

# Alaska Midnight Sun

18 DAYS – MOTORCOACH

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

You will travel nearly 5,000 miles over the scenic and historic highways of the north, much of it north of the 60th parallel. Experience the natural wilderness from boreal forest to striking mountain vistas, untamed rivers to the frozen expanse of glaciers, with wildlife sightings in between. Take in the colourful past of the Klondike Gold Rush and the modern society of today. Enjoy it all – a sternwheeler river voyage, a mouthwatering salmon bake, the incredible views of Denali, the natural wonders of Portage Glacier, riding the vintage narrow-gauge railroad and more!

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Denali.

the Pacific Ocean from those that flow to the Arctic Ocean. The day includes a PICNIC LUNCH followed by a picture stop at MILES CANYON before arriving in Yukon's capital for overnight. Whitehorse was a stopover point for the prospectors on their trek to the Klondike goldfields. Visit the SS KLONDIKE STERNWHEELER, now designated a National Historic Site, which sits proudly on the banks of the Yukon River in Whitehorse.

**5 WHITEHORSE to DAWSON CITY:** (2 nights) Today follow the original trail used by prospectors travelling to the Klondike as you travel the scenic North KLONDIKE HIGHWAY. Enjoy a HOSTED LUNCH at Moose Creek. Arrive late afternoon for a two-night stay in historic Dawson City, where the famous Klondike Gold Rush started in 1898. This evening try the slots or watch the show at DIAMOND TOOTH GERTIES, a historic casino.

**6 DAWSON CITY:** Classified as a national historic site, many of Dawson City's buildings have been restored to reflect life during the gold rush.

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Enjoy a free morning to travel back in time as you explore the boardwalks, shop for gold nugget jewellery or attend a recital of poetry written by Robert Service. Re-live the excitement of bygone days during your afternoon DRIVING TOUR with stops at DREDGE #4 and DISCOVERY CLAIM NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES.

**7 DAWSON CITY to TOK:** 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. Arrive in Tok for overnight.



## DEPARTURE

**DAY 1:** Calgary 7:00 a.m., Red Deer 9:30 a.m., Edmonton 12:30 p.m.

**DAY 2:** Grande Prairie 8:00 a.m., Dawson Creek 9:30 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 travel companions enroute. Your travels cross central and northern Alberta to the beginning of Peace River country. Continue to Grande Prairie for overnight.

**2 GRANDE PRAIRIE to FORT NELSON:** Your morning stop is in Dawson Creek, BC. It is here at MILE "0" that the legendary 1,500 mile-long ALASKA HIGHWAY begins and continues to Fairbanks, Alaska. 2022 marked the 80th anniversary of the world-famous Alaska Highway. 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:** Cross over Summit Pass, the highest elevation on the Alaska Highway as you travel through Stone Mountain Provincial Park. Enjoy a HOSTED LUNCH in a log chalet by the blue-green waters of Muncho Lake. Dip into the soothing thermal waters of LIARD HOT SPRINGS before arriving at the community of Watson Lake in the Yukon Territory. Visit the SIGNPOST FOREST, a collection 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



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**8 TOK to FAIRBANKS:** Visit North Pole's "SANTA CLAUS HOUSE" enroute to Fairbanks. Alaska's golden past comes alive during our afternoon cruise on the STERNWHEELER RIVERBOAT DISCOVERY with a stop to visit an ATHABASCAN INDIAN VILLAGE. This evening you are in for another treat as you arrive at the historic PIONEER PARK. Here you will enjoy a traditional ALASKA SALMON BAKE followed by a short walk to the Palace Theatre for a musical comedy SHOW – an evening of dinner, history and fun.

**9 FAIRBANKS to ANCHORAGE:** (2 nights) The George Parks Highway offers mountain views all the way to Anchorage, including DENALI, North America's highest peak. Enjoy a DRIVING TOUR and time to explore the shops, museums and art galleries of downtown Anchorage before continuing to your hotel for a two-night stay.

