# DENALI/ ANCHORAGE EXPRESS CRUISETOUR. 11-DAY SOUTHBOUND

**NORWEGIAN BLISS** 



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# 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

transfers are non-refundable.

Guests from France call +49 1805 62 55 27 ( 0.14/min.\*)

Guests from other European countries call 00800 0310 21 21 (toll-free\*)

\*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

If you purchased your airfare independently and experience any flight cancellations or delays enroute 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 doubleentry visa.

#### TRIP PREPARATION

A little pre-planning can make your trip go a lot smoother. 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 interest 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 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 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:

- Breakfast: \$15 to \$20 per person
- Lunch: \$15 to \$20 per person
- Dinner: \$20 to \$40 per person



EMERGENCY CONTACT ONLY FOR DAY OF TRAVEL:

**Premier Alaska Tours** Phone: 907.375.6321



#### 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 motor coach.

#### **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 motor coach 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 to 4 years and at least 20 lbs (9 kg) must be in a child restraint.
- Children 5 through 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 Alaska Temperature					
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 Hours of Light			
May	17		
Jun	18		
Jul	18		
Aug	16		
Sep	14		

#### 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: \$4-\$5 per person, per day
- Motor Coach Driver: \$4-\$5 per person, per day

#### SMOKING

Smoking is not allowed in your motor coach, 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. Motor coaches and hotels are wheelchair accessible; however, due to limited availability, advance notice is required.



# ITINERARY

#### LAND TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Fully escorted by local Alaskan Tour Director
- Alaska Railroad Adventure Class
- Denali Natural History tour, Denali National Park, Alaska
- Brief Anchorage city tour
- Plenty of time for optional exploring



#### Itinerary

Wednesday	Arrive Anchorage. Transfer to hotel. Rest of the day free.	Overnight Anchorage
Thursday	Alaska Railroad journey Anchorage to Talkeetna. Motorcoach Talkeetna to Denali. Leisure time in Denali.	Overnight Denali
Friday	4-Hour Denali Natural History tour. Motorcoach to Anchorage.	Overnight Anchorage
Saturday	Transfer to Anchorage International Airport for flight to Seattle. Embark Norwegian Bliss	Norwegian Bliss
Saturday	Return home	



# Day 1, Wednesday Air Arrival Day Into Anchorage\*

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.

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

**Overnight:** Anchorage

### Day 2, Thursday-Anchorage/Denali

Your Norwegian Cruise Line Tour Director will greet you at your Anchorage hotel this morning for a group orientation meeting. Today you'll ride on the world-famous Alaska Railroad from Anchorage to Talkeetna. Along the journey you will have time to relax and watch for wildlife out the large windows or purchase breakfast in the dining car.

Upon arrival into Talkeetna, You will have time for lunch on your own in Talkeetna prior to boarding your motorcoach for Denali National Park.

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

8:00 am: Depart Anchorage Train Depot
11:00 am: Arrive in Talkeetna
11:30 am – 1:00 pm: Talkeetna On-Own Time
1:00 pm: Depart for Denali National Park
4:00 pm: Arrive in Denali

**Overnight:** Denali

### Day 3, Friday-Denali/Anchorage

More than just the 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 Denali Natural History tour, you will travel 30 miles into Denali National Park, enjoying the incredible scenery and learning about the history of the park. Tour duration is approximately 4 hours with starting times throughout the day. Upon arrival in Alaska, your Tour Director will advise you of your tour time. This afternoon depart Denali National Park by motorcoach to Anchorage. Overnight Anchorage.

#### **Overnight:** Anchorage

AM: Denali Natural History Tour. Lunch on Own
2:30 pm: Depart for Anchorage
7:30 pm: Arrival at Anchorage Hotel



\* The transfer from Airport to Hotel is included when arriving flight information is provided to Norwegian Cruise Line at least 10 days prior to tour start date. Transfer is offered only on the starting date of the tour. Guests who do not provide flight information within the guidelines forfeit this service. Unused transfers are non-refundable.

## Day 4, Saturday-Anchorage/Seattle

This morning transfer to the Anchorage International Airport for your flight to Seattle, Washington. Upon arrival into Seattle you will be transferred to the Port of Seattle for embarkation on the Norwegian Bliss where you will board for your 7-day Glacier cruise.

**TBA:** Depart Hotel for Airport **TBA:** Arrive Seattle and Embark Norwegian Bliss

Day 5-11, Saturday-Saturday Norwegian Bliss Alaska Highlights From Seattle Cruise

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



# HOTELS

The primary properties used in Norwegian Cruise Line's Alaska Cruisetours are listed below. Please refer to the hotel vouchers included in your electronic documents for your specific Cruisetour hotels. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate requests for hotel substitutions.

# **ANCHORAGE PROPERTY**





**HILTON ANCHORAGE HOTEL** 500 W 3RD AVE, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

#### **CROWNE PLAZA** 109 W. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ROAD ANCHORAGE, AK 99518

**DIMOND CENTER HOTEL** 700 EAST DIMOND BOULEVARD ANCHORAGE, AK 99515

# **DENALI NATIONAL PARK PROPERTIES**



DENALI GRIZZLY BEAR RESORT DENALI PARK VILLAGE DENALI NATIONAL PARK DENALI, AK 99755 907.683.2696



231 GEORGE PARKS HIGHWAY DENALI NATIONAL PARK, DENALI, AK 99755 800-276-7234

# OPTIONAL TOURS

All optional tours are available for purchase only in Alaska from your Tour Director. All rates are subject to change.

# **DENALI NATIONAL PARK**

#### DENALI NATIONAL PARK VISITOR CENTER

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 concessionoperated Morino Grill are located in the Visitor Center campus. *Approximate Cost: Complimentary* 

#### HELICOPTER - MT. DENALI BY AIR!

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. This tour is highly recommended for our "once in a lifetime" adventurers. *Approximate Cost: \$375 per person* 

#### WHITEWATER RAFTING OR SCENIC FLOAT ADVENTURE

Each trip is approximately 3 hours with a total of 2 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.

Approximate Cost: \$95 per person

#### IDITAROD CHAMPION HUSKY HOMESTEAD TOUR

Step back from the crowds and join an intimate group for a personal tour of the homestead kennel of four-time Iditarod champion Jeff King. Meet champion sled dogs, visit with puppies and see summer training in action. One-and-a-half-hour narrated kennel tour. *Approximate Cost: \$59 per person* 

#### **TUNDRA WILDERNESS TOUR UPGRADE**

Upgrade from your 4-hour Denali History tour to the 7-hour Tundra Wilderness tour. Go deeper into Denali National Park and search for moose, bear, wolves, caribou and Dall sheep amongst a spectacular backdrop of valleys and mountains. This tour is led by experienced driver guides who provide narrative on the many critters that call Denali home. With tales of Mt. Denali and breathtaking photographic opportunities, this is one tour not to miss. A light snack is included on the tour.

Approximate Cost: \$70 per person



