

# INSIGHT VACATIONS

*The Art of Touring in Style*

*The Town & County Club, KingTravelways,  
& Insight Vacations present:*

## JEWELS OF ALASKA WITH 7 NIGHT CRUISE

June 18<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

**Day 1 - ARRIVE ANCHORAGE** - Welcome to Anchorage! Upon arrival at Anchorage International Airport, your airport transfer service takes you to your hotel. Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Drink at 6 p.m. Hotel: Sheraton Anchorage Hotel & Spa.

**Day 2 - ANCHORAGE SIGHTSEEING** - Get acquainted with downtown Anchorage, the "City of Lights and Flowers" and the largest state's largest city, on this morning's orientation tour. Visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center and learn about the rich heritage and traditions of Alaska's first people during this private presentation. Then, drive around Lake Hood to visit the largest float plane base in the world. Meet an Alaska Bush Pilot, who shares fascinating stories about the joys and hazards of flying in rural Alaska. Spend the rest of the afternoon on your own, browsing Anchorage's shops and native art galleries. Join your group for a Highlight Dinner at a popular downtown restaurant. (B,HD)

**Day 3 - ANCHORAGE - DENALI NATIONAL PARK** - Ride the world-famous Alaska Railroad from Anchorage to Denali and view the spectacular scenery from your window seat and through the transparent roof-top vista domes of its shared cars. Travel to the heart of Alaska's rugged interior to the six million acre Denali National Park and Preserve, home to majestic Mt. McKinley, North America's highest mountain. The park is a sub-arctic ecosystem and an internationally designated biosphere preserve with moose, caribou, Dall sheep, grizzly bears and wolves. Tonight, get a taste of frontier Alaska at a rollicking Highlight Dinner theatre featuring old-time sourdough song-and-dance and hearty Alaska fare. Hotel: Grande Denali Lodge (B,HD)

**Day 4 - DENALI NATIONAL PARK** - Begin your day with an easy one-hour guided hike to learn about the tundra and wildlife in the park. The remainder of the day is open for optional activities including an exciting rafting trip down the Nenana River, helicopter flightseeing for a close-up look at Mt. McKinley or a stop at the Denali Visitor Center. Later join the various park tours on your own. (B)

**Day 5 - DENALI - GIRWOOD - MOUNT ALYESKA** - Board a deluxe motorcoach for your journey south on the George Parks Highway. Stop in Big Lake along the way for an exclusive visit and lunch at the home of champion dog musher and four-time Iditarod winner Martin Buser. Martin welcomes you to his home to meet his dogs and share the challenges of competing in the 1,049 mile dogsled race. Continue on the Seward Highway along Turnagain Arm with its dramatic views. Arrive in the town of Girdwood, home of Alyeska Resort and ski area. Ride the aerial gondola for panoramic views of the mountains and sea at your leisure. Hotel: The Hotel Alyeska (B,L)

**Day 6 - PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND CRUISE** - Spend the day on the 26 Glacier Cruise through Prince William Sound and into the College Fjord. Not only will you get up close enough to hear the thundering calving of glaciers, but you'll have the chance to spot sea otters, porpoises, sea lions, bald eagles, kittiwakes and whales among the prolific wildlife. (B,L)

**Day 7 - GIRWOOD - ANCHORAGE** - Travel to Seward for an exclusive presentation at the Alaska SeaLife Center. Learn about the center's research, observe its aquarium and wildlife rescue center. Have lunch and explore downtown on your own. Bid farewell to your Tour Director and travelling companions. You'll be taken to the Port of Seward to board the ms Statendam or ms Zaandam. This evening, set sail on the 7-Day south-bound Glacier Discovery cruise from Seward to Vancouver, Canada. (B,D)

**Day 8 - SCENIC CRUISING - COLLEGE FJORD** - Sipping hot chocolate from your deck-side lounge chair or the luxurious prime viewing lounges aboard your ship, cruise to Prince William Sound and College Fjord to watch for wildlife and take in the grandeur of the largest collection of tidewater glaciers in the world. (B,L,D)

**Day 9 - SCENIC CRUISING** - Behold spectacular Glacier Bay National Park, its Sitka-spruce forests alive with grizzlies and wolves. You'll be struck by the thunderous boom of building-size icebergs calving into the sea from vast rivers of ice. (B,L,D)

**Day 10 - HAINES** - Explore the picturesque town of Haines, located on America's longest fjord and boasting the largest annual gathering of American bald eagles. Or opt for taking a high-speed catamaran to visit Skagway, gateway to the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park. (B,L,D)

**Day 11 - JUNEAU** - You'll love browsing Juneau with its rustic shops selling native Alaskan crafts and jewelry and sampling the brew at its Gold Rush-era saloons. For more adventure, you can opt to board the Mount Roberts Tramway to walk on the Mendenhall Glacier and the immense Juneau Ice Fields. (B,L,D)

**Day 12 - KETCHIKAN** - You don't have to tell the bald eagles perched on the waterside pilings that you've arrived in Ketchikan -- the salmon capital of the world. Learn the stories behind the outstanding collection of native Alaskan totem poles. Consider taking an optional guided tour through town, a harbour cruise or a float plane flightseeing trip. (B,L,D)

