

# Berry Alaskan Cruise 2017

May 24<sup>th</sup> – June 7<sup>th</sup>

## Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

- Depart Minneapolis on **Delta Flight #2916 at 10:16am** & arrive in Vancouver at 12:06pm.
- A **transfer from the airport to the pier** on the day of sailing is available between 11:00am & 3:00PM. **Princess Representatives will meet you outside the customs hall to direct you to your transfer.** If you are delayed on the way to the ship, please contact the Princess assistance desk at 1-800-545-0008.
- Check-in to the **Island Princess** between 1:00pm & 3:30pm (Sailing time at 4:30pm)
  - **Stateroom: B215**
  - **Confirmation # MTHKVQ**
  - Queen bed requested
  - **8:00pm dining confirmed**
  - **Sip & Sail package included**

## Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

- Day At Sea

## Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

- **Ketchikan, Alaska**

### **Totem Bight State Park & Lumberjack Show (8:00am-12:00pm)**

On this guided tour you'll experience 2 aspects of Ketchikan's rich forest resources - a Native cultural expression & a logging show displaying rugged athleticism. You'll begin by departing your ship for a scenic motor coach ride in & around the city. Along the way you'll see Alaska's busiest waterfront, bustling with floatplanes and boats; drive by infamous Creek Street, Ketchikan's former red-light district during the Gold Rush; and travel along beautiful North Tongass Highway, passing salmon canneries & a pulp mill that was once the largest of its kind in the world. Then, you'll visit Totem Bight State Park for a glimpse into the Native Alaskan culture, featuring 14 colorful totem poles each telling its own fascinating story, & a replica of a 19th century clan house. Then, you'll return to the city for The Great Alaskan Lumberjack Show, a rip-roaring good time with its thrilling show of skill.

**\*Notes:** Cookies will be provided for you. **Videotaping of the show is not permitted.** Guests make their own way back to the ship (It's just a short walk)

## Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

- **Juneau, Alaska**

### **Mendenhall Glacier & Whale Quest (8:30am-1:45pm)**

The breathtaking natural beauty of Alaska is celebrated on an adventure combining two of its premier attractions. View the Mendenhall Glacier, formed during the Little Ice Age, which began about 3,000 years ago. Sustained by the geography & unique climate of the area, the glacier has been able to survive much longer than others in North America. Explore the visitor's center and meet with U.S. Forest Service interpreters, available to answer your questions. Then, drive to Auke Bay for an unforgettable award-winning wildlife cruise available rain or shine. Board a catamaran & relax in the main cabin, offering panoramic views. An onboard naturalist will explain the habits and habitats of the wildlife you may encounter. No whale-watching tour would be complete without seeing the humpback & killer whales which are plentiful in the nutrient-rich waters during this time & sightings are guaranteed!

**\*Notes:** Binoculars & souvenir map is included. **Snacks will be provided:** doughnut holes, smoked salmon, coffee, tea, cocoa, water. **Dress warmly & bring a rainproof jacket.**

## Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

- **Skagway, Alaska**

### **Yukon Expedition & White Pass Scenic Railway (7:30am-3:30pm)**

Experience the beauty of the legendary White Pass Trail of '98 from different perspectives on this exhilarating tour. Travel the Klondike Highway by motor coach, over the White Pass Summit, into Canada's Yukon culminating with a thrilling ride aboard the historic White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad. A scenic drive parallels the route used by prospectors during the 1898 Klondike Gold Rush as you ascend the 3,290-foot White Pass Summit. The lush growth of the coast gives way to Canada's

rugged wilderness as you travel through the glaciated area known as Tormented Valley. Enjoy a barbecue lunch at the Caribou Crossing Trading Post followed by a stroll through the Wildlife Gallery, petting farm, dog musher's village and RCMP heritage center. Stop at the Native village of Carcross, home to exceptional handi-crafts. Then, board the White Pass & Yukon Railroad vintage train cars for an epic, 27-mile journey past breathtaking waterfalls, mountains and glaciers.

**\*Notes:** Since this tour enters Canada, all **guests must carry a passport**. All Aboard souvenir magazine & bottled water are provided on train.

**Lunch will be provided:** Barbecue chicken, baked potato, dinner roll, homemade doughnuts, coffee & tea. Indian Dahl soup available for vegetarians.

