# **WD Tours and Holland America Line Present:**

# Alaska & the Yukon Cruise Tour July 13-27, 2023





# This 15-Day Tour Includes:

3 Night Holland America Inside Passage Cruise aboard the MS Koningsdam

Outside staterooms with balcony for Passengers that sign up early!

Scenic Cruising of the Inside Passage
White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad

Denali National Park & Tundra Wilderness Tour

2-Night Stay in Denali

2-Night stay in Vancouver

Optional Butchart Gardens Tour in Vancouver

Whale watching and Mendenhall Glacier Tour in Juneau

Pan for Gold at Gold Dredge #8

McKinley Explorer Domed Railcar Travel

26 Glacier Cruise in Prince William Sound

Alaska Railroad Glacier Discovery Train Round Trip from Anchorage to Whittier and back!

Free Day to Explore Anchorage

Lodging

Motorcoach Transportation

Visit Vancouver, Juneau, Skagway, Whitehorse, Dawson City,

Fairbanks, Anchorage & Whittier

Airfare from Minneapolis to Vancouver, British Columbia

Airfare from Anchorage to Minneapolis

Airfare from Dawson, Yukon Territory to Fairbanks, Alaska

Transportation to and from Minneapolis Airport to Appleton

Meal plan includes approximately 25 meals!

WD Tours Director & More!

Cost: TBD September 2022
Sign Up Now
Payment/signup schedule:
\$1000 deposit/person due at signup
\$1000 due January 1, 2023
Balance due: March 15, 2023

Price increases by \$100 for those that sign up after October 31st

We invite you to compare our tour to others. We know it is not cheap, but we have incorporated a bunch of new items this year that we hope you will enjoy! You will enjoy the luxury and pampering that you receive while on board the cruise ship; we have outside verandah staterooms with a balcony booked on board the ship, we have domed rail car travel from Denali to Anchorage, and we have included most of your meals! This year we are incorporating a two-night stay in Vancouver & an additional day in Anchorage that includes a 26 Glacier Cruise in Prince William Sound! We also have an included whale watching & Mendenhall Glacier tour included in your package. We encourage you to sign up early as we anticipate higher demand. Give us a call with your questions.

#### Wes & Karen

# Thursday, July 13th

Park your cars at our farm near Appleton, MN and join us for the experience of a lifetime! We are up very early today. We take a morning flight from MSP to Vancouver where we spend the next two nights. Overnight Vancouver.

# Friday, July 14th

We enjoy an included guided Vancouver City tour this morning, or you have the option to spend the day going to Butchart Gardens (additional cost). The rest of the day is available for you to enjoy downtown Vancouver.

# Saturday, July 15th

This morning we start the process of boarding our ship the MS Koningsdam where we will spend the next three nights cruising the Inside Passage. Holland America Cruise Line continually earns the industry's premium five-star rating. They are recognized for elegance, fine dining, and a level of graciousness that rises above every expectation. Overnight on-board ship. (L,D)

# Sunday, July 16th

Today sit back, relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery that Alaska's Inside Passage has to offer! The MS Koningsdam has many amenities for you to enjoy along the way. You can sit on one of the many decks that have lounge chairs for you to pass the time away viewing the scenery, or maybe sighting a dolphin or killer whale along the way! Alaska's Inside Passage is a protected network of waterways that wind through glacier-cut fjords and lush temperate rain forests along the rugged coast of Southeast Alaska. Arguably one of the greatest cruising routes in the world, the Inside Passage stretches through stunning landscapes, Overnight on-board ship. (B,L,D)

# Monday, July 17th

Enjoy this morning on your cruise ship. This afternoon we visit Alaska's capitol...Juneau. Juneau is only accessible by air or sea. This afternoon we have included a whale watching & Mendenhall Glacier tour. Overnight on-board ship. (B,L,D)

#### Tuesday, July 18th

We disembark our cruise ship this morning and enjoy the town of Skagway, Alaska. History never gets old in Skagway. This Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park boasts restored buildings and wooden boardwalks that invite you to stroll into the past. Take your time and poke into every little store,

from the Trail Bench to Lynch & Kennedy's Dry Goods. The Red Onion Saloon, with its honky-tonk piano and costumed barmaids is a treasure trove of memorabilia. We continue by traveling the White Pass & Yukon Railroad up the mountain out of Skagway. We then board a waiting motorcoach for our short journey to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory where we spend the night. Overnight Whitehorse, YT (B,D)

#### Wednesday, July 19th

In the summer of 1896, a small cadre of prospectors making their way along Bonanza Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River, stumbled upon huge quantities of gold. Word of the discovery spread slowly until the next summer when word hit Seattle and San Francisco. The Klondike Gold Rush ignited, and the town of Dawson sprang into being to serve the floodtide of prospectors. Located at the confluence of the Yukon and Klondike Rivers, Dawson is now a National Historic Site that has turned back the clock to preserve a rich living history. Enjoy the old fashioned "Gold Rush" days and feel that this town has to offer. Overnight Dawson, YT (B,L,D)

# Thursday, July 20th

Old-time wooden boardwalks connect frontier-era buildings in the Yukon Territory's original capital. The heart of the Klondike Gold Rush, Dawson City housed around 30,000 people in the summer of 1898. But the town was sliding towards "ghost" status just a year later: A fire had destroyed 117 structures, right as the gold ran out and rumors arrived of nuggets in Nome, Alaska. In the early 60s, Parks Canada began refurbishing landmarks like the Palace Grand Theatre (1899) and the Commissioner's Residence (1901). Today tourists wander this subarctic hotspot, which has retained its 19th-century charm. Highlights include the Jack London Museum, Diamond Tooth Gerties Gambling Hall, Robert Frost's cabin and the Sourdough Saloon, which infamously serves a cocktail containing a preserved human toe. Overnight Dawson, YT (B,D)

#### Friday, July 21st

Today we take a short flight from Dawson to Fairbanks, AK. We hope you enjoyed the city of Dawson and got a bit of the "Gold Rush Fever" as we prepare to pan for gold later in Fairbanks! To learn about Alaska and the Fairbanks area visit the Morris Thompson Cultural & Visitors Center downtown Fairbanks. Overnight Fairbanks, Alaska. (B,D)

# Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

We pan for gold this morning at the authentic Gold Dredge No. 8 which is listed on the register of National Historic Sites. After that we venture south to Denali National Park where we spend the next two nights. Browse the shops, take a helicopter ride to Denali or just sit back and enjoy the many amenities the hotel has to offer. Overnight McKinley Chalet, Denali, AK (B,D)

#### Sunday, July 23rd

This morning we take the Denali National Park Tundra Wilderness Tour. This four to six-hour tour takes us into Denali National Park. Watch for caribou, grizzlies, moose, Dall sheep and more. Keep your eye out for Mt. McKinley today. There will be dramatic lookout points along this journey. Overnight McKinley Chalet in Denali. (B,L,D)

# Monday, July 24th

This morning we board the McKinley Explorer luxury domed railcar and enjoy our journey south to Anchorage. This afternoon we check into our hotel and enjoy an included evening meal. Overnight in Anchorage. (B,L,D)

# Tuesday, July 25th

Today we ride the Alaska Railroad and cruise the calm waters of Prince William Sound. Start your day on the Glacier Discovery Train that follows Turnagain Arm's coastline, revealing stunning views in every direction. The train veers away from the highway and winds along fast-flowing rivers at the base of the Chugach National Forest's towering mountains. We board a high-speed catamaran in Whittier to explore the calm waters of Alaska's Prince William Sound where we have impressive panoramic view of 26 spectacular glaciers flowing down from the mountains to the saltwater. We ride the train back to Anchorage this evening. Overnight in Anchorage.

# Wednesday, July 26th

Today is a free day to explore Anchorage. Enjoy Alaska's largest city. This evening we take a red eye flight home to Minnesota.

# Thursday, July 27th

We land in Minneapolis where we will have transportation arranged to take us back to Appleton this morning. We hope you enjoyed the trip of a lifetime to Alaska, and would like to thank you for traveling with WD Tours.