**10 ANCHORAGE:** Travel the Seward Highway to Portage Lake and board the MV Ptarmigan for a CRUISE to the face of PORTAGE GLACIER. Return to Anchorage for a visit to ALASKA WILD BERRY PRODUCTS, home of tempting locally produced chocolates, jams, sauces and much more.

**11 ANCHORAGE to TOK:** Begin your day with an interesting visit to a non-profit MUSK OX FARM which is dedicated to the domestication of the "Oomingmak" or "Bearded One". This animal produces an annual harvest of the finest wool in the world. The scenery will continue to fascinate you on your drive through the agricultural Matanuska Valley to Glennallen. Skirt along Wrangell-St. Elias National Park on the Glenn Highway. Arrive in Tok, home to many sled dog mushers.

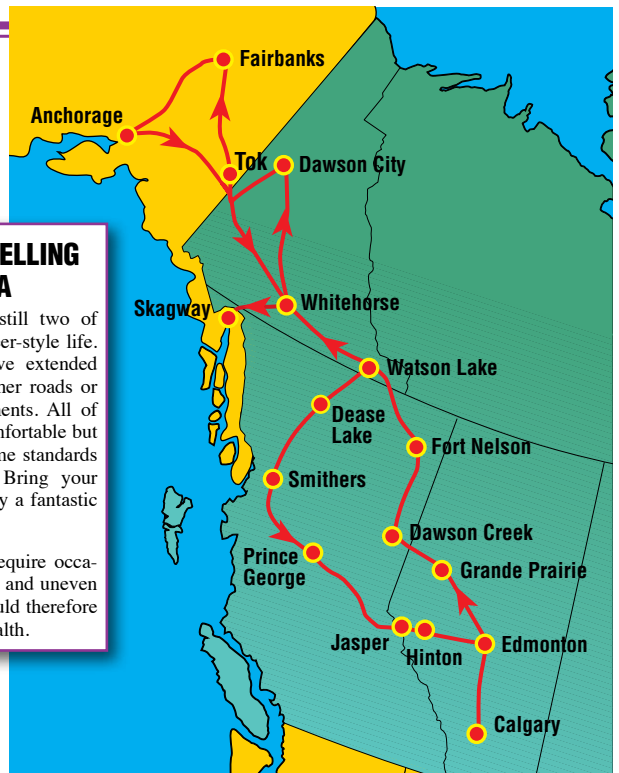
**12 TOK to WHITEHORSE:** (2 nights) Enjoy picture stops and a PICNIC LUNCH as you journey through the snow-capped peaks of the Alaska Range to Kluane National Park, home of the largest lake in the Yukon. Upon arrival in Whitehorse, you will have travelled the entire length of the Alaska Highway.

**13 WHITEHORSE to SKAGWAY to WHITEHORSE:** All aboard for a unique ride on the Narrow Gauge WHITE PASS & YUKON ROUTE RAILROAD that takes you from summit to sea level. Carved through some of the North's

### NOTES ON TRAVELLING TO ALASKA

Yukon and Alaska are still two of the last frontiers of pioneer-style life. Some days we will have extended travel times due to rougher roads or distance between settlements. All of our chosen hotels are comfortable but may not be up to the same standards expected in the south. Bring your explorer's spirit and enjoy a fantastic tour of the north!

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



most rugged terrain, it offers spectacular panoramic views. Parts of the historic White Pass trail that was followed by the gold seekers in 1898 can be seen from the train. Arrive in Skagway, the boom-town gateway to the Trail of '98 and Klondike Gold Fields with time to browse the shops and history before returning by motorcoach to Whitehorse.

**14 WHITEHORSE to DEASE LAKE:** Retrace your travels on the Alaska Highway through southern Yukon. A hearty HOSTED LUNCH awaits you at Nugget City where you will learn about gold and jade mining in the area. Continue south on the STEWART-CASSIAR HIGHWAY through the scenic beauty of the Cassiar District to Dease Lake for overnight.