### **Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

- Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska
- Scenic Cruising

### **Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

- College Fjord, Alaska
- Scenic Cruising

### **Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

- Anchorage (Whittier), Alaska

### **Rail: Whittier to Talkeetna**

Whittier to Talkeetna Prior to boarding, you **will need to present a government issued photo I.D.** along so please make sure it's handy in your carry on tote bag. Your **travel time to Talkeetna is approximately 5 hours** (174 miles) with the train scheduled to depart **Whittier at 7:15 a.m.** & arrive in **Talkeetna at 12:45 p.m.** Please note that luggage storage on the train is limited to the area immediately beneath your feet. **Breakfast & lunch are available for purchase while on the train.**

- **Lunch Aboard Train**
  - **Lunch aboard the train Service includes a non-alcoholic beverage, one entree, dessert, tax, and 15% gratuity. A meal voucher will be given to you on the train. It's not redeemable for cash and is only valid on the train.**
- **Transfer: Rail Depot to Lodge**
  - Transfer: Talkeetna to McKinley Travel time is approximately **1 1/4 hours** (50 miles).

### **3 Course Dinner Mountain View Resort**

**A meal voucher will be included in your welcome envelope upon arrival and is only valid at the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge's Mountain View Restaurant. Service includes non-alcoholic beverage, appetizer or soup or salad, one entree, dessert, tax and 15% gratuity. Not redeemable for cash.**

- **Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge**
  - Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge  
Mile 133 Parks Highway Denali State Park, AK 99683  
Phone: (907) 733-2900
  - **Check-in time is 4:00pm and check-out is 11:00am.**

### **Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

- **Breakfast at Mountain View Resort**
  - **A meal voucher will be included in your welcome envelope upon arrival and is only valid at the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge's Mountain View Restaurant. Service includes non-alcoholic beverage, one entree, tax and 15% gratuity. Not redeemable for cash.**

### **Glacier Landing Explorer (9:00am-2:30pm)**

Glacier Landing Explorer (Round-trip Lodge) This **tour option begins and ends at the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge.** Take off from Talkeetna Airport in a single engine fixed-wing aircraft. Experience is one of a kind. Land on a glacier inside Denali National Park. **Flight time is approximately 1.25 hours, with 30 mins spent on glacier.** If unable to land on glacier due to weather, a partial refund will be issued. **Dress in layers; bring a camera, jacket and sunglasses.** Maximum weight is 400 lbs. Minimum number of participants is required to operate. **Transportation to and from town provided by Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge.**

**\*Notes:** Excursion originates & ends at the McKinley Princess Lodge. **Transportation to & from excursion provided by the McKinley Princess Talkeetna Shuttle.** Some excursions may not be able to do the glacier landing (Please visit the hotel to receive a partial refund should you not land). **Snow boots will be provided.**

- Rest of the day at leisure

- **3 Course Dinner Mountain View Resort**
  - A meal voucher will be included in your welcome envelope upon arrival & is only valid at the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge's Mountain View Restaurant. Service includes non-alcoholic beverage, appetizer or soup or salad, one entree, dessert, tax & 15% gratuity. Not redeemable for cash.

### Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

- **Breakfast at Mountain View Rest**
  - A meal voucher will be included in your welcome envelope upon arrival and is only valid at the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge's Mountain View Restaurant. Service includes non-alcoholic beverage, one entree, tax & 15% gratuity. Not redeemable for cash.
- **Exclusive Coach: McKinley to Denali**
  - ***On this day, your luggage will be transported separately to Denali & will not arrive until early evening***. Therefore, we strongly recommend clothing & footwear appropriate for your tours & activities on this day. Keep your rain jacket, travel documents & medications with you. Travel time is approximately 2 1/4 hours (112 miles).
- **Music of Denali Dinner Theatre**
  - Music of Denali Dinner Theater Relive the Alaska wilderness adventure! Discover the legend of the first expedition to the summit of Denali in a rollicking musical comedy that will have you clapping & singing along with the cast right up to the finale. **Enjoy a hearty, family style meal featuring smokehouse BBQ, Alaska salmon & mouthwatering accompaniments served prior to show time. Complimentary coffee and tea are served.** Spirits are available for purchase. This feel-good show takes you to new heights of entertainment - all the way to the summit of "The Great One"! **Tour is 2 hours (including 1 hour show)**
- **Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge**
  - Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge  
Mile 238.5 Parks Highway  
Denali National Park, AK 99755  
Phone: (907) 683-2282
  - **Check-in time is 4:00pm & check-out is 11:00am.**

### Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

- **Sourdough Breakfast Buffet**
  - A meal voucher will be included in your welcome envelope upon arrival & is only valid at the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge. Service includes non-alcoholic beverage, buffet breakfast and 15% gratuity. Not redeemable for cash.

