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ALASKA, DENALI & THE YUKON



CRUISE/TOUR | ANCHORAGE TO VANCOUVER

AUG 8-20 | 13 DAYS | HOLLAND AMERICA LINE | MOST MEALS

JOURNEY LEADERS: BRIAN & KAREN GALLIGAN

A humpback whale's tail emerging from the majestic Alaskan waters. Courtesy of Holland America Line

Alaska and the Yukon stand as some of the last frontiers of North America. Rugged peaks, raging rivers, and sweeping vistas paint a landscape that is both wild and breathtaking. For millennia, indigenous peoples like the First Nations and Inuit have thrived amid this untamed beauty. Later, prospectors left their mark during the 19th century gold rushes, flooding in to seek their fortunes. While a modern rush for oil has emerged, these areas remain largely untouched.

Join us as we explore these captivating landscapes, traversing the northlands of both Canada and the United States. We will visit iconic destinations like Anchorage, Denali National Park, Fairbanks, and the Gold Rush city of Dawson. Then, enjoy several nights of pampered luxury as we cruise Glacier Bay and the Inside Passage aboard the ms Koningsdam on our way to Vancouver.



Book With Confidence

For peace of mind, your deposit for this journey is fully refundable until: **May 5, 2025**



Witness the magnificent fjords. Courtesy of Holland America Line

Inclusive Features

- 8 nights in first-class hotels as indicated or similar
- Full day wilderness excursion and two night stay in Denali National Park
- Luxury rail car on the McKinley Explorer
- Land travel by deluxe motorcoach
- Travel the 'Trail of '98' on the White Pass and Yukon Railroad
- 4 night cruise on the *ms Zandaam*, based on sharing a twin bedded stateroom in category selected
- All meals and entertainment on board the ship
- All gratuities for included services
- Baggage handling at hotels and shipside
- All cruise line taxes and fees
- Services of your journey escorts and/or local representatives and cruise director

Air - inclusive rates also include:

- Estimated return economy group airfare from Canada
- Transfers between the airport and ship
- All current air taxes, fuel surcharges and fees
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value

Highlights

McKinley Explorer: Witness Alaska's pristine wilderness from Anchorage to Denali National Park, onboard the McKinley Explorer, enjoying fabulous views from our reserved seats in the full-domed double-decker railcar. The lower level is a private dining area where we have two included meals.

Klondike Gold Tour: Visit the historic site that triggered the Klondike Gold Rush.

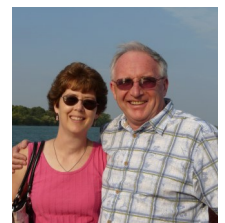
Riverboat Discovery in Fairbanks: Cruise the Alaskan interior aboard an authentic sternwheeler. Visit the home and kennels of a four-time Iditarod champion and witness a sled-dog demonstration, followed by a guided tour of a replica Athabaskan Village.

White Pass and Yukon Railway: Descend the infamous Trail of '98 from the heights of the White Pass to Skagway.

Inside Passage Cruise: Relax onboard the gracious ms Zaandam as we cruise to Glacier Bay, Ketchikan and south along the Inside Passage to Vancouver.

Journey Leaders

Brian Galligan is a seasoned Journey Leader and retired Anglican priest who had a successful international career in biomedical sciences before his ordination. He developed a passion for travel in his early years while living in the UK and has since visited numerous countries throughout Europe, the Middle East, Africa, the Caribbean, Australia, and New Zealand. His wife, **Karen**, a retired teacher, shares his extensive travel experience. Together, they have led tours for Craig Travel for over a decade, always eager to embark on new adventures with both new and familiar faces.



AUG 8, Friday CANADA / ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

We fly North to Anchorage, Alaska's largest city where we are met and transferred to our hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. **Anchorage Area Hotel** (1 night)

AUG 9, Saturday TRAIN TO DENALI NATIONAL PARK

Luxuriate in our private, full-dome railcar as the McKinley Explorer takes us into Denali National Park, one of America's greatest wilderness preserves. While in the park, perhaps enjoy a walk by the river, watch for different species of local birds, or raft down the Nenana River.

Denali Area Hotel (2 nights) BLD

AUG 10, Sunday DENALI NATIONAL PARK

Today's excursion takes us deep into the park in search of big game: moose, caribou, Dall sheep and perhaps a glimpse of a grizzly bear. Watch for views of Denali, North America's highest peak towering at 20,392 feet. BLD

AUG 11, Monday DENALI NATIONAL PARK / FAIRBANKS

We depart via deluxe motorcoach to Fairbanks, Alaska's "golden heart" city. In the afternoon we embark on a leisurely riverboat tour to explore the area's notable sites.

Westmark Fairbanks Hotel (1 night) BD

AUG 12, Tuesday FAIRBANKS / DAWSON CITY, YUKON

This morning we fly to Dawson City where we will fall in love with this perfectly preserved Gold Rush city. Its wooden boardwalks, weathered banks, and saloons appear just as they did back in 1898.

Westmark Inn Dawson (2 nights) BD

AUG 13, Wednesday DAWSON CITY

In the morning we will have free time to explore Dawson. Consider visiting the rustic cabin of British-Canadian poet Robert Service, famously known as "The Bard of the Yukon". In the afternoon we will go on a tour to visit the historic site that sparked the Klondike Gold Rush. BD

AUG 14, Thursday DAWSON CITY / WHITEHORSE

Enjoying spectacular scenery this morning as we depart Dawson by deluxe motorcoach passing Lake Laberge, the inspiration for Robert Service's poem. It's on to Whitehorse, where prospectors gathered before heading out to the gold fields, now the capital of the Yukon Territory.

