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THE KENAI & WONDERS OF ALASKA CRUISE

August 8-19, 2022

Explore Alaska by land and sea on this incredible tour with a unique twist by pairing the Kenai Peninsula with a Celebrity cruise experience! Throughout our journey, we will be immersed in Native traditions and languages, learn how to pan for gold, and step into the world of dog sledding with the Iditarod's preeminent mushing family. From the top of Mt. Alyeska to the calm waters of the Kenai River and Kenai Fjords National Park, we'll encounter magnificent scenery and amazing wildlife at every turn. Combined with a seven-night cruise from Seward to Vancouver on board the beautiful Celebrity *Millennium*, it is an experience few will ever have!

starting at
\$5,199
per person





Seward Highway



Kenai River scenic float

DAY 1 MONDAY, AUGUST 8

ANCHORAGE

We depart this morning on our flight from Minneapolis to **Anchorage**, the largest city in Alaska. Here we will meet our local tour guide and transfer to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

DAY 2 TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

GIRDWOOD

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before our visit to the **Alaska Native Heritage Center** to explore Alaska's eleven major Native cultures and their traditions. The center features permanent collections as well as traditional Native dwellings that circle Lake Tiulana. Time will then be available to explore downtown Anchorage packed with shops and restaurants, vibrant public art installations, picture-perfect views, and charming city parks. We'll then set off on the **Seward Highway**, a National Scenic Byway widely hailed as one of the most scenic drives in Alaska. The first forty miles of the trip parallel the stunning waterway called the Turnagain Arm. Watch for Dall sheep and beluga whales and enjoy the spectacular scenery as we journey south to the small mountain town of Girdwood to settle into our rooms at Alyeska Resort, the chateau-style hotel that is Alaska's premier resort destination. Tonight we will **ride the aerial tram to the top of Mt. Alyeska for dinner**. The expansive views of Turnagain Arm and the Chugach Mountains from the tram are absolutely amazing!

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

SEWARD

(Breakfast, Lunch)

After breakfast this morning, we will put on provided gear and get ready for a river-rafting experience! **Our Kenai River scenic float trip** offers a wonderful introduction to the river, taking us along a scenic stretch in search of the wildlife that frequent the river and riverbanks – moose, eagles, Dall sheep, salmon, waterfowl, beaver, and bears – as our guide navigates us through the snow-capped mountain scenery. We will listen to stories about the wildlife, the native inhabitants and early settlers, and the forces that shaped the Kenai River Valley. Then we are in for a real treat – a delicious, Alaska-style, fresh-caught salmon lunch followed by relaxing on the deck of the Kenai Riverside Lodge with its blazing fire to take in the views and chat about the morning's adventure. Our next stop is **Prospector John's** to be regaled with the story of real gold miners, both past and present. We'll have the opportunity to see the gold-panning process in action and browse his small shop loaded with crafts from local artists. After a full day, we will make our way toward **Seward** and our accommodations set alongside the Resurrection River. The Windsong Lodge is a tranquil retreat designed to showcase Alaska's wild beauty.

DAY 4 THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

SEWARD

(Breakfast, Lunch)

Today we are in for another exciting day on the water as we board a deluxe marine vessel and **cruise deep into Kenai Fjords National Park**. Our guide will narrate the journey, pointing out the spectacular sights and sharing information on the area's history, its geology, and the wildlife that thrives in the icy waters and lush forests. We'll gaze in awe at towering glaciers and keep our eyes peeled for orca whales, humpback whales, steller sea lions, harbor seals, puffins, eagles, and many species of seabirds. Lunch is included on board. Once back on land, the rest of the day is yours to do as you wish.

DAY 5 FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

BOARD THE SHIP

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Following breakfast we will make our way to **one of the kennels owned by the Seavey family**. Over the course of fifty-six years and four generations, the Seavey family has become known as the preeminent mushing family, winning eight Iditarod races. The 2021 Iditarod Dog Sled Race was won by Dallas, his fifth win! The family's motto, "take care of your dogs and they will take care of you," has certainly proven to be true. During our time at the kennel, we will visit their homestead; take a **two-mile, wheeled dog sled ride**; get a first-hand introduction to the Iditarod race; and hear stories of the challenges and successes of these mushers. There will be a chance to meet some of the new pups, and you may even get to hold one of them! Up next is a visit to the **Alaska SeaLife Center**, the only facility in Alaska that combines a public aquarium with marine research, education, and wildlife response. We'll then head to the Seward Cruise Terminal to settle into our cabins aboard the **Celebrity Millennium** and explore our home for the next seven nights.



Kenai Fjords National Park cruise



Celebrity Millennium

DAY 6 SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

CRUISE HUBBARD GLACIER

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Today we will experience the wilds of Alaska as we **cruise through icy waters to come face-to-face with the towering Hubbard Glacier**. The strong currents and riptides that flow between Gilbert Point and the face of the glacier cause calving to occur on a daily basis, sending massive chunks of ice crashing into Disenchantment Bay. Picture-perfect views of this glorious mount of ice can be seen from nearly every angle on the ship! An onboard naturalist will provide narration and help us spot the whales, harbor seals, and otters that hunt and play in the waters of Yakutat Bay. It will be an adventure of a lifetime!

