

Girls On Tour – Wild Alaska & The Yukon- 26 days

"wildlife, wilderness and wonderment"



Thursday 25 August 2022 VANCOUVER, CANADA

Depart from Australia for Vancouver, Canada and due to time difference, arrive on the same day. On arrival, transfer to hotel and explore the local area.

Fri 26 Aug – VANCOUVER

A free day today to explore this interesting city. (B)

Sat 27 Aug – EMBARK CRUISE

Today we transfer to the airport for our flight to Juneau. On arrival we will be met and transferred to the port to embark our expedition vessel, Quest. Our ships permit for Tongass National Park enables you to hike and kayak in the wild and remote areas of Southeast Alaska. Explore the Alaska State Museum and downtown Juneau. Settle you're your cabin before dinner. (B,D)

Sun 28 Aug– CRUISE DAY 2

We will voyage into Tracy Arm Fjords Terror Wilderness today with its spectacular glacially carved fjords. We'll pass the Sawyer Glacier which has been described as bluer than any blue on earth. Look out for harbour seals, porpoises and Arctic Terns. (B,L,D)

Mon 29 Aug – CRUISE DAY 3

As we head towards the small, true Alaskan town of Petersburg on Mitkof Island, we search for humpback whales. We'll explore a unique Southeast Alaskan ecosystem, the "muskeg", with stunted trees and carnivorous plants. Enjoy a Dungeness crab feast this evening. (B,L,D)

Tue 30 Aug – CRUISE DAY 4

The waters of Frederick Sound and Chatham Strait are prime areas for both Killer Whales and Humpback Whales. An opportunity today to observe their fascinating behavior – breaching, tail slapping and variations on feeding guided by our expert naturalists. We'll explore spectacular bays and inlets, following bear trails and salmon streams. The still waters are excellent for kayaking, offering another option for up close exploration. (B,L,D)

Wed 31 Aug – CRUISE DAY 5

Cruise among the Inian Islands where an abundance of Steller sea lions reside. Hike nearby islands,



kayak and search for whales in the rich waters of Icy Strait. Conditions permitting, we'll lower the ship's hydrophone to listen in on the whales' communication. (B,L,D)

Thu 1 Sep – CRUISE DAY 6

Glacier Bay National Park and other outer bays are our aim today. We will spend the entire day amidst the coves, fjords, tidewater glaciers and majestic mountains of Glacier Bay National Park. Be on the lookout for Mountain Goats scaling the peaks as well as harbour seals, Steller Sea Lions and Puffins. A visit to Tidal Inlet may bring brown bear sighting opportunities. A highlight today as a native Tlingit interpreter joins us onboard to share the legend of the area. (B,L,D)

Fri 2 Sep – CRUISE DAY 7

We explore Southeast Alaska's Islands, Bays and Fjords with nature as our guide. We may stop at an



isolated beach to take a closer look at tide pools, beachcomb and hike stunning forest trails all the time looking for bear tracks. (B,L,D)

Sat 3 Sep – CRUISE DAY 8

Sadly today we disembark Quest in Sitka, southeastern Alaska's only oceanfront town. Sitka has a strong Russian heritage, which is readily apparent as you visit the onion-domed St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church. Enjoy a short city orientation of historic/interesting sights and buildings before we visit the Fortress of the Bear Rehabilitation Centre. Overnight Sitka. (B)

Please note: all day-by-day breakdowns are a sampling of the places we intend to visit, conditions permitting.



Vancouver, Sitka, Anchorage, Juneau, Talkeetna, Denali NP, Fairbanks, Tok, Dawson City, Whitehorse, Skagway

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Sun 4 Sep - ANCHORAGE

An early departure today for our flight to Anchorage. On arrival we will enjoy an orientation tour of the city before checking in to our hotel. (B,D)

Mon 5 Sep – TALKEETNA

Today we travel to the historic village of Talkeetna. This rustic town, founded a century ago as the district headquarters for the new railroad, sits at the confluence of three rivers and enjoys a striking panorama of Denali and adjacent peaks. We will visit 'Happy Trails Kennels' where we will get to meet and learn about the sled dogs. The buildings in downtown Talkeetna date back to the early 1900's and

INCLUSIONS

- Return international flights ex Brisbane and other flights as shown
- 7 night expedition on National Geographic vessel Quest
- All transport in air-conditioned coaches
- Denali Star Railway journey
- Breakfast daily. Other meals and cultural experiences as shown.
- All entries and touring as shown on itinerary.
- Professional guides and GOT escort

EXCLUSIONS

- Tips and gratuities.
- Visas – 14USD ESTA
- Airline taxes approx \$380
- Personal items, travel insurance
- Anything not specified above

Cost - \$23,537pp twin share + approx Taxes \$380 @ 21/1/2020 (subject to change).

Single supplement LAND \$2,690

** based on minimum group of 11 and subject to currency fluctuations*

are designated a National Historic Site. (B)

Tue 6 Sep – DENALI NP

Today we will travel the George Parks Highway northbound towards Denali National Park. The drive offers sweeping panoramