications or valuables, such as cameras or jewelry, in your checked luggage.

#### TOUR DIRECTORS

Your Alaskan Tour Director will be with you for the entire trip to help make the most of your time and experience the best Alaska has to offer. From providing information about Alaska's history, people and wildlife to offering suggestions on local restaurants and optional excursions, your Tour Director has your best interests at heart.

#### HOTELS

Norwegian Cruise Line features Alaskan-owned and locally operated hotels to help you experience as much of the rugged and rustic atmosphere of Alaska whenever possible. Since Alaska is a fairly remote location, some hotels may not have the same amenities and services you would normally expect in the lower 48 states; however, all hotels used are clean and comfortable. Hotels are assigned at Norwegian's discretion. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate requests for hotel substitutions.

#### MEALS

Meals are not included unless specifically stated in your itinerary. All hotels have restaurants on-site. Other options available are either within walking distance or a short taxi ride from your hotel. Your Tour Director can help recommend restaurants, especially for guests with special dietary needs.

# AVERAGE MEAL COST PER PERSON

\$18 to \$30

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Breakfast <sup>\$</sup>18 to <sup>\$</sup>25 PER PERSON **Dinner** <sup>\$</sup>20 to <sup>\$</sup>50 PER PERSON



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**Note:** \* We're continually evaluating and enhancing our health and safety protocols and will make updates as public health standards evolve.



#### BAGGAGE

At each destination, we will ensure your bags are efficiently delivered to your hotel room. Upon departure, they will be picked up from your room and loaded onto the motorcoach.

#### **BAGGAGE STORAGE DURING TOUR**

As a convenience to our guests, we offer a service to store luggage while you are on the land portion of your Cruisetour. Your Tour Director will provide you with special tags to indicate storage. Those pieces of luggage will remain secured on the motorcoach during your tour.

#### PACKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- Comfortable, casual clothing for dressing in layers
- · Comfortable shoes, such as tennis shoes or hiking boots
- · Waterproof jackets, hats and warm clothing
- · Sunscreen, binoculars, insect repellent and umbrellas
- · Camera and plenty of film or spare memory card

**Note:** There are no laundry facilities on tour. Please bring adequate clothing.

#### CHILD RESTRAINT INFORMATION

Alaska State Law requires children to be in a car or booster seat as follows:

- Children younger than 1 year of age or less than 20 lbs (9 kg) must be in a rear-facing infant seat.
- Children 1-4 years and at least 20 lbs (9 kg) must be in a child restraint.
- Children ages 5-7 years who are less than 57 in (1.4 m) tall or less than 65 lbs (30 kg) must be in a booster seat. Booster seats are no longer required for children ages 5-7 once they reach 57 in (1.4 m) tall or weigh 65+ lbs (30+ kg).
- Parents are responsible for providing the appropriate car seat.

#### **CLIMATE (APPROXIMATE)**

MONTH	LOW	HIGH
May	40°F 4°C	55°F 13°C
Jun	48°F 9°C	62°F 17°C
Jul	52°F 11°C	65°F 18°C
Aug	50°F 10°C	62°F 17°C
Sep	40°F 4°C	55°F 13°C

	AVERAGE H	OURS OF LIGHT
	May	17 HOURS
_	Jun	18 HOURS
_	Jul	18 HOURS
_	Aug	16 HOURS
_	Sep	14 HOURS

#### MARINE AND WILDLIFE

- Wildlife is unpredictable but plentiful. You will have many opportunities for marine and wildlife viewing.
- When viewing wildlife, we strictly adhere to all suggested or required distances and procedures recommended by local wildlife agencies.

#### SUGGESTED TIPPING: ESCORTED LAND TOURS

Tipping is not mandatory. However, here is a suggested guideline:

- Tour Director: \$5-\$7 per person, per day
- Motorcoach Driver: \$5-\$7 per person, per day
- Rail Host Guide: \$1-\$2 per person, per day

#### SMOKING

Smoking is not allowed in your motorcoach, on the Alaska Railroad, Denali Park bus or in your hotel room.

#### **GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Please contact Norwegian Cruise Line to inform us if you have special needs. Motorcoaches and hotels are wheelchair accessible; however, due to limited availability, advance notice is required.



# DENALI / ALYESKA EXPLORER

The best way for nature lovers in search of rustic elegance to experience Denali and the heart of Alaska's wilderness.

#### LAND TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Fully escorted by local Alaskan Tour Director
- Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour narrated by an Alaska naturalist
  Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, Girdwood, Alaska
- Deluxe Dome Railcar Journey on the Rails of the Alaska Railroad.
- Plenty of time for optional exploring.
- Iditarod Kennel Visit
- Anchorage City Tour

#### SOUTHBOUND CRUISETOUR ITINERARY<sup>†</sup>

#### DAY 1: Thursday - Anchorage Air Arrival Day\*

Welcome to Anchorage. Whether you're exploring Alaska's largest city or the wonderful amenities your hotel has to offer, get ready for an unforgettable journey in the days ahead, fully escorted by a local Alaskan guide.

Please note the standard hotel check-in time is 3:00 pm. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

#### **Overnight: Anchorage**

#### DAY 2: Friday - Anchorage/Denali

Your Norwegian Cruise Line Tour Director will greet you at your hotel this morning for a group orientation meeting. After the meeting, board a deluxe motorcoach for the drive to Talkeetna. Next, enjoy traveling along the rails of the Alaska Railroad from Talkeetna to Denali, with 360-degree views from your deluxe dome railcar seat. As the gorgeous scenery of Alaska rolls past, be watchful for wildlife and glimpses of Mt. Denali or, as local Alaskans call it, "The Great One." Full bar and meal service are available for purchase during your rail journey.

Open evening for optional activities such as whitewater rafting, helicopter flightseeing, hiking or one of the park service programs.

8:00 am	Depart for Talkeetna via motorcoach
11:00 am	Deluxe Dome Rail, Talkeetna to Denali
4:00 pm	Arrive in Denali

#### **Overnight: Denali**

#### DAY 3: Saturday - Denali

More than just a mountain, Denali National Park is six million acres of wild land. Hop on the National Park Service bus and travel into this pristine region of Alaska on the only road into and out of the park. Along the way, enjoy a fully narrated ride learning about the flora and fauna of the area while looking out for the wild animals that roam freely and call this park home. While in this beautiful area, set aside time to experience the solitude and tranquility that vast wilderness can provide. During your Tundra Wilderness tour, you will travel into Denali National Park, enjoying the incredible scenery and some of the best opportunities to see wildlife in its natural setting. A light snack is included on the tour. Upon arrival in Alaska, your Tour Director will advise you of your tour time. The remaining part of the day is open for optional activities.

7:00 am (Approx.) Tundra Wilderness Tour

#### Overnight: Denali

#### DAY 4: Sunday - Denali/Girdwood

Travel from Denali via deluxe motorcoach to Girdwood. On your way, learn about the Alaska state sport of dog mushing with a stop at a local lditarod sled dog kennel. You'll be amazed to learn about this fascinating sport, the musher and the dogs — and you'll even get to hold a future champion puppy in your arms. After this authentic visit, we won't be surprised if you are ready to run "The Last Great Race" yourself.

Enjoy a brief narrated drive through Anchorage and then continue south down the Turnagain Arm along the Seward Highway. This "All-American Scenic Highway" has spectacular views of the Cook Inlet and Chugach Mountains. In dramatic fashion, see where the mountains meet the sea.

7:30 am	Depart Denali
12:00 pm	Iditarod Sled Dog Kennel Visit
2:00 pm	Depart for Anchorage
3:30 pm	Narrated drive through Anchorage
5:00 pm	Arrive at Hotel Alyeska Resort

#### **Overnight: Girdwood**

#### DAY 5: Monday - Girdwood/Seward

This morning, spend free time in the resort to hike on the trails, enjoy the swimming pool or take a helicopter ride and land on a glacier. This afternoon, transfer via motorcoach to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, where you'll get up close to moose, bears, musk ox and other indigenous animals of the region. Taking in orphaned animals and providing quality animal care year-round, the Conservation Center is dedicated to the protection and preservation of Alaska's wildlife. Animals that cannot be released back into the wild are given a permanent home at the Center. Continue on to Seward to board Norwegian Jewel for your 7-Day Cruise.

12:00 pm	Depart Hotel Alyeska Resort
12:30 pm	Arrive at Alaska Wildfire Conservation Center
1:30 pm	Depart Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center
3:00 pm	Arrive in Seward and Embark Norwegian Jewel

DAYS 6-12: Tuesday - Monday Norwegian Jewel Cruise

\* Note: All times shown are approximate and subject to change without notice due to local conditions.



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# **OPTIONAL TOURS**

Enhance your Cruisetour experience with additional tours that can be purchased along the way through your Norwegian Tour Director.

Note: Below is a sample of options which are subject to change at the discretion of each operator. Prices, times and complete program details will be provided by your Tour Director.

### **DENALI NATIONAL PARK**

#### **Denali National Park Visitor Center - Complimentary**

Learn more about the park by visiting the Denali Visitor Center located two miles from the park. Talk with park rangers and experience the exhibits at this award-winning facility. View the "Heartbeats of Denali" at the theater and experience the four seasons of this special place we call Denali. The bookstore and the concession-operated Morino Grill are located on the Visitor Center campus.

#### Helicopter - Mt. Denali by Air

For "once-in-a-lifetime" adventurers, enjoy a 50-minute helicopter thrill as you soar high above the land and view wildlife and Alpine glaciers while viewing the Alaska Range and Mt. Denali.

#### Whitewater Rafting or Scenic Float Adventure

Each trip is approximately three hours with a total of two hours on the water. The Canyon Run is an exciting whitewater (Class III/IV) adventure. This is one ride where you will get wet! The Scenic Float is great for families. Enjoy scenic beauty along with Class II/III rapids.

### GIRDWOOD

#### **Helicopter Dog Sled Tour**

Mush! Ride on a dog sled! A helicopter is used to transport you to an alpine camp where an experienced guide will accompany you as you mush along a snow-covered glacier. Drive the sled yourself or ride as you enjoy the dramatic scenery. Back at camp, you can bundle yourself up in actual Iditarod racing gear including an original bib number for a once-in-a-lifetime photo opportunity. You will learn about Alaskan Huskies and their guide, a 9-time Iditarod Trail veteran.





### A FRONTIER FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

Whether taking the kids dog sledding or enjoying a scenic hike, our Cruisetours offer a range of activities as wide open as the wilderness around you.

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Since Alaska is a fairly remote location, some hotels may not have the same amenities and services you would normally expect in the lower 48 states.

If you are traveling with family and friends in more than one stateroom, please advise your booking agent to link your reservations to ensure your entire party will be accommodated at the same hotels throughout the land tour.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** For bookings with 1-4 guests in a stateroom on the ship, one room (with two double beds) is included and will be assigned on the Cruisetour (Alaska land portion). For bookings where there are more than 4 guests in a stateroom on the ship, an additional room is included on the Cruisetour (two double beds / up to 4 guests per room). If additional rooms are desired for the Cruisetour portion for comfort, please contact Norwegian Cruise Line in advance of travel to request and price accordingly. Requests must be received at least 60 days before departure and confirmations will be based on availability at the time of request

## DENALI ALYESKA EXPLORER

### GIRDWOOD PROPERTY\*



HOTEL ALYESKA RESORT 1000 ARLBERG AVE GIRDWOOD, AK 99587 907.754.2108

### DENALI NATIONAL PARK PROPERTIES



GRANDE DENALI LODGE MP 240 GEORGE PARKS HWY DENALI NATIONAL PARK DENALI, AK 99755 907.683.5100



DENALI PARK VILLAGE 231 GEORGE PARKS HWY DENALI NATIONAL PARK DENALI, AK 99755 907.683.8900

### ANCHORAGE PROPERTIES



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\*Hotels are assigned at Norwegian's discretion. We are unable to accept requests for specific hotels. Hotels are guaranteed at 30 days prior to the start of the tour. Norwegian Cruise Line reserves the right to substitute hotels of equal or greater quality. Extra nights must be booked independently.

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