

## Howdy Aags!

Alaska speaks to you like no other place can! Experience breath-taking ocean coasts, rushing rivers, green temperate rain forests, majestic mountain peaks, and abundant wildlife. We invite you to be surrounded and astounded by some of the most remarkable natural wonders and wildlife in the world, and that's why we've chosen Alaska - one of the most rewarding and memorable voyages you'll ever experience. Please join us as we discover Alaska's rich history and culture on an adventure to the Great Land!

There is no better way to see more of Alaska than on a Holland America Line cruisetour which seamlessly combines six days of worry-free land tours with a seven-night Glacier Discovery cruise, for the total Alaskan experience. On the land program take in the magnificent scenery via luxury rail and stay at picturesque wilderness lodges. Then embark the *ms Ryndam* in Seward (via Anchorage) for a spectacular & relaxing seven-night cruise which concludes in Vancouver, British Columbia. It's the premier way to see it all — by land and by sea.

You may wish to participate in the seven-night cruise only, embarking Holland America's *ms Ryndam* in Seward (via Anchorage) and concluding in Vancouver, British Columbia - one of the most beautiful ways to explore Alaska. Ports of call include Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan. All three towns are quaint, interesting, and, full of exciting things to do and see. Our days will be spent sailing the incomparable College Fjords, Glacier Bay National Park, and the famed Inside Passage which boasts wildlife-filled fjords and lush island scenery, and is a habitat for bald eagles, sea lions, porpoises and whales.

We hope you can join us on this incredible journey to Alaska! We recommend you make your reservations immediately as space on this popular destination is limited! For more information, please call us at (800) 633-7514, or you may book directly with our Tour Partner, Alumni Travel Group, at (800) 654-4934.

## Gig 'em!

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### HIGHLIGHTS OF CRUISETOUR

- 2 nights in Fairbanks – *Discovery* cruise and Gold Dredge Tour, lunch included
- 2 nights at Denali National Park & Tundra Wilderness Tour
- 1 night in Anchorage, Alaska's largest city
- 1 night in Seward, gateway to Kenai Fjords National Park
- 7 night Glacier Discovery cruise onboard Holland America's *ms Ryndam*
- Private cocktail party for the Traveling Aggies onboard the *ms Ryndam*

### PRICES (per person)

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	CRUISE ONLY	CRUISE TOUR
K	Inside	\$1049	\$3195
E	Oceanview	\$1595	\$3755
DA	Oceanview	\$1745	\$3805
D	Oceanview	\$1995	\$3895
C	Oceanview	\$2025	\$3975
B	Balcony	\$2645	\$4295

Prices are person, double occupancy. Other categories may be available. Port charges are included. Government taxes are \$108 per person for cruise and \$174 per person for cruisetour. Optional transfers and shore excursions are additional. Air travel is available through Holland America by request. Prices, taxes and fees are subject to change.

### CANCELLATION FEES AND REFUNDS:

Days prior to Cruise or Land Package  
Departure date, whichever comes first:  
75 – 120 days .....No Penalty  
57 – 74 days .....Brochure Deposit Amount  
29 – 56 days.....50% of total charges  
15 – 28 days.....75% of total charges  
Within 14 days .....100% of total charges

## CRUISETOUR ITINERARY & HIGHLIGHTS

**July 19:** Depart your gateway city for Fairbanks, Alaska. Holland America staff will meet you upon arrival and transport you to your accommodations. Fairbanks is the gateway to your authentic Alaska adventure.

**July 20:** Start your day with a riverboat cruise aboard the nostalgic sternwheeler *Discovery* with a visit to Gold Dredge No. 8. The dredge is a reminder of the "gold fever" that swept the nation and lured miners and entrepreneurs into the frontiers of Alaska. While enjoying the cruise, see a dog sledding presentation, a bush plane perform aerial stunts, and learn about life at an Athabascan Indian village. Lunch is included.

**July 21:** Depart for Denali National Park via the McKinley Explorer Rail. Denali National Park and Preserve is the well-known home of Mt. McKinley, also known as Denali, which stands at 20,320 feet and is North America's tallest mountain. The Alaska Range also includes countless other spectacular mountains and many large glaciers. Panoramic views of mountain ranges, rivers, lakes and glaciers provide the backdrop as you look for bears, caribou, wolves, marmots, ptarmigan and other animals. Gracious service underscores breathtaking scenery from train to inviting Denali lodge. This evening relax at the beautiful Denali lodge.