Sternwheeler Hotel & Conference Centre (1 night) BD

AUG 15, Friday WHITEHORSE / SKAGWAY, ALASKA

Enjoy the sights at your leisure as we journey to Skagway. We continue our travels by coach along the Trail of '98, the torturous route followed 100 years ago, passing Emerald Lake and Carcross. At Fraser, we board the legendary White Pass and Yukon Railroad and descend through the most treacherous parts of the trail, enjoying the spectacular scenery en route to Skagway, the staging ground for the gold rush, now restored to its former glory.

Westmark Inn Skagway (1 night) BD

AUG 16, Saturday SKAGWAY

Today enjoy exploring this delightfully restored frontier town, complete with its boardwalk and authentic shops from a bygone era. We say farewell to our Yukon guide as we embark on the *ms Zaandam*, our floating home for the next four nights. **Embark / Sail 9:00pm** BD



Alaskan Caribou in the sweeping wilderness



Keep an eye out for majestic whales. Courtesy of Holland America Line



Embark on the White Pass and Yukon Railway to retrace the Trail of '98



Stunning Glacier Bay

AUG 17, Sunday **GLACIER BAY CRUISING**
 We spend the day cruising in Glacier Bay, viewing the world's most extraordinary display of glaciers: sixteen mighty rivers of ice converge here, including Grand Pacific and Margerie, two of Alaska's most active.
Arrive 7:00am / Sail 4:00pm BLD

AUG 18, Monday **KETCHIKAN, ALASKA**
 Be sure to explore Creek Street, a boardwalk lined with interesting shops and old buildings. You may also want to book an excursion to visit Totem Bight State Park and the Totem Heritage Centre to see the world's best collection of totem poles, or join one of the various fishing excursions.
Arrive 11:00am / Sail 7:00pm BLD

AUG 19, Tuesday **INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISING**
 Homeward bound, we sail along the scenic Inside Passage, relaxing with newfound friends and enjoying the majestic scenery of forest clad mountains and snow capped peaks.
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AUG 20, Wednesday **VANCOUVER / DISEMBARK**
 After an early arrival in Vancouver, our transfer to the airport will be waiting. Upon arrival, we will board our flights for home. **Arrive 7:00am / Disembark / Fly Home** B

Our Cruise Ship • ms Zaandam

The **ms Zaandam** boasts exquisite details, from spacious staterooms to the priceless antiques lining the halls. At 61,000 tons, she carries 1,432 guests in truly spacious comfort.

Fifteen different lounges and restaurants beckon, including the Mainstage, a two-deck entertainment hub, and the Dining Room with a grand staircase and floor to ceiling windows. Enjoy the redesigned Lido for casual meals, a full-size theatre, casino, cardroom, numerous intimate lounges and recent additions like the Explorations Café with a library, internet access and coffee bar, Kids Club, and the Culinary Arts Centre. Ample deck areas, a complete Promenade Deck, two pools and the superb Greenhouse Spa and fitness area are all ours to enjoy. From fashion shows to relaxing in the sauna, or playing bridge, there is plenty to do.

Staterooms feature twin beds (most convert to queens), plush mattresses, Egyptian cotton sheets, bathrobes, private bathrooms, individually controlled air conditioning, ample closet space, a flat-panel television and more. Averaging over 190 sq. ft., they offer a separate sitting area and vanity. Most outside staterooms feature picture-window viewing and all feature a bathtub/shower. Deluxe mini-suites boast a private balcony, floor to ceiling windows, mini-bar, and whirlpool bath.



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CT Rating 3.5/5 - Challenging: This cruise/tour involves early starts, long travel days, numerous types of transportation and relatively strenuous travel conditions. Members should be in good physical condition to undertake this journey.

Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person

Category/Description/Deck	Sharing Twin
K Inside (Main, Verandah, Navigation).....	\$6,195
I Inside (Navigation, Verandah, Lower Promenade)	\$6,235
E Outside (Dolphin, Main, Lower Promenade)	\$6,395
D Outside (Dolphin, Lower Promenade)	\$6,485
C Outside (Main).....	\$6,515
B Veranda Suite (Verandah, Navigation)	\$7,485
AA Veranda (Verandah, Navigation).....	\$7,555
A Vista Suite (Verandah, Navigation).....	\$7,615

Above rates are per person based on sharing the category chosen. Cruise/tour only costs are based on joining in Anchorage, Alaska and leaving the group on the ship in Vancouver. See deck plan for full details on the various categories available. For single rates, ask for prices or visit our website. For your complete cost, add the airfare noted below from your home city.

Estimated air add-ons per person

Vancouver.....	\$595
Calgary / Edmonton.....	\$975
Regina / Saskatoon / Winnipeg	\$1,075
Toronto	\$995
Ottawa / Montreal	\$1,145
Halifax / St. John's	\$1,275

Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carrier are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to inclusive features for details. Cruise price is based on sharing a twin-bedded stateroom with private bathroom. Prices are based on rates, taxes and fees effective October 2024. Prices are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Itinerary is based on the air/sea program offered by the cruise line. Due to air schedules, passengers from Atlantic Canada may require an overnight hotel before and/or after the cruise (cost not included). Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

Final payment is due May 6, 2025
Deposit is \$900 per person

To reserve your spot on this cruise, you can either book online through our website or submit an enrollment form along with your deposit to:



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