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ALASKA

Alyeska, Alaska

As you venture inland on an Alaska Cruisetour, one of the most popular stops is in the town of Alyeska, Girdwood. Here you can see the beautiful Mt. Alyeska and get a real taste for the great outdoors, Alaska-style.

Anchorage, Alaska

Anchorage is the largest city in Alaska, and it's no accident that many of our cruisetours begin and end in this major metropolis. As locals say, "Anchorage is great. It's only 20 minutes from Alaska." Here, you'll find everything you would find in a city in the lower 48. But it serves as a great introduction to Alaska, too.

Banff, Alberta

Banff National Park, a stop on our Canadian Rockies Cruisetours, provides some of the most stunning sightseeing in the Canadian Rockies. The park itself encompasses 5,200 square miles of parkland and the resort town of Banff.

Calgary, Alberta

At the foot of the Rockies, this rugged, modern city combines all the romance of the great West. Mounties, cowboys, oilmen and natives live and work together here. Dating back to 1875, Calgary has quickly developed and today is Canada's second-largest corporate center.

Denali, Alaska

Without question, the main attraction in Denali is Denali National Park - in fact, it ranks as Alaska's most popular destination - which is why all of our cruisetours visiting Denali include a park tour. The park itself is slightly larger than the entire state of Massachusetts and is filled with wildlife. You may spot a bear loping across the tundra and moose silently grazing while you get the quiet thrill of seeing nature in the wild. In your free time, you can discover some of the adventure sports that make Alaska unique. Some of our packages offer two nights in this amazing destination, so you can explore even more of this immense park and its surroundings.

Fairbanks, Alaska

Endearingly nicknamed "Alaska's Golden Heart," the city of Fairbanks sits just 200 miles south of the Arctic Circle. Here you can pan for gold, take a leisurely cruise down the Chena River or take off on an amazing Arctic Circle Flightseeing Tour.

Hubbard Glacier (Cruising)

The longest river of ice in North America, the Hubbard Glacier is also one of the most active glaciers of its kind in Alaska. And since our ships are designed to provide our guests with the best viewing possible, you'll be able to see this massive natural wonder, with its 1,350 square miles of blue ice, from just about anywhere on the ship.

Icy Strait Point, Alaska

Icy Strait Point is located near the city of Hoonah, the largest native Tlingit Indian settlement in Alaska, and very near Glacier Bay National Park. Home to a historic cannery, the port's connection to the sea is strong. Locals share the sea with humpback whales, orcas, Dall porpoises, seals, sea otters, halibut and all five species of Pacific salmon. It is not uncommon to spot a humpback or an orca while walking along the shore.

Inside Passage (Cruising)

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. And spirited communities that celebrate their varied heritage. Be sure to take in every view as you sail through one of the most beautiful parts of Alaska.

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Jasper, Alberta

Jasper, a stop on our Canadian Rockies Cruisetours, offers all kinds of outdoor adventures and activities. It's also a great place to see elk, which come right downtown every spring and fall. On your way to the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, you'll travel by the Rocky Mountaineer® train.

Juneau, Alaska

Juneau, the capital of Alaska, was founded during a gold rush in 1880. Today, the former gold-mining town counts among its riches some of Alaska's most spectacular scenery. Nestled at the foot of Mt. Juneau in the Alaska Panhandle, it faces the water from the mainland side of Gastineau Channel. Several magnificent fjords are located along the channel coast, and the majestic Mendenhall Glacier, a favorite of visitors, is nearby.

Ketchikan, Alaska

Ketchikan originated as an Indian fish saltery, but the town's major growth began when it became a supply base and entry port for miners during the 1898 Gold Rush to the Klondike. Much of the town's colorful past is still in evidence, especially in the nearby Indian villages, where you'll see colorfully carved totem poles and hear the fascinating legends that surround them.

Seattle, Washington

Seattle is often characterized by its laid-back attitude and rainy climate, but this thriving metropolis also offers one-of-a-kind architecture, the Olympic and Cascade mountain ranges, and a unique urban sophistication.

Seward, Alaska

Seward is not only one of Alaska's oldest communities, it's also one of its most scenic. Visit and discover this picturesque town known as the gateway to Kenai Fjords National Park. You'll find a historic downtown district filled with quaint shops and art galleries, and some of the most exciting outdoor adventures imaginable.

Skagway, Alaska

When gold was discovered in the Klondike region of the Yukon Territory (just across the border from Alaska), it resulted in the historic Gold Rush of 1898. As thousands of gold-crazed adventurers sought the best starting point for their arduous trek, they found the deepest penetration possible by boat was at the northern tip of the Lynn Canal. This is how Skagway was born.

Talkeetna, Alaska

Talkeetna is known as a mountaineering town where thousands have come to climb Mt. McKinley, which looms majestically in the background. Cruisetours to this quaint town allow for plenty of time to explore the area and get to know this beautiful corner of Alaska.

Tracy Arm Fjord, Alaska

Nestled between 3,000-foot high granite walls, the narrow, twisting slice of ocean called Tracy Arm Fjord weaves through the Tongass National Forest for roughly 35 miles. The shoreline is spotted with waterfalls created by melting snowcaps and trees sprouting at odd angles from rocky outcroppings. You will have ample time to admire the landscape and perhaps catch sight of a few native animals as you cruise through this port.

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Vancouver, British Columbia

Most recently ranked by The Economist as the number one most live able city in the world, Vancouver is a picturesque city surrounded by the waters of the Pacific Ocean and the snow capped peaks of the Coast Mountain range. Vancouver is Canada's third largest city with many unique neighborhoods to explore including Gastown, Yaletown, Chinatown and the West End. Visitors can enjoy world class shopping, gourmet meals, outstanding live entertainment, sporting events, theatre, outdoor adventure and world-class attractions.

Victoria, British Columbia

Located on the southern tip on the island of Vancouver in British Columbia, the city of Victoria is probably best known for its mild climate and active outdoor lifestyle. (In fact, the city has been named the "fittest city" in Canada more than once.) As the capital of British Columbia, the city is very tourist-friendly. Among the many attractions are world-famous gardens, its 150 years of British history, gourmet dining and fantastic shopping.