DAY 7 SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

JUNEAU

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

A unique destination for a myriad of reasons, **Juneau** sits nestled up next to the Gastineau Channel in the Alaskan panhandle with no connecting roads to other cities – making the capital city only accessible by water and air. Juneau features more hiking trails than roads, making it the perfect place for adventurers and nature-lovers. Optional excursions in Juneau include kayaking up one of the area's many protected waterways, embarking on a whale-watching adventure, feasting on salmon, or touring historic downtown. Glacier-viewing experiences by helicopter or airboat are also popular!

Note: Excursions mentioned for each port may not be available for this sailing. You will receive a shore excursion book specific to this sailing after registration.

DAY 8 MONDAY, AUGUST 15

SKAGWAY

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

The great Klondike Gold Rush lives on in Skagway's charming downtown of restored 19th-century buildings and its historic railway. Located on the edge of the wilderness, this small town saw its fair share of gold seekers. Today, there is so much fascinating history to uncover in **Skagway!** Excursion options include a scenic ride on a vintage train to the summit of White Pass, panning for gold, canoeing on Summit Lake, or visiting a wildlife refuge.

DAY 9 TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

ICY STRAIT POINT

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

For thousands of years, the Tlingit Indians have called this place home. Located near the city of Hoonah, and home to a historic cannery, **Icy Strait Point** also offers travelers the chance to view wildlife like humpback whales, orcas, seals, eagles, and brown bears or explore monuments to the region's fishing heritage. While in port, optional excursions include enjoying Tlingit dancing and getting up close to humpback whales and brown bears in the wild. Work up a wilderness hunger and satisfy it with a seafood tasting or take a kayak or catamaran to enjoy Alaska's awe-inspiring landscapes.

DAY 10 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

KETCHIKAN

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Known as the 'Salmon Capital of the World', **Ketchikan** is also the ancestral home of the Tlingit people who have carved the world's largest collection of totem poles. Next to the water, you'll find the neat row of wooden buildings known as Creek Street. Today they are brightly painted boutiques, but their history tells a different story! Optional excursions include wilderness adventures, crab feasts, a lumberjack show, and halibut fishing. Plus, there's an opportunity to watch the fishing action aboard the *Aleutian Ballad* from *The Deadliest Catch!*

DAY 11 THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

CRUISE INSIDE PASSAGE

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

We will sail beyond the Inside Passage into the more protected **Alaska Inside Passage** in southeastern Alaska. This complex labyrinth of fjords, bays, and lush green islands is home to an abundance of wildlife, including orcas, mountain goats, bald eagles, bears, puffins, sea otters, and much more. You'll never forget the sight of forty-ton whales hurling themselves into the air, almost completely escaping the water. If we are especially lucky, we may see them swimming together to create a bubble net, trapping and eating fish by the giant mouthful!

DAY 12 FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

HOME

(Breakfast)

We disembark in **Vancouver, British Columbia**, and catch our flight home.



TOUR PRICING

Per Person
Double Occupancy

(5 available)	Cat. 10	Inside Stateroom (170 sq ft)	\$5,199
(5 available)	Cat. 6	Ocean View Stateroom (170 sq ft)	\$5,499
(10 available)	Cat. 2A	Veranda Stateroom (150-175 sq ft)	\$5,999

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American Bank and American State Bank RECOMMEND all travelers purchase a Travel Protection Plan. For your convenience, we offer a Travel Protection Plan provided by Traveler Insurance Services:

\$552 per person, Double
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A \$500 deposit per person is required with your registration form in order to reserve your spot.

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APRIL 1, 2022**

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INCLUSIONS

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- Round-Trip Air to Anchorage & Return From Vancouver (price based on air estimate of \$900)
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- 4 Nights' Accommodations on Land
- 7-Night Cruise in Cabin Category of Choice
- 7 Meals on Land & All Meals on Board
- Taxes & Gratuities for Included Services on Land & Cruise
- Porter Service of One Bag Per Person at Hotels
- Admission to Attractions as Stated on Itinerary
- Assistance with Arranging Optional Shore Excursions
- Complimentary Beverage Package on Board
- Professional Tour Manager

Not included in the price of this tour: meals/beverages other than those listed on the itinerary, beverages other than tea or coffee with included meals on land, items of a personal nature/souvenirs, personal services on board such as spa or hair-styling, shore excursions, excursion driver/guide gratuities, phone calls and faxes from hotels/ship, travel protection plan, passport fees, visa fees (if applicable), current baggage fees at the airport as assessed by the airline, and any service not listed in the above inclusions.

Activity Levels

- 1. Easy to Minimal:** Mostly panoramic sightseeing; 1-2 hours of easy-paced walking at a time; minimal stairs and uneven surfaces; must be able to physically get on/off the motorcoach.
- 2. Minimal to Moderate:** 2-3 hours of easy-paced walking at a time; some stairs and uneven surfaces due to nature of attractions.
- 3. Moderate:** 3-4 hours of walking/standing at a time; some stairs, inclines, and uneven surfaces due to nature of attractions.
- 4. Moderate to Energetic:** 4-6 hours of walking/standing/physical activity; stairs, inclines, and uneven surfaces due to nature of attractions.
- 5. Energetic:** Excellent health is required for this on-the-go tour; involves strenuous activities and more than 6 hours of activity at a more vigorous pace.

DOCUMENTATION: Each U.S. citizen must have a valid passport through November 19, 2022, to participate. If you don't have a passport, call our office and we'll tell you how to apply for one. Holders of non-U.S. passports have different entry requirements. Please NOTE: Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name and your tour reservation name or you may be denied aircraft boarding.

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