

# ALASKA 2013 ADVENTURE

June 5 -17, 2013

\$3199.00 per person with double occupancy

**DAY ONE, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5: Welcome to the trip of a lifetime!** Today a tour director from Tom's Christian Tours will accompany the deluxe coach shuttle of participants to Chicago and then on to Alaska via an Alaska Air flight. **Remember your passports.** Our Riley's Motor Coach and skilled driver will be waiting in Juneau to shuttle us to our motel. Night in Juneau.

**DAY TWO, THURSDAY, JUNE 6:** We'll tour the highlights of **Juneau** on board our coach, including a visit to landmark **Mendenhall Glacier** this morning, then have a little free time to explore the capitol, shop in the downtown district, or visit the **Red Dog Saloon**.

Later this afternoon we'll board our ferry on the **Alaskan Marine Highway**. (Ferry schedule could change.) On board, decks and observation lounges with picture windows will give us magnificent views of the scenery of the Inside Passage. A seven-hour cruise will bring us to the **Gold Rush town of Skagway**. Night in Skagway.

**DAY THREE, FRIDAY, JUNE 7:** Today we'll tour the highlights of Skagway, visit the historic cemetery and have time for a little exploration on our own before settling into our motel. A welcome dinner (*included*) will round out our day. Night in Skagway.

**DAY FOUR, SATURDAY, JUNE 8:** Keep your passports handy today--in your carry-on or purse--because we'll be crossing into Canada. This morning, we'll put our luggage on the coach then board the "scenic railway of the world," the **White Pass and Yukon Route**. Against all odds, this iron trail was born of the 1898 **Klondike Gold Rush** and built through some of the North's most ruggedly beautiful terrain. We'll reboard our coach at Fraser and continue on past **Carcross Desert** and **Emerald Lake**. In **Whitehorse** we'll visit **Miles Canyon** and the **S.S. Klondike**, one of the last of the Yukon River sternwheelers, then check into our hotel. This evening the "**Frantic Follies**," a 1890s hootin-tootin' show, will give us a good dose of laughter. Night in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

**DAY FIVE, SUNDAY, JUNE 9:** Keep your passports handy again today because we'll be crossing back into the USA. At **Kluane National Park Center**, we will learn about this preserve and icefield. As we travel along Kluane Lake, not only will we be breathless from the magnificent scenery, we may also thrill to see Dall sheep, moose, or grizzly bears. Keep alert. Night in Tok.

**DAY SIX, MONDAY, JUNE 10:** Our drive to **Fairbanks** will include a stop at **Delta Junction**. We'll visit an Alaskan homestead and view an **oil pipeline** suspension bridge. We'll follow the Alaska Mountain Range and make a stop at North Pole, AK. Tonight we'll feast at **Pioneer Village** on baked salmon, fried cod, and prime rib with all the fixings (*included in tour*). Night in Fairbanks.

**DAY SEVEN, TUESDAY, JUNE 11:** This morning, we'll experience an authentic mining camp and pan for gold at the **Ei Dorado Gold Mine**. Keep any gold you find. Lunch is at the **Chena Pump House** (*included in tour*). This afternoon we'll board the **Discovery III** riverboat. Native guides will accompany us ashore for a tour of an **Athabaskan Indian camp**. We'll see Indian fish wheels and a sled dog demonstration. This

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evening, we'll travel to Healy, AK, ready to visit Denali with an early start tomorrow. Night in Healy.

**DAY EIGHT, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12:** Early this morning, we'll board a **tundra wildlife tour bus** for an exciting journey into **Denali National Park**. Grizzly bears, caribou, wolves, moose, red foxes, mountain goats, and Dall sheep could surprise us any time. (Bring **binoculars** and pack warm clothes and rain gear because weather conditions can change rapidly.) Weather permitting, we'll see **Mt. McKinley tower** above us during this day filled with magnificent views. A box lunch will be provided (*included in tour*). Thrill seekers could try white-water rafting here this afternoon. Night in Healy.

**DAY NINE, THURSDAY, JUNE 13:** After a three-hour drive to **Talkeetna**, two options are available: flight to **Denali-Ruth Glacier** or a **scenic riverboat ride**. These are optional. This afternoon, we'll travel to **Wasilla** where we'll visit the **Iditarod Trail Headquarters** and learn about Alaska's famous sled dog race. Night in Wasilla.

**DAY TEN, FRIDAY, JUNE 14:** This morning we'll drive to **Palmer** in the heart of Alaska's agricultural region to see how the extra hours of sunlight produce heavy-weight vegetables and monstrous flowers. Next we'll visit a **musk ox farm** and learn how the musk ox are making a come-back and providing income for the local people. In **Eklutna**, we'll stroll along unique **Native American burial grounds**. A short drive will bring us to **Anchorage** where we'll have a quick look-about before settling in for two nights. Night in Anchorage.

**DAY ELEVEN, SATURDAY, JUNE 15:** Today our travels will take us along **Turnagain Arm** to visit the **Jade Shop in Girdwood**. Nearby at the **Alyeska Ski Resort**, we'll take a **tramway** to the top, for a beautiful view, weather permitting. Next we'll drive to **Whittier** via the traffic & train tunnel. Once there, a **new high-speed catamaran** will take us on a thrilling five-hour, **26-gliacier cruise**. This vessel offers smooth sailing through **Prince William Sound** where we will marvel at glacier-filled **College and Harriman Fjords**. Watch for sea otters, seals, whales, and bird rookeries. Lunch is on board (*included in tour*). Late this afternoon we'll board our coach for a scenic ride back to Anchorage. Night in Anchorage.

**DAY TWELVE, SUNDAY, JUNE 16:** This morning we'll take a driving **tour of Anchorage** if we haven't already done that, then we will have **free time** in the downtown area to explore the museums, theaters, visitors' center, and to shop for those final souvenirs. You may even want to rent a bike for a scenic ride. Tonight it is farewell to Alaska with a dinner at a popular Anchorage restaurant (*included in tour*). Late this evening we'll depart Anchorage on our non-stop, over-night Alaska Air Flight to Chicago:

**DAY THIRTEEN, MONDAY, JUNE 17:** The group will land in **Chicago early morning** and a deluxe coach will be waiting to carry us home.

**INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:** All lodging, all entrance fees, all transportation (land, water, air), and five main meals (listed in itinerary) are included in the low price of \$3199 per person with double occupancy; \$2959 pp triple, \$2899 pp quad, and \$3939 pp single. TCT reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary if it serves the best interest of the participants and/or if there are changes in public transportation.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Meals not listed, optional activities, drivers' and tour director's tips.

**TOUR DOCUMENTS** - A complete itinerary, pick-up locations and times, hotel listings, medical emergency

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form and other helpful information will be included in your final tour packet. Packets will be mailed by MARCH 1, 2013. Final payment is due MARCH 15, 2013.

**CANCELLATION** - If TCT should have to cancel a tour, a full refund will be given to each participant. If a participant should have to cancel, TCT's cancellation policy applies:

Oct. 1-Dec. 1, 2012-No Cancellation Fee

Dec. 2, 2012-Feb 2, 2013-\$200.00 Cancellation Fee

Feb. 3-Mar. 15, 2013-\$900.00 Cancellation Fee

March 16-May 15, 2013-\$1500.00 Cancellation Fee plus nonrecoverable expenses.

**After May 16** - No Refund unless seat resold. If you must leave a tour, all miscellaneous expenses (such as transportation, hotels, etc.) are assumed by the traveler. Cancellation and travel insurance is available upon request.

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