



*Proudly presents ...*

## *Alaska Cruise*

**Tour Hosts:** Elisha and Merle Ben-Yitzhak

**DATES:** May 17-24, 2003

**Cities and Sites on Tour:** Inside Passage, Ketchikan, Juneau, Sawyer Glacier, Skagway, Outside Passage, Victoria, B.C.

Due to an overwhelming demand, we are delighted to invite you to join our Alaska Cruise. Our Alaska Cruise will be aboard the Norwegian Sky of the Norwegian Cruise Lines. All cabins reserved for our group are Upper Deck, Outside Staterooms with private balconies (Category BB). Our dining options range from the grand dining room's upper sparkling crystal chandeliers, to room service in the privacy of your cabin. Alaska offers majestic scenery, wildlife, glaciers, historical sites and picturesque villages along the way. The cruise itinerary includes visits to the Inside Passage, Ketchikan, Juneau, Sawyer Glacier, Skagway, Outside Passage and Victoria, British Columbia. This is our personal invitation to you, your family and friends to join our Alaska Cruise.



### **Features Included:**

- Roundtrip flight from Chicago O'Hare / Seattle
- 7 night cruise package
- All meals / entertainment aboard ship
- Meet and assist at airports
- Welcome Reception
- Port Taxes
- Transfer to Pier
- Train Excursion in Skagway

### **Not Included:**

- Government Taxes
- Items of personal nature
- Shore excursions
- Gratuities
- Transfer to O'Hare Airport



### Daily Tour Itinerary:

#### **May 17 - Saturday** - Departure / Seattle / Board Ship

Today we depart for Seattle from Chicago on a scheduled airline. Enjoy superb in-flight service on our flight. Arrive Seattle. Free time may be available before we transfer to the pier for boarding and embarkation aboard the Norwegian Sky. Dinner on board. Cruise overnight to Alaska.

#### **May 18 - Sunday** - Alaska / Inside Passage

Breakfast on ship. Glistening within Alaska's Panhandle, this protected strip of water is a cruiser's dream. As viewed from the sea, the towering glaciers, the brilliant blue ice, the emerald green of the virgin forests and the diamond-bright waterfalls combine to dazzle all who pass along these shorelines. Overnight on board cruise.

#### **May 19 - Monday** - Ketchikan

Breakfast on ship. Today we arrive to Ketchikan, Alaska. This favorite port of call boasts an outside museum of native art that is considered the largest collection of Totem Poles in the world. For this reason, Ketchikan is recognized as one of the top 100 arts communities in America. Today you can stroll streets restored from pioneer days where gentlemen of all social standing searched for romance for a price! Wander along the boardwalk, browsing. Many optional shore excursions are available to be purchased on the ship. Overnight on board cruise.

#### **May 20 - Tuesday** - Juneau / Sawyer Glacier

Breakfast on ship. This morning we are in Juneau, Alaska. This beautiful Alaskan State capital is just 13 miles from the majestic Mendenhall Glacier, which contains some of the world's most impressive examples of tidewater. This moving river of ice, 3000 years old, ranks as the largest glacier accessible by road. We enjoy views of the Juneau Ice Field where no animals live. Ice rarely melts and each snowfall adds to the mass that feeds the massive glaciers. As these slowly shift, they open sharp blue crevasses - some hundreds of feet deep. World famous for its marine life, Southeast Alaska is dominated by several types of whales. In the afternoon, we cruise through Sawyer Glacier. It's no secret that this spectacular sight is often considered more beautiful than Glacier Bay. Located in the Tracy Arm Fjord, it is framed by 7000 foot high snowcapped mountains. Overnight aboard cruise.

#### **May 21 - Wednesday** - Skagway

Breakfast aboard ship. We arrive early to Skagway for an entire day with a train excursion. Skagway is a lively Gay Nineties town that served as a gateway to the Yukon during the gold rush of 1898. Its history preserved today in the town's wooden sidewalks, original frame

buildings and colorful saloons. We board a restored 1890 parlor car of the famous White Pass and Yukon Railroad. The route follows that of the gold rushers along the narrow gauge tracks built at the height of the Klondike Gold Rush. This is a thrilling excursion, hugging cliff faces and crossing over narrow trestles; view Bridal Veil Falls, Inspiration Point and Dead Horse Gulch before returning to Skagway. Rest of day for leisure on your own. Overnight aboard cruise.

**May 22 - Thursday - Outside Passage**

Breakfast on ship. Today we will cruise the Outside Passage of Alaska. So called due to its origin "outside" the Inside Passage, these outer islands of the Alexander Archipelago form one of the most wild, beautiful and little-explored temperate rainforest coastal ecosystems on Earth. Enjoy the day. Overnight aboard cruise.

**May 23 - Friday - Victoria, British Columbia**

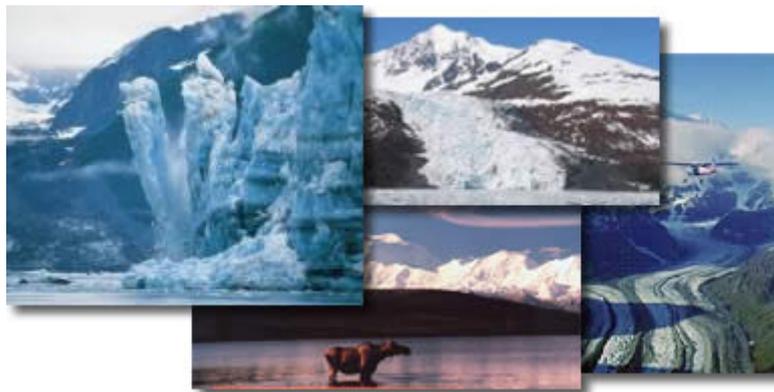
Breakfast on ship. We arrive to Victoria, British Columbia in the afternoon. Sitting across the water from Vancouver on the southern peninsula of Vancouver Island, this charming seaport waits to be explored. The city's wonderfully restored Old Town and the well-manicured Butchart Gardens are the highlights of the second largest city in British Columbia. You may want to partake in one of the optional shore excursions. Overnight aboard cruise.

**May 24- Saturday - Seattle, Washington / Chicago**

Breakfast on ship. We arrive to Seattle early this morning. Disembark the ship and transfer to the airport for our return flight to Chicago.

**Welcome home with fond and beautiful memories.**

**Thank you for joining.**



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