#### **Tundra Wilderness Tour Depart (7:00-7:30am)**

Morning Tundra Wilderness Tour This comprehensive full-day tour travels deep into Denali National Park for the best possible wildlife, Denali viewpoints and a host of magnificent vistas. **Travel 62 miles into the park to the Stony Hill Overlook** as it offers wonderful diversity for visitors. A narrated history of the park road and some of the best opportunities to view the park's wildlife inhabitants await you. **This tour is approximately 8 1/2 hours in duration and includes a snack and beverage.**

Due to Park Service regulations, school buses are used. The buses do not have restrooms; however, **rest stops are made every 90 minutes. Please check your Welcome Envelope upon arrival for your exact departure time and tour number.** Tour times are subject to change without previous notice.

- **3 Course Dinner at King Salmon Rest**
  - A meal voucher will be included in your welcome envelope upon arrival & is only valid at the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge's King Salmon Restaurant. Service includes non-alcoholic beverage, appetizer or soup or salad, one entree, dessert, tax & 15% gratuity. Not redeemable for cash.

### Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

- **Breakfast at King Salmon Rest**
  - A meal voucher will be included in your welcome envelope upon arrival & is only valid at the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge's King Salmon Restaurant. Service includes non-alcoholic beverage, one entree, tax & 15% gratuity. Not redeemable for cash.
- **Coach: Denali to Fairbanks Hotel**

- Motor coach: Denali to Fairbanks travel time is approximately 3 ½ hours (121 miles).
- **3 Course Dinner**
  - A meal voucher will be included in your key packet upon arrival & is only valid at the Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge's Trackers Restaurant. Service includes non-alcoholic beverage, appetizer or soup or salad, one entree, dessert, tax & 15% gratuity. Not redeemable for cash.
- **Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge**
  - Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge  
4477 Pike's Landing Road Fairbanks, AK 99709  
Phone: (907) 455-4477 Fax: (907) 455-5094
  - Check-in time is 4:00 pm. Check-out time is 11:00 am.

### **Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

- **Breakfast**
  - A meal voucher will be included in your welcome envelope upon arrival & is only valid in Fairbanks. Service includes non-alcoholic beverage, one entree, tax & 15% gratuity. Not redeemable for cash.
- **AM Gold Dredge 8PM Riverboat**
  - Gold Dredge 8 & Sternwheeler Riverboat Cruise Enjoy a close up view of the TransAlaska pipeline & a presentation about the history & operation. Then hop aboard the hand-built replica of the narrow gauge Tanana Valley Railroad, which delivered supplies to gold camps in the early 1900s. The conductor will regale you with stories & songs from days of yore along the way. You will then tour Gold Dredge 8, a National Historical Monument. After your tour, you have a chance to pan for gold yourself. You will find gold - we guarantee it! **After panning, visit the gift shop & enjoy complimentary coffee and fresh homemade cookies prior to re-boarding** the train for your return trip. Next, board the only remaining authentic Alaskan sternwheeler for a cruise along the Chena and Tanana rivers. The Riverboat Discovery features an open sun deck, & heated indoor viewing areas equipped with video monitors. Along the way, you will see a bush pilot perform a takeoff & landing demonstration, watch a sled dog demonstration and stop by the Old Chena Indian Village for a glimpse into Alaskan life & history. This **tour is narrated & complimentary coffee & donuts are served along the way.** Lunch is included at the riverboat landing.
- **3 Course Dinner (Connoisseur Tours)**
  - Private Fairbanks Connoisseur Dinner

### **Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Today you will say goodbye to your tour director & conclude your Princess escorted tour. As traditions & customs vary, we often have guests ask what gratuity guidelines are appropriate for the region they are touring. It is our belief that gratuities are a direct reflection of the level & quality of service received. It is customary to extend gratuities as a sign of appreciation on the last day of your land tour.

- The following is the **recommended** industry standard for tour directors in Alaska:
  - **Tour Director: \$5-7 per person per day**
- **Transfer: Hotel to Fairbanks Airport**
  - **Upon arrival at the airport, you must collect all of your luggage & check it directly with the airline.**
- Depart Fairbanks on **Delta Flight #690 at 9:15pm** & arrive in Minneapolis at 5:38am on June 7th.

**WELCOME HOME** 😊