

# Alaska Midnight Sun

19-DAY MOTORCOACH INCLUDES INSIDE PASSAGE TWO-NIGHT CRUISE

Explore North America's last northern frontier as you motorcoach through Alberta, British Columbia and the Yukon on your way to the "Land of the Midnight Sun"...Alaska.

In just under three weeks you will travel nearly 5,000 miles and witness breathtaking natural wilderness. Experience the colourful past of the Klondike Gold Rush and the modern society of today. Enjoy it all: the rugged beauty of Mount McKinley, the natural wonders of Portage Glacier, riding the vintage narrow-gauge railroad, cruising through the Inside Passage, a stern-wheeler river voyage, a mouthwatering salmon bake and more!

CAPTURE THE SPECTACULAR BEAUTY DURING YOUR CRUISE ON THE ALASKA FERRY THROUGH THE INSIDE PASSAGE



**DAY 1 DEPARTURE:** Calgary 7:00 a.m., Red Deer 9:00 a.m., Edmonton 12:30 p.m.  
**DAY 2 DEPARTURE:** Grande Prairie 8:00 a.m.

## DAY

- 1 CALGARY to EDMONTON to GRANDE PRAIRIE:** All aboard for a *Frontier Adventure* into Canada's north and Alaska. Depart Calgary, travel north via Red Deer to Edmonton meeting additional travelling companions enroute. Your travels cross central and northern Alberta to the beginning of Peace River country.
- 2 GRANDE PRAIRIE to FORT NELSON:** Your morning stop is in Dawson Creek, B.C. It is here at MILE "0" that the legendary 1,500 mile-long Alaska Highway begins and continues to Fairbanks, Alaska. Follow the Peace River Valley, an important agricultural and petroleum producing region. The highway winds through a rugged section of the Rockies before arriving into Fort Nelson. This evening features a GET ACQUAINTED WELCOME DINNER.
- 3 FORT NELSON to WATSON LAKE:** As you travel through Stone Mountain Provincial Park, cross over Summit Pass, the highest elevation on the Alaska Highway. Enjoy a HOSTED LUNCH in a log chalet by the blue-green waters of Muncho Lake. Dip into the soothing waters of LIARD HOT SPRINGS POOL before arriving into the community of Watson Lake in the Yukon Territory. Visit the SIGNPOST FOREST, a collection of signs started by a homesick soldier in 1942 while building the Alcan Highway. *If you wish, bring your own sign from home and leave a part of yourself in the Yukon.*
- 4 WATSON LAKE to WHITEHORSE:** This morning your route offers spectacular views of the Cassiar Mountains. Cross the Great Divide which separates the waters flowing to the Pacific Ocean from those that flow to the Arctic Ocean. Make a picture stop at MILES CANYON before arriving in the capital of the Yukon for the night. Whitehorse was a stopover point for the prospectors on their trek to the Klondike goldfields. This evening enjoy a comic vaudeville-style show! THE FRANTIC FOLLIES features a chorus line and skit based on a famous ballad by Robert Service.
- 5 WHITEHORSE to DAWSON CITY:** (2 nights) Today follow the original trail used by prospectors travelling to the Klondike. Arrive late afternoon in historic Dawson City, where the famous Klondike Gold Rush started in 1898. This evening try the slots or watch the show at a historic casino, DIAMOND TOOTH GERTIES.
- 6 DAWSON CITY:** Classified as a national historic site, many of Dawson's buildings have been restored to reflect life during the gold rush. Gold was discovered at Bonanza Creek near Dawson City, Yukon, in August of 1896. During the winter of 1897-98, some 100,000 stampeders set out to make their fortune in the northern goldfields. Struggling over the Chilkoot Pass with the mandatory ton of supplies, many arrived at the Klondike after weeks of incredible hardship and adventure. Relive the excitement of bygone days during your DRIVING TOUR, with a stop to PAN FOR KLONDIKE GOLD and a tour of the DREDGE. The afternoon is free to explore the boardwalks, shop for gold nugget jewellery or attend a recital of poetry written by Robert Service.
- 7 DAWSON CITY to FAIRBANKS:** (2 nights) Travelling west along the Top of the World Highway brings you through a once-prosperous gold mining area and into Alaska. The highway traverses the mountains above the tree line and offers spectacular views in all directions. Visit North Pole's "SANTA CLAUS HOUSE" before arriving in Fairbanks for two nights.
- 8 FAIRBANKS:** This morning Alaska's golden past comes alive during our cruise on the RIVERBOAT DISCOVERY with a stop to visit an ATHABASCAN INDIAN VILLAGE. Enjoy lunch and browsing time in downtown Fairbanks before making a visit to the TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE site. This evening you are in for another treat as our guest at a traditional ALASKA SALMON BAKE at ALASKALAND. After dinner proceed to the Palace Theatre for a musical comedy SHOW – an evening of dinner, history and fun.



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**9 FAIRBANKS to ANCHORAGE:** (2 nights) The George Parks Highway takes you past views of MOUNT MCKINLEY, the highest peak in North America, which is a beautiful sight on a clear day. Picture stops are made at the ALASKAN VETERAN'S MEMORIAL and the IDITAROD DOG-SLED HEADQUARTERS. Continue to Anchorage for a two-night stay.

**10 ANCHORAGE:** This morning motorcoach to Portage Lake and board the MV Ptarmigan for a CRUISE to the face of massive PORTAGE GLACIER. Return to Alaska's most cosmopolitan city for a DRIVING TOUR and time to explore the shops, museums and art galleries of downtown Anchorage.

**11 ANCHORAGE to TOK:** The scenery continues to fascinate you on your drive through the agricultural Matanuska Valley to Glennallen. Then skirt along Wrangell-St. Elias National Park on the Glenn Highway. Arrive in Tok, home to many dogsled mushers.

**12 TOK to WHITEHORSE:** Enjoy picture stops and a PICNIC LUNCH as you journey through the snow-capped peaks of the Alaska Range to Kluane National Park, home of the largest lake in the Yukon. Upon arrival in Whitehorse, you will have travelled the entire length of the Alaska Highway.

**13 WHITEHORSE to SKAGWAY to JUNEAU:** Another special highlight is in store for you today. All aboard for a unique ride on the NARROW GAUGE WHITE PASS & YUKON ROUTE RAILWAY that takes you from summit to sea level. The scenery and the history are an incomparable mix! A visit to the historic city of Skagway takes you back to 1898 when thousands of gold seekers arrived by boat with hopes of climbing the treacherous Chilkoot or White Pass Trails. Board an Alaska Marine Highway Ferry bound for Juneau.

**14 JUNEAU to ALASKA FERRY:** (2 nights)

This morning (if sailing time permits) an area tour of Alaska's capital includes the spectacular MENDENHALL GLACIER formed during the Little Ice Age approximately 3,000 years ago. Board a second ferry for a memorable TWO-NIGHT CRUISE through the magnificent scenery of the INSIDE PASSAGE. The Inside Passage is one of the world's truly remarkable routes. Overnight Alaska Marine Highway Ferry.

**15 ALASKA FERRY:** Wake up this morning to the fresh air and natural beauty of the northern outdoors. This long sea corridor along the west coast is a glistening water road of unparalleled beauty, contrasts and history which follows the coastline of Alaska and British Columbia. Enjoy the view of tranquil fjords, lush forests, seabirds and marine wildlife. Overnight Alaska Marine Highway Ferry.

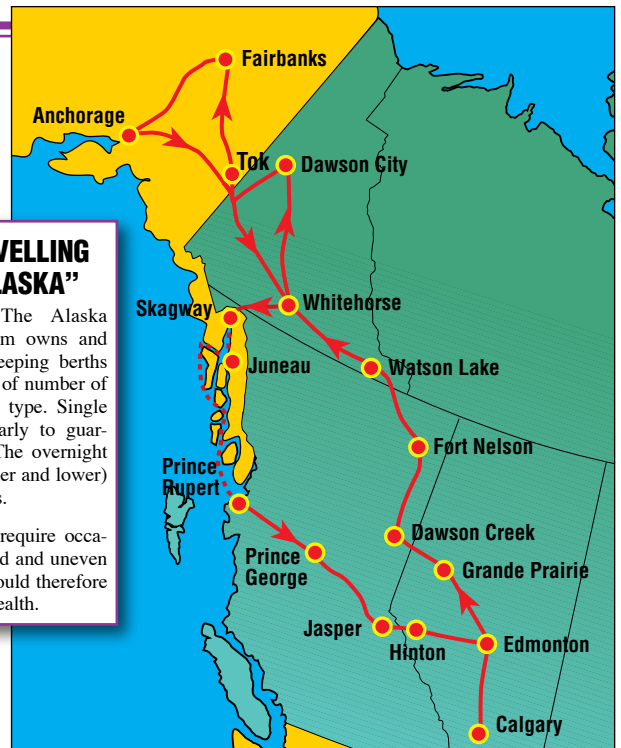
**16 ALASKA FERRY to PRINCE RUPERT:** Arrive in Prince Rupert, the world's largest natural ice-free deep-sea harbour. After a city tour of Prince Rupert, arrive at your hotel for overnight.

**17 PRINCE RUPERT to PRINCE GEORGE:** Enjoy the sight of vast forests, rivers and streams as you journey through the Coast Mountains and the rich farmland of north-central British Columbia to Prince George.