**July 22:** Denali National Park – Take full advantage of wildlife and Mt. McKinley viewing on a guided Tundra Wilderness Tour. Every turn on the Park Road brings a new wonder as you journey miles into this astounding wilderness preserve with your knowledgeable driver/guide. Watch for ptarmigan, Alaska's state bird, in the open valleys. See golden eagles patrolling the higher elevations and ridge tops. And listen to ravens, magpies and gray jays chattering in the brush. With any luck, you'll see grizzlies crossing braided streams, Dall sheep traversing rugged cliffs and moose foraging in upland meadows. And this unfolding adventure leads to the lofty, isolated grandeur of Mt. McKinley itself - a wonder to behold.

**July 23:** Anchorage via McKinley Explorer Rail - Take in the scenery while relaxing amidst spacious comfort aboard luxury domed railcars. Around each curve, the majesty of glaciers, mountains or Alaskan wildlife comes into view. A view of Mt. McKinley, North America's tallest peak, emerges in the splendor only afforded by the routes traveled by Alaska's trains. Welcome to Alaska and a train trip like no other! Anchorage, beautifully situated on Cook Inlet and surrounded by the Chugach Mountains, is a hub of activity with everything from fine restaurants and frontier saloons to museums and art galleries. Enjoy this cosmopolitan city and take advantage of the many optional tours that spotlight Alaska's history, culture and outdoors lifestyle. Visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center, where village elders and apprentices demonstrate the time-honored customs and crafts of the various Native groups.

**July 24:** Travel to Seward via the scenic Seward Highway - Soak up the stunning scenery, explore Seward on glorious Resurrection Bay, then overnight at a beautiful wilderness lodge. Seward is a scenic town flanked by rugged mountains on one side and the salmon-filled Resurrection Bay on the other. It's the only town on the eastern side of the Kenai Peninsula and probably the only city of its size in Alaska without a hamburger chain restaurant. For that reason, along with its incredible beauty, the rich fishing grounds of Resurrection Bay, access to the Kenai Fjords National Park with hundreds of tidewater glaciers and prolific marine and wildlife, you've got to love Seward. Voted an All-American city in 2005, Seward provides everything the Alaskan visitor is looking for – wildlife, glaciers and wilderness.

**July 25:** Seward with Kenai Fjords National Park Cruise - Come and see the wonders of Kenai Fjords National Park and why we call this the "Denali" of marine wildlife. This tour takes you on a spectacular journey out of Resurrection Bay to visit the tall cliffs, massive glaciers, and abundant wildlife of Aialik Bay. Later in the day you will embark the *ms Ryndam* for a beautiful and fascinating 7-night cruise!



## CRUISE ITINERARY, PORTS OF CALL & HIGHLIGHTS

**July 25:** Embark Holland America's ms Ryndam for the classic Alaska cruise, sailing from Whittier (via Anchorage) to Vancouver, threading through the Inside Passage where fir forests slip by seemingly close enough to touch...exploring Juneau, Skagway and Ketchikan...marveling at the shimmering centerpiece of each itinerary, Glacier Bay and a wonderful mix of time on board and time in port!

**July 26:** College Fjord scenic cruising: Up the coast in the northwest pocket of Prince William Sound you'll discover magnificent College Fjord, home to 16 tidewater glaciers. Named for the Ivy League schools that were represented by a group of scientists who explored the area in 1899, College Fjord beckons like a shimmering diamond. You will more than likely see many sea otters and harbor seals, and occasionally you will catch a glimpse of the magnificent orcas.

**July 27:** Glacier Bay National Park scenic cruising: These pristine waters are filled with sea life and spectacular views. Travelers entering Glacier Bay are sure to see some form of marine life. Glacier Bay is the habitat for a variety of marine life, including whales. Smaller, but no less interesting are the harbor seals and porpoises, killer whales and sea otters. Other wildlife you may see may include brown and black bears, mountain goats, moose, wolves and over 200 species of birds.

**July 28:** Call on both Haines & Skagway: Both towns are quaint with numerous excursions available from the ship. Drawn to the salmon-rich waters, the world's largest concentration of magnificent Bald Eagles can be found in Haines. Few one-time boomtowns retain the flavor of the gold rush days like Skagway. This gateway to the Klondike was born during the great gold rush with its rustic boardwalk and frontier-style storefronts. The city's rip-roaring past will come alive when you walk down Broadway, a main street so authentic it is part of the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park!

**July 29:** Juneau: Perched on a thin strip of land at the mouth of Gold Creek, Juneau is arguably one of America's most beautiful state capitals, with the looming summits of Mt. Juneau and Mt. Roberts providing a gorgeous backdrop. Located at the foot of grand mountain peaks on the Gastineau Channel, the town of Juneau has the massive Mendenhall Glacier and the immense Juneau Icefields at its back door. Juneau is the place to let your imagination run wild. Explore the lush Tongass National Forest. Visit the rustic shops in town. Or get out and kayak, dogsled, raft, hike, whale watch, flightsee or fish. There's no end to the adventure because of the long daylight hours. Climb aboard the Mt. Roberts Tramway for a great spot to hike and shoot a souvenir photo.

