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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Your Itinerary runs from Thursday, to Friday, and departs weekly on between May 25 and August 24. It's based on two people traveling together. Travel Arrangements: US\$2,625.00 per person. Subject to Availability.

Weekly Departures on Thursdays from May 25 to August 24, 2023. Other routings available as well.

Thursday, Day 1

Accommodation for 1 night in Bellingham

Check out: Friday

Newly remodeled (2019) hotel about 1 mile from Bellingham Airport and Alaska Marine Highway Terminal . Offers full hot and healthy breakfast buffet, fitness center, complimentary wi-fi, hotel shuttle within 5 miles and outdoor heated pool.

Friday, Day 2

Ferry from Bellingham to Skagway with Alaska Marine Highway

Ferry Departure Time: 06:00 pm

Ferry Arrival Time: PM on Monday

The Alaska Ferry departs from the Bellingham Fairhaven Terminal for the three-night voyage to Skagway.

Accommodation in a Two Berth Outside Stateroom

Private stateroom with bathroom and shower for the duration of your voyage. Two Bunks. Upgraded stateroom available.

Monday, Day 5

Accommodation for 1 night in Skagway

Check out: Tuesday,

While appreciating the history and decor you would expect from a 1902 home noted as a contributing structure on the National Historic Register, this Inn also provides for the comforts you have come to expect while traveling. Each room is equipped with private bath, cable TV, and a mini refrigerator. For your comfort each room has independent thermostats, screened windows you may open and ceiling fans, just in case Skagway has a hot summer. All the rooms are furnished with cozy handcrafted quilts. For those traveling with their laptops, complimentary wireless Internet access is provided.

Skagway



Skagway is the northernmost point in Alaska's Inside Passage, located at top of the Lynn Canal, the deepest and longest fjord in North America. As the gateway to the Trail of '98 and the Klondike gold fields, Skagway offers an authentic glimpse of the Gold Rush era. It is also home to the White Pass Yukon Railroad built in 1898, which runs past the famously steep Chilkoot trail, gaining 3,000 feet of elevation in 20 miles. A seven-block corridor along Broadway features historic false-front shops and restaurants, wooden sidewalks, locals in period costumes and restored buildings, many of which are part of the National Park Service managed by the Klondike Gold

Rush National Historical Park. The Historical Park was authorized in 1976 to preserve and interpret the history of the Klondike Gold Rush

Skagway has an excellent trail system that begins just blocks from the downtown area and allows hikers to trek to alpine lakes, waterfalls, even the graves of Skagway's most notorious residents, Soapy Smith and Frank Reid. There is no better way to truly experience Skagway than to go for a hike. The Visitor's Center can provide you with a Skagway Trail Map and Guide to all the local hikes.

For the adventurous, there are a number of tours that will allow you to see glaciers up close and personal. Take a helicopter to go on a glacier trek or hike through beautiful mountains to the Lughton or Denver Glacier. Just let our agent know of your interests.

Skagway is very safe and walkable for those who don't mind a 1/2 mile -3/4 mile walk between locations.

Tuesday, Day 6

White Pass Summit Excursion

Departure time: 09:00 am (Check in: 08:45 am) Alternate departures available. Take an unforgettable journey aboard "The Scenic Railway of the World" to the White Pass summit. Begin your excursion as you board the train in Skagway and travel 20 miles from tidewater, to the Summit of the White Pass – a 2,865 foot elevation!

Relax in vintage passenger coaches as you retrace the original route to the White Pass Summit, passing Bridal Veil Falls, Inspiration Point and Dead Horse Gulch. Enjoy a breathtaking panorama of mountains, glaciers, gorges, waterfalls, tunnels, trestles and historic sites. See the original Klondike Trail of '98 worn into the rocks, a permanent tribute to the thousands of souls who passed this way in search of fortune.



Accommodation for 2 nights in Gustavus

Check out: Thursday

Here you'll enjoy cozy hotel room accommodations among the Sitka Spruce trees and relax in the warmth of the lobby's massive stone fireplace. Relax in front of the fireplace in the view lounge area or visit the National Park Services excellent interpretive displays upstairs on the mezzanine.

Flight from Skagway to Gustavus

Flight Departure: mid-afternoon for the scenic flight to Gustavus via Juneau

Scenic plane flight from Skagway to Gustavus, gateway to Glacier Bay National Park. Each passenger is allowed 50 lbs maximum luggage. Excess baggage may be allowed subject to space available and carry-on baggage is stowed by crew before boarding. Flight will likely not be a Seaplane.

Gustavus and Glacier Bay



Located just a few miles from park headquarters, the town of Gustavus is the jumping-off point for adventures in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve and a charming little village of artists, fantastic gardens, wild strawberries, stunning views and even a small golf course.

With its spectacular glaciers and abundance of marine wildlife, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve has become the crown jewel in the itinerary of many cruise-ship and independent travelers. The bay features seven tidewater glaciers that spill out of the mountains and deposit icebergs of all shapes, sizes and shades of blue into the ocean. Of the park's more than 300,000 annual visitors, over 90 percent visit on a cruise ship and never set foot on shore, but the independent travelers who come get the bonus of visiting nearby Gustavus as well.

Bartlett Cove is the park headquarters and the only maintained hiking trails in the park. At Bartlett Cove, paddlers rent kayaks, visitors board tour boats for a 40-mile day cruise to see the glaciers up the bay and park rangers lead guided hikes and give naturalist programs. At the foot of the main dock is the National Park Service Visitor Information Station, where you can obtain backcountry permits, seek out information or purchase a variety of books or topographic maps that cover the park.

Like many places known for natural beauty, Gustavus boasts several acclaimed sculptors, painters, potters, jewelers and woodcarvers. You can see their work at local galleries, studios and shops in town. Beachcombing, hiking on the Nagoonberry Loop trail, biking through town or playing a round at the Mount Fairweather Golf Course are popular ways to spend the day.

Wednesday, Day 7

Glacier Bay Day Tour

Departure time: 07:00 am (Check in: 06:45 am)

Spend the day on the waters of Glacier Bay and see magnificent tidewater glaciers, ancient snow-capped mountains, whales, stellar sea lions, rare birds such as puffins, coastal bears, seals, eagles, and so much more aboard the comfortable and high-speed catamaran.



Thursday, Day 8

Flight from Gustavus to Juneau

Flight Departure: Mid-afternoon for the 40 minute flight to Juneau.

Short scenic plane flight to the Capital City, Juneau. Each passenger is allowed 50 lbs maximum luggage, Excess baggage may be allowed, carry-on baggage is stowed by crew before boarding. Flight will likely not be a Seaplane.

Accommodation for one night in Juneau

Check out: Friday,

Enjoy your stay at this quaint and locally owned hotel in Juneau, Alaska. Surrounded by majestic mountains and pristine wilderness Alaska's Capitol is landlocked by glacial ice fields and fjord waterways. This hotel is conveniently located in the Mendenhall Valley near the airport, ferry and the Mendenhall Glacier while still being minutes away from Alaskan adventures. A continental breakfast is served every morning for guests.

Juneau



Alaska's state capital is also one of its most beautiful cities and one of the most visited communities in the state. With so much to see and do, there's certain to be something for you in Juneau.

Downtown Juneau sits snugly between Mount Juneau, Mount Roberts and Gastineau Channel, and is a maze of narrow streets running past a mix of new structures, old storefronts and quaint houses featuring early 19th century architecture left over from the town's early gold mining days. The waterfront bustles with cruise ships, fishing boats and floatplanes zipping in and out. With no road access to Juneau, it is the only state capital in the United States that can only be reached by airplane or boat.

Just a 15-minute drive from downtown, one of the city's most iconic sites sits at the edge of a residential neighborhood: Mendenhall Glacier. The glacier sits within the Tongass National Forest – the largest national forest in the United States – and visitors to the area can watch icebergs calve off its frozen face into Mendenhall Lake, go for a hike or check out the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center. Mendenhall Glacier is one of the 38 major glaciers that extend from the 1,500-square-mile Juneau Icefield, and many of them can be seen from the air as part of a flightseeing tour. Most helicopter tours offer glacier landings, glacier treks and glacier dog sled rides.

Friday, Day 9

Departure on your own to home or another Alaskan destination.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

ALASKA TOURS

A **"plan-to-go" deposit** may be required after initial consultation. Usually we spend up to an hour planning alternatives for you for free. Then we request a small fee (and apply it to the cost of your tour) to cover the time our Alaska Tour Planning Specialists spend further customizing your tour to your timeframe and budget. This fee usually is \$50 per adult.

Reservations are recommended as early as possible to confirm specific departures. A deposit of \$500 per person or 50% of the total tour, whichever is greater is required at time of booking. Full payment is required 60 days prior to departure. Components are presented as a package tour and the individual prices will not be broken out due to contractual arrangements with our vendors.

Cancellations and refunds: Deposits and other payments are non-refundable.

Late reservations: Reservations booked within 30 days of departure are on a request basis and are subject to availability. Late reservations are subject to a \$25 Express Handling fee.

Due to weather cancellation or change of some of tour components may be necessary and are non-refundable.

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