**15 DEASE LAKE to SMITHERS:** Continue your travels through the northern interior of British Columbia to the town of Smithers, well-known for its alpine style and environment.

**16 SMITHERS to PRINCE GEORGE:** Today enjoy the scenery while travelling through beautiful British Columbia on your way to Prince George for overnight.

**17 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.

**18 HINTON to EDMONTON to CALGARY:** With memorable moments of your Alaskan adventure, you make a stop in Edmonton and then continue to Calgary.

### DEPARTURE DATES 2023

18 Days: ★ June 7 July 1

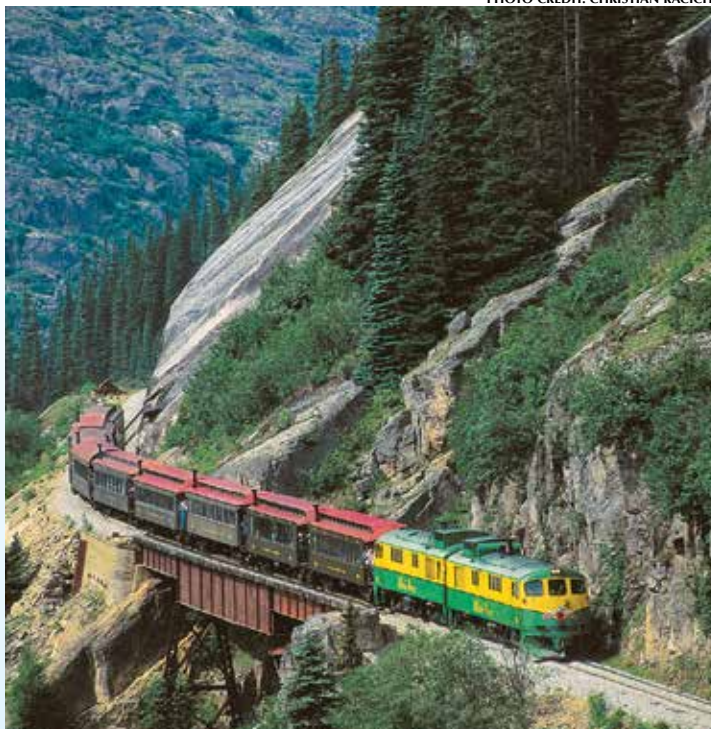
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### COST PER PERSON – CANADIAN FUNDS

		+GST
Triple:	\$4,349.00	\$130.47
Twin:	\$4,999.00	\$149.97
Single:	\$6,849.00	\$205.47

+GST ON CANADIAN PORTION

EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT: \$100.00 twin sharing per person.



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**INCLUDED IN YOUR HOLIDAY:** •First class transportation on an air-conditioned, washroom equipped motorcoach •Quality accommodation and tax •Services of an experienced Tour Director and Driver •Baggage handling, one average piece per person •Travel Bag •Traveller's Handbook •Admission to attractions and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary •Travel the following highways in their entirety: Alaska Highway, Klondike Highway, Top of the World Highway, Stewart-Cassiar Highway •Alaska Highway Mile 0 •Liard Hot Springs •Signpost Forest •Miles Canyon •SS Klondike Sternwheeler •Diamond Tooth Gerties •Driving tour of Dawson City •Dredge #4 National Historic Site •Discovery Claim •Santa Claus House •Sternwheeler Riverboat Discovery Cruise •Athabaskan Indian Village •Pioneer Park •Alaska Salmon Bake & Show •Denali •Driving tour of Anchorage •Portage Glacier Cruise •Alaska Wild Berry Products •Musk Ox Farm •White Pass & Yukon Railroad •Mount Robson •Jasper National Park •Driving tour of Jasper •City Tours as outlined in the itinerary •13 Meals Include: 5 Continental Breakfasts, 5 Lunches: Muncho Lake, Moose Creek, Nugget City and 2 picnic box lunches, 3 Dinners: Welcome Dinner, Alaska Salmon Bake and Farewell Dinner •4 Picnic-style Breaks (cookies and juice).