### NOTES ON TRAVELLING "NORTH TO ALASKA"

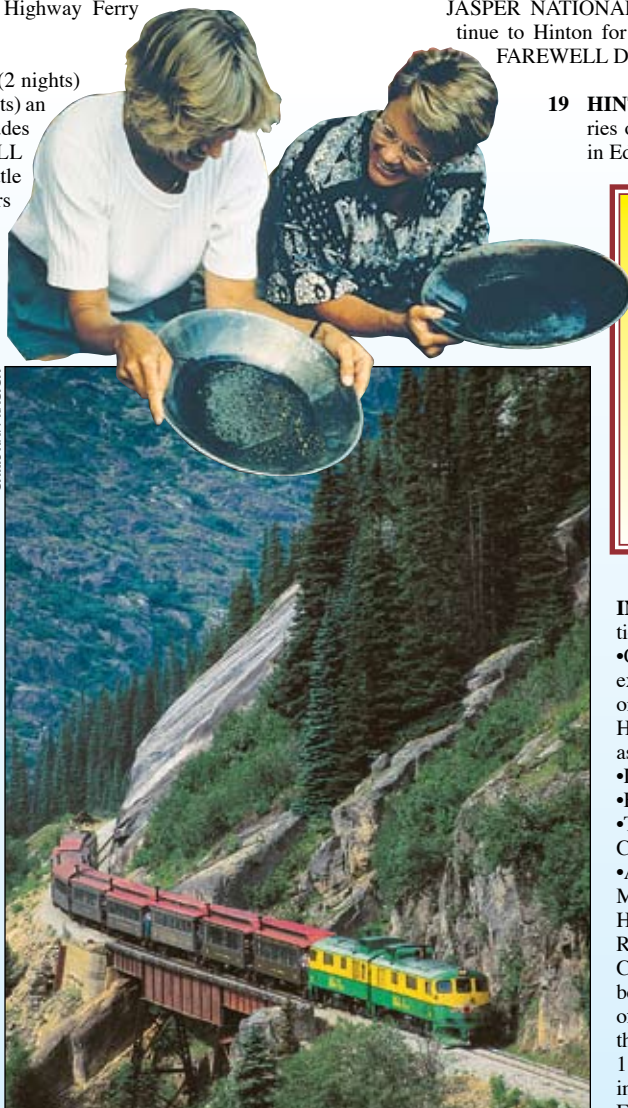
**ALASKA FERRY:** The Alaska Marine Highway System owns and operates the ferries. Sleeping berths are allotted on the basis of number of travellers, not on cabin type. Single travellers must book early to guarantee a private cabin. The overnight ferry has two-berth (upper and lower) cabins with full facilities.

**SIGHTSEEING:** Will require occasional walking on rugged and uneven terrain and travellers should therefore be in reasonably good health.



**18 PRINCE GEORGE to HINTON:** The Canadian Rockies highest peak, MOUNT ROBSON, welcomes you this morning as you travel east into JASPER NATIONAL PARK. After a DRIVING TOUR OF JASPER continue to Hinton for overnight. This evening we invite you to a HOSTED FAREWELL DINNER.

**19 HINTON to EDMONTON to CALGARY:** With fond memories of visiting North America's last frontier, you make a stop in Edmonton and then continue on to Calgary.



Narrow Gauge White Pass and Yukon Route Railway.

### DEPARTURE DATES 2012

19 Days:

★ June 4 June 11 ★ June 25

★ Preferred date

### COST PER PERSON - CANADIAN FUNDS

		+GST
QUAD:	\$3,159.00	\$ 77.40
TRIPLE:	\$3,359.00	\$ 82.30
TWIN:	\$3,729.00	\$ 91.36
SINGLE:	\$5,149.00	\$126.15

(Single travellers must book early to guarantee a private cabin on the ferry)

**INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR:** •First class transportation on an air-conditioned, washroom equipped motorcoach •Quality accommodations and taxes •Services of an experienced Tour Director and Driver •Baggage handling, one average piece per person •Travel Bag •Travellers Handbook •Admissions for all attractions and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary •Welcome Dinner •Milepost 0 •Liard Hot Springs Pool •Signpost Forest •Miles Canyon •Frantic Follies •Diamond Tooth Gerties •Gold Panning •The Dredge •Santa Claus House •Riverboat Discovery Cruise •Athabasca Indian Village •Trans-Alaska Pipeline •Alaskaland - Alaska Salmon Bake & Show •Mount McKinley •Alaska Veterans Memorial •Iditarod Dog-Sled Headquarters •Portage Glacier Cruise •White Pass & Yukon Railtour •Mendenhall Glacier •Inside Passage 2-night Cruise by Ferry to Prince Rupert - confirmed cabins with two berths •Mount Robson •Jasper National Park •Driving tour of Jasper •Hosted Farewell dinner •City Tours as outlined in the itinerary •10 Meals Include: 5 Continental Breakfasts, 1 Box Lunch, 1 Lunch at Muncho Lake and 3 Dinners including Welcome Dinner, Alaska Salmon Bake and Farewell Dinner •4 cookie and juice picnic-style breaks.