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ALASKA CIRCLE

(8 Days)
July 10-17, 2016

Includes: 7 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches & 2 Dinners



TRIP INSURANCE INCLUDED IF YOU SIGN UP BY 5/11/16

Day 1 Anchorage, AK

Our journey to the great state of Alaska begins with our flight to Anchorage. Upon arrival, a Riley motor coach will be awaiting our arrival.

Day 2 Denali National Park, AK

We head north on the Parks Highway to the historic village of **Talkeetna**, nestled at the base of North America's tallest peak Denali. Then we will board the Denali Star and travel the **Alaska Railroad** from Talkeetna to Denali National Park. We'll follow the banks of the Susitna River, hoping to get a view the famous mountain, Denali across the river (weather permitting). Next, we'll travel the Indian River Canyon. The track climbs toward tree line, first crossing Hurricane Gulch, the longest bridge on the railroad just over 914 feet and 296 feet above Hurricane Creek. The train will move into Broad Pass, at 2,363 feet, the highest point on the railroad. **Lunch is included** on the train. Upon arrival to Denali National Park, our motor coach will be waiting to bring us to our hotel for the evening. (B, L)

Day 3 Fairbanks, AK

Today will be spent aboard a special bus for the **Tundra Wildlife Tour of Denali National Park**. We will travel 53 miles into the park to the Toklat River rest area and see incredible scenery, learn history of the park road and have some of the best opportunities to view the park's wildlife inhabitants on this 6-8 hour tour. Keep an eye out for Dall sheep, moose, caribou, wolves and grizzly bears. After the tour, we will continue our trek north to Fairbanks on the Parks Highway, where we will spend the next two nights. Tonight, we'll enjoy a **pizza party!** (B, D)

Day 4 Fairbanks, AK

Our Alaskan adventure continues this morning! After a short tour of Fairbanks, we'll stop at the **Trans-Alaska oil pipeline**. It was built as a means of transporting crude oil from the oil fields at Prudhoe Bay on Alaska's North Slope to Valdez. Then we will head out to **Gold Dredge #8** and strike it rich! Ride a replica of the narrow-gauge Tanana Valley Railroad while the conductor tell tales of prospectors who arrived by the thousands during the gold rush. We will see first-hand how the dredge worked the gold fields, then receive a brief but informative course on gold panning before panning for ourselves. This afternoon we will have an **included lunch** before we board the **Riverboat Discovery** to cruise along the Chena and Tanana Rivers. We'll experience a real Alaskan Bush Pilot in action as he takes off from the river; see the home and kennels of Iditarod Champion, the late Susan Butcher and see her champion sled dogs in action; learn about the area's Native cultures and lifestyles and experience frontier living first hand with a tour of an Athabascan Indian Village. Tonight, dinner is included at the **All-you-can-eat Alaska Salmon Bake**. Your salmon is fire cooked on an open wood grill while the Prime Rib is slow roasted, and the Bering Sea Cod direct from icy Alaskan waters and beer battered to perfection. Dinner includes a salad bar, soft drink and dessert! Afterwards, we'll walk over to Pioneer Park and see the **"Golden Heart Revue"** a lighthearted, comic look at the colorful characters from early and present day Fairbanks. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Valdez, AK

Departing Fairbanks along the Richardson Highway, the first road

known to gold seekers in 1898. Enjoy magnificent views of the Chugach Mountains and Alaska Range. Our first stop is in North Pole, Alaska. Here we'll stop at the **Santa Claus House**, home of the Original Letter from Santa. Mail your cards and letters here for an authentic North Pole postmark. Browse the gift shop and visit with Santa and his reindeer. A stop will be made at the Delta Junction Visitor Center, where you may have your picture taken with the monument in front that marks the Alaska Highway or another favorite, the giant mosquito sculptures. We will continue our travels south through Thompson Pass with its narrow chasms and jagged slopes. The highway winds through the Keystone Canyon passing Bridal Veil Falls as it plummets to the roadside. We will make stops along the way for photos. Upon arrival into Valdez, we will check into our hotel located right on the harbor. (B)