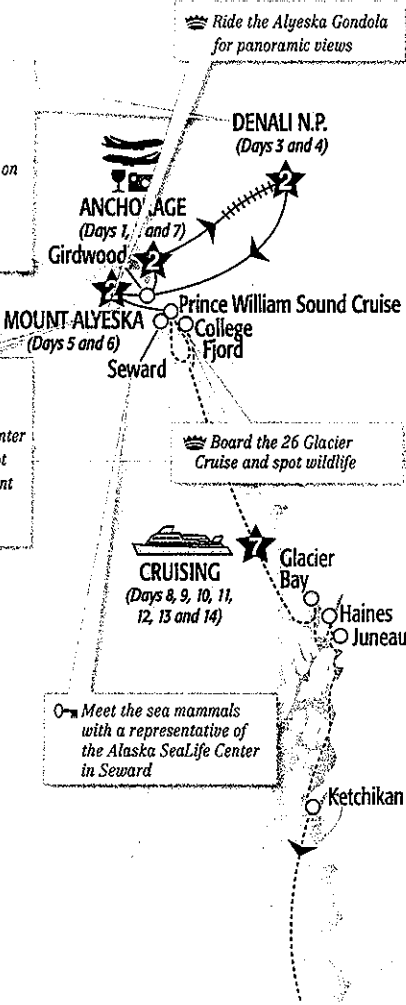
**Day 13 - SCENIC CRUISING - INSIDE PASSAGE** - Come face-to-face with the grandeur of the Ice Age as you glide past a maze of bays, glacier carved fjords and waterways protected from the open sea by islands and other land masses. Observe the ever changing panorama of unspoiled virgin forests and vast wilderness that stretches all the way from Alaska to British Columbia. (B,L,D)

**Day 14 - DEPART VANCOUVER** - Sail into Vancouver Harbour early this morning. After disembarking, take your departure transfer to Vancouver International Airport or the tour hotel in Vancouver for passengers extending their stay. (B) Please do not schedule any flights before 1 p.m.

smaller groups. more legroom. selected hotels. desirable locations. leisurely paced itineraries. more included sightseeing. delicious dining. more personalized service

- Key**
- PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
  - PERSONAL INSIGHTS
  - HIGHLIGHT DINNERS
  - WELCOME DRINK
  - LOCALLY GUIDED SIGHTSEEING
  - CENTRAL HOTELS + NIGHTS
  - SCENIC HOTELS + NIGHTS
  - CRUISE + NIGHTS
- See hotel details on pages 47-49

- Ride the world famous Alaska Railroad from Anchorage to Denali
- Learn about the wildlife of Denali National Park on a guided one hour hike
- Enjoy song, dance and hearty Alaskan fare on your Highlight Dinner



- Explore the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage
- Visit the world's largest float base at Lake Hood
- Meet Alaska's first people at the Alaska Native Heritage Center
- Listen to tales of flying in Alaska with an Alaskan Bush Pilot
- Join your group for a highlight dinner in a popular restaurant
- Learn about the Tlingit culture at the Heritage Centre

**INCLUSIONS ARE**  
valued at approximately  
**\$549**

- Included Premium Highlights**
  - Explore the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage
  - Visit the world's largest float base at Lake Hood
  - Ride the world famous Alaska Railroad from Anchorage to Denali and view the spectacular scenery from its panoramic dome cars
  - Ride a gondola to the top of Mt. Alyeska ski area for panoramic views of the mountains and Cook Inlet
  - Board the 26 Glacier Cruise and spot wildlife and count glaciers in Prince William Sound
- Included Personal Insights**
  - Meet Alaska's first people and learn about their culture at a private presentation at the Alaska Native Heritage Center
  - Listen to tales of flying in rural Alaska with an Alaskan Bush Pilot
  - Learn about the wildlife of Denali National Park on a guided one hour hike with your Tour Director
  - Visit the home of Iditarod Dog Musher Martin Buser in Big Lake and listen to the challenges of competing in this epic dogsled race
  - Meet the sea mammals and learn about the research and wildlife rescue efforts with a representative of the Alaska SeaLife Center in Seward
- Included Other Excursions & Sights**
  - Discover Anchorage on a guided orientation tour of the downtown area
  - Explore the aquarium and exhibits at the Alaska SeaLife Center in Seward
  - Experience the breathtaking beauty of Alaska on an optional 7-Day Southbound Glacier Discovery Cruise
- Included First Class Services**
  - Escorted by a professional Tour Director
  - Luxury air-conditioned 40-passenger coach with extended legroom and onboard restroom
  - Insight hotels include all service charges, taxes and portage
  - Insight Traveller document wallet, map book journal and information pack
  - Airport arrival and departure transfers on Day 1 and Day 17 for the land tour; and Day 14 for those taking the cruise portion.
  - All facilities aboard the Holland America Line ms Statendam or ms Zaandam
- Included Quality Dining**
  - 2 Highlight Dinners Anchorage and Denali National Park
  - 6 Full Breakfasts (B), 2 Lunches (L)
  - \*7 Full Breakfasts (B), 6 Lunches (L) and 7 Dinners (D) on the ms Statendam or ms Zaandam\* (\*Exclusive to 14-day Land Tour and Cruise)

**Rates + Contact:**

**LAND ONLY:**

Twin: \$3650.00 pp (Inside Stateroom Cabin)  
 Twin: \$3999.00 pp (Ocean-View Stateroom Cabin)  
 Travel Protection Insurance: \$209.00

\*Cruise Fees, Taxes, and Tips are not included in the Twin Rate. This will be an additional charge.

This is special pricing offered by Insight Vacations to the Town & County Club"

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*join us...*

for an informational meeting about this program:

Tuesday, May 10th  
 Town and County Club  
 4:30pm

Representatives from Insight Vacations and KingTravelways will join Jane Kuhn and members of the Trips & Tours Committee to present this trip and answer your questions.

Please RSVP: Joy – Tel: 860 522 1109