(Itinerary is subject to minor revisions)

\*Remember...passports are required for this tour. Start this process now so you have it in place.\*

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# 2023 Alaska Tour Participant:

In 2023 there are a few highlights to mention about the tour. We encourage you to sign up early for this tour. As of August 15<sup>th</sup> we have 8 people signed up for the 2023 tour already (we are limited to 44 seats.) Either the ship gets full, or the motorcoach or hotels on the land portion of the tour get full, so if you want to go on this tour, it is important that you sign up early!

Over the years our clients said they were glad we incorporated the many forms of travel on this tour. They also were very appreciative of the quality of the hotels, and the fact we included a meal plan for them. Many of our customers had steak, ribs, salmon or king crab for their evening meal, and that \$40 - \$60 meal was included in their tour package. They felt they saved a bunch of money by having the meal plan in place for them.

We recommend that you purchase travel insurance. Contact us and we can forward information to you regarding costs/benefits etc. of the policy that we offer our customers. Karen & Wes purchase trip insurance every year for themselves as they cannot afford to lose that kind of money should they have a family emergency to attend. We encourage you to purchase the insurance also.

#### The tour payment schedule is as follows:

\$1000/person due on initial sign up. (Sign up before October 31<sup>st</sup> to avoid the price increase!) \$1000/person due January 1<sup>st</sup>
Balance due March 15<sup>th</sup>

# The cancellation policy is as follows:

Cancel on or before February  $1^{st}$  - Full Trip Refund Cancel between February  $1^{st}$  and April  $1^{st}$  - Lose \$2500/person Cancel after April  $1^{st}$  - Lose full tour cost

Trip insurance needs to be purchased before the final payment is made in March.

You will need a valid passport for travel into Canada on this tour.

Start that process early so you have it in place prior to departure.

If your passport expires before December 2023, you should renew your passport now.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Wes & Karen

# **WD Tours General Policies**

**TOUR INCLUDES:** All sightseeing admissions, transportation, transfers, events included in tour itinerary, lodging, taxes included in the itinerary.

**NOT INCLUDED:** 

- 1. Gratuities for Holland America Tour Director which is customary
- 2. Gratuities for WD TOURS Tour Directors which is customary
- 3. Gratuities for Drivers which are customary
- 4. Tips for meals or services not included in tour price

**WD TOURS** reserves the right to make changes or alterations in the printed itinerary, dates, routings or included features prior to or during the tour as deemed necessary to make the tour operation as smooth as possible. WD Tours assumes no responsibility for delays and/or expenses due to such modification.

**WD TOURS** will provide a tour director to handle every detail associated with the tour and its passengers. Should any concern develop while on the tour please contact the tour director to help resolve the situation.

#### TRIP INSURANCE/CANCELLATION POLICIES

Call/email us for information on purchasing trip cancellation/interruption insurance. The purchase of trip cancellation/interruption insurance is highly recommended by WD TOURS. Prior to mailing in your final payment, WD TOURS will notify you of trip insurance costs/benefits associated with each tour.

#### RESPONSIBILITY

WD TOURS and our agents act only as an agent for such other parties, firms, or corporations providing services herein.

No liability shall be incurred by WD TOURS, their agents, presenters, or co-sponsors because of injury, loss, delay, or other complication experienced by tour participants.

WD TOURS reserves the right to accept, decline, or retain any person as a participant of these tours at any time.

Any person who requires special assistance, needs to be accompanied by an able companion who will assist them throughout the trip. WD TOURS is not able to provide individual assistance to passengers with walking, wheelchairs or other personal needs.

#### COVID

WD Tours encourages you to get your COVID Vaccination. As of this printing, COVID Vaccinations are required to sail. Clients will be asked to sign a COVID waiver of liability releasing W.D. Tours of liability against the COVID virus.

# Please fill in ALL information. Date of birth is necessary for our reservations!

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Please include a \$1000/person deposit to hold your seat for this tour. Mail to WD Tours at:

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Don't wait until it is too late! Sign up today!