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**SPACE IS LIMITED!**

# Alaska Explorer

EMBARK TO 'AMERICA'S LAST FRONTIER' ON THIS INCREDIBLE CRUISE TOUR ROUNDTRIP FROM SEATTLE! A STUNNING JOURNEY OFFERING THE BEST PANORAMAS OF ALASKA!



**MAY 25 - JUNE 2, 2024 (9 DAYS)**

## TOUR VACATION INCLUSIONS:

- **AIRFARE**
  - **ACCOMMODATIONS:**  
Pre-Cruise Hotel in Seattle, WA
  - **ALL MEALS ONBOARD:**  
Your Cruise Tour includes all meals onboard Holland America
  - **ALL TAXES AND PORT CHARGES**
- HOLLAND AMERICA  
MS WESTERDAM ▪  
SIGNATURE CLASS CRUISE SHIP**

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- **SCENIC PORTS OF CALL ▪  
JUNEAU, SITKA, KETCHIKAN,  
DAWES GLACIER,  
ENDICOTT ARM FJORD,  
STEPHENS PASSAGE WHALE  
WATCHING, VICTORIA BC,  
SEATTLE AND PUGET SOUND**

**INSIDE CABIN: \$2997.00  
PER PERSON DBL**

WINDOW CABIN: \$3297.00 PER PERSON DBL  
VERANDAH CABIN: \$3597.00 PER PERSON DBL  
SINGLE RATES AVAILABLE (PLEASE CALL)

**MAY 25:** Our journey begins with a flight to Seattle, WA and shuttle service to our overnight accommodations.

**MAY 26 SEATTLE AND CRUISE ARRIVAL:** Today we will enjoy shuttle transfer to Pike Market in downtown Seattle. This famous fish market is one of the Pacific Northwest's most famous attractions and the humble beginnings of Starbucks Coffee. Enjoy lunch and browsing at the market before our transfer to our luxurious Holland America "Signature Class" ship - MS WESTERDAM. We set sail this afternoon through the amazing Puget Sound looking back at the Seattle skyline and Mt. Rainier in the background.

**MAY 27 DAY AT SEA:** Explore your floating resort on this fabulous and relaxing day at sea as our journey north begins!

**MAY 28 STEPHEN'S PASSAGE AND JUNEAU:** This morning will lead us into the Stephens Passage, a channel off the coast of Alaska. Ships heading for Juneau, Tracy Arm or Endicott Arm will pass along Stephens Passage. Off the west coast of the Alaskan panhandle are over 1000 islands of the Alexander Archipelago. Between one of these islands, Admiralty Island, and the Alaskan mainland, is Stephens Passage which leads us to Juneau. Built on a narrow shelf between Mt. Juneau and the deep waters of Gastineau Channel, Alaska's state capital, is a blend of fishermen and teachers, legislators and artists, homemakers and lawyers, union workers and frontier entrepreneurs, students and Native elders, all sharing an active port city within an inspiring wilderness and glacier setting.

**MAY 29 SCENIC ENDICOTT ARM / DAWES GLACIER:** Endicott Arm is a 30-mile fjord that snakes through the Tracy Arm-Fords Wilderness Area. At the head is the majestic Dawes Glacier. Find a good spot on our spacious decks or get cozy on your verandah and take in the views. Glide past waterfalls that spool like silver ribbons from soaring mountain peaks. As you go deeper into the narrow fjord, the water changes color from gray to jade, the temperatures dip and the bergy bits (ice chunks) become larger and more plentiful. The 600-foot-tall, mile-wide Dawes Glacier takes center stage just around a bend. The ship will sidle up to this brilliant blue giant for a chance to witness calving, when ice breaks off and plunges into the sea. Dawes Glacier regularly rumbles with white thunder, so keep your camera ready! Wildlife sightings are common, so bring your binoculars. Endicott Arm and Dawes Glacier are the breeding grounds of harbor seals, one of Alaska's cutest critters. In spring, you can see chubby pups chilling with mom on floating ice. You might also spot mountain goats balancing on cliffs or humpback whales swimming with their pods. Scan the valleys for brown and black bears.

**MAY 30 SITKA:** Sitka, the fourth largest city by population in Alaska, is nestled on the west side of Baranof Island, and is thought to be the most beautiful of SE Alaska cities. The flora and fauna of Sitka and its surrounding area are notable attractions. Residents and visitors alike enjoy fishing, hiking, wildlife viewing, and simply experiencing all this dynamic town has to offer. Sitka is one of the oldest and most culturally significant communities in Alaska.

**MAY 31 KETCHIKAN:** Alaska's 'first city' Ketchikan is situated along the shores of Alaska's Inside Passage within the heart of the Tongass National Forest. Evergreen mountains rise out of the water, the lush green landscape nurtured by the abundant rainfall of the temperate rainforest environment. Visitors are presented with a remarkable array of activities and attractions that highlight the town's history, industry and culture, and bring them up close to resident wildlife. Ketchikan's impressive variety of shops and galleries feature work by many of the island's resident artists as well as an assortment of souvenir items and unique gifts that make shopping a 'must-do'.

**JUNE 1 VICTORIA, BC:** Victoria is the capital city of British Columbia, Canada, and is located on the southern tip of Vancouver Island off Canada's Pacific coast. It is one of the oldest cities in the Pacific NW, with British settlement beginning in 1841, and it still retains a number of historic buildings close to the harbour. The city certainly has a unique blend of old world charm and new world experiences. As an island destination, Victoria offers visitors an escape from the hurried world and beams with ambience. Victoria boasts the mildest climate in Canada it is green and beautiful year-round.

**JUNE 2 RETURN TO PORT OF SEATTLE:** Our fabulous Alaska Explorer journey will come to an end as we return to Seattle for ship disembarkation and transfer to the airport for our flights home.