Day 6 Valdez, AK

This morning we board a boat for a **cruise of Prince William Sound** passing Bligh Reef, where the Exxon Valdez spilled. We will cruise the majestic waters of Prince William Sound from Valdez to Meares Glacier. Our captain will travel the shoreline of the Valdez arm looking for the critters that call the Sound home. Watch for harbor seals, sea otters, sea lions, whales, porpoise, eagles, puffins and other wildlife. On board our captain will share with you stories about the history of the Sound from early explorers, gold and copper mining, oil shipping, commercial fishing and the 1964 Earthquake. We'll see and float within thousands of icebergs, many larger than the boat we are in. An **included lunch** is served on the boat, along with an **afternoon snack**. *It is recommended to bring a coat, gloves and hat*





if you plan to go outside of the boat. We will arrive back at the Valdez Harbor and the rest of the evening is on your own. *Today you will have the option to spend the day fishing instead if you would like. Please call our office for more information.* (B, L)

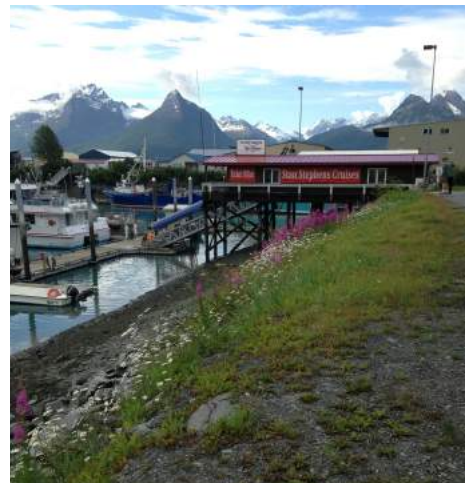
Day 7 Anchorage, AK

This morning we travel on the Richardson Highway again. We'll make stops at Horse Tail Falls in the Keystone Canyon and **Worthington Glacier** on our way back through Thompson Pass. Along the way, we see beautiful mountains, lakes and rivers. Our stop for lunch (on your own) includes a view of Sheep Mountain, at an elevation of 6,300 feet. Sheep are often seen high up on these slopes. We'll get a view of the Matanuska Glacier, the largest glacier accessible by a personal vehicle. This Glacier once reached all the way to Palmer, where we will make a stop at the visitor center and see the Matanuska Valley Agricultural Showcase Garden. This is our chance to view the giant cabbage Alaska is famous for! Next, we go to a **Musk Ox Farm**, known to Alaskan Natives as Oomingmak, which means "the bearded one," this once-endangered animal produces an annual harvest of quiviut, the finest wool in the world. We will continue to Anchorage. Upon arrival, we'll see the down town area, where there will be free time shop and explore (B)



Day 8 Home

Today we say goodbye to our new friends and to this spectacular place. We will never forget the time we enjoyed in "the last frontier."



ALASKA CIRCLE (8 DAY) TOUR RESERVATION REQUEST

*Tour sign up for this tour fill out this form and mail with a deposit of \$200 per person to:
10201 Wayzata Blvd. Suite 335 Minnetonka, MN 55305.*

LEGAL NAME (as listed on your Drivers License) _____
 LEGAL NAME (as listed on your Drivers License) _____
 BIRTHDATE _____ NAME ON NAME TAG _____
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 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 TELEPHONE # _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____
 TRAVEL INSURANCE? YES NO (INCLUDED (IF 60 DAYS PRIOR))
 ROOMMATE (if any) _____ Room Type: _____ 1 Bed _____ 2 Beds
 PARKING AT CENTER? YES NO If so, make/model/color of vehicle _____
 SPECIAL REQUESTS (handicap room, walking restrictions, Dietary needs, etc.): _____

PRICE PER PERSON

Reservation Deposit:	\$200
Double (2 people/room):	\$3100
Triple (3 people/room):	\$3080
Quad (4 people/room):	\$3060
Single (1 person/room):	\$3900
Final Payment Due:	5/26/16
Cancel by for full refund:	5/11/16