**July 30:** Ketchikan: Founded as a fishing camp, Ketchikan is built on steep hillsides and is billed as the salmon capital of the world. A quaint village, the town is just three miles long and three blocks wide. Built out over the water and climbing weathered stairways, Ketchikan clings to the shores of Tongass Narrows and drapes the mountains with a cheerful air. Besides the main attractions - Creek Street, the Tongass Historical Museum,

Totem Bight State Park and Saxman Village, try a flightseeing trip to breathtaking Misty Fjords National Monument--a transformational adventure not to be missed. These deep water fjords left by retreating glaciers left granite cliffs towering thousands of feet above the sea and countless waterfalls cascading into placid waters. The souvenir photos you'll take from the pontoons of the plane are worth the trip alone.

**July 31:** Cruising the Inside Passage: Another day in paradise! Expect to see spectacular scenery and bountiful wildlife. Cruising through the Inside Passage is really what has made Alaska cruising so popular. This trip captures so much of what people love about Alaska. There are glaciers the size of Rhode Island, misty rain forests and ghostly blue fjords. The Inside Passage is the longest sheltered inland waterway in the world. Watch the water for orcas and humpback whales as you cruise the passage.

**August 1:** Disembark in Vancouver and board your flight for home; however, we recommend a post-cruise stay as there is so much to see! Galleries, boutiques, colorful public markets, restaurants of every ethnicity: this vital port city has them all. Visit vibrant Chinatown and Stanley Park, with its 1,000 acres of forests, gardens, lakes and lawns in the heart of the city. Gastown, the waterfront district, recalls the city's colorful past as a premier port since the days of the Clipper ships.

## INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS:

### TRAVELING AGGIES

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### OPTIONAL HOTEL PROGRAMS (call for current rates - 800-654-4934):

The hotels we recommend to our guests provide superb quality and service. Not only do you pay in U.S. dollars with no exchange rate risk, but hotel portage is included. And you will have a Holland America Line hospitality representative at your service in the hotel.

- Vancouver: Pan Pacific Hotel & Fairmont Waterfront
- Sightseeing transfer between Vancouver pier and hotel included.

## ms Ryndam

At 720-feet, the *ms Ryndam* is designed to carry fewer guests while providing more space for maximum comfort. Many staterooms feature commanding ocean views and have private verandahs. With a Dutch worldwide exploration theme, the decor of the *ms Ryndam* features art and artifacts from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. A muzzle-loading canon from the 17th Century, found on the floor of the North Sea is one of the more unusual pieces. At the heart of the *ms Ryndam* a three-story atrium features a monumental fountain created by sculptor Gilbert Lebigre in Pietrasanta, Italy. Guests aboard this spacious ship encounter elegance at every turn - from a string quartet serenade in the splendid Rotterdam Dining Room to the two-deck Vermeer Show Lounge.

**Rotterdam Dining Room:** features impeccable service and an extensive wine list. Five-course menus include continental cuisine, vegetarian and low-carb options

**Pinnacle Grill:** This intimate reservations-only venue offers an elegant, sophisticated dining experience. Featuring premium Sterling Silver beef, inspired seafood dishes and many select wines rated "Excellent" by Wine Spectator - as well as distinctive Bvlgari® china, Riedel® stemware and Frette® linens

**Lido Restaurant:** offers a relaxed ambiance for all three meals and features a variety of fresh, cooked-to-order specialties

**The Culinary Arts Center, presented by Food & Wine Magazine:** our state-of-the-art demonstration kitchen offering interactive gourmet cooking lessons taught by our own Master Chefs or culinary guests

**Explorations Café, powered by The New York Times:** a comfortable, coffee house environment where you can browse through an extensive library, surf the Internet and check email or simply read the morning paper.

**Greenhouse Spa & Salon:** features heavenly beauty and wellness rituals. Enjoy a facial, hot stone massage, steam in a thermal suite and have your hair and nails done for a special evening.

**Vermeer Show Lounge:** features talented vocalists, dancers, illusionists, comedians and variety acts

**Crow's Nest:** offers sweeping 270° views during the day, and a hip, fashionable nightclub each evening

**Club HAL®:** our dedicated youth facilities and activities for kids ages 3 - 12; activities are supervised and age appropriate

**The Loft and The Oasis:** designed exclusively for teens (13 - 17) to have fun, socialize and hang out with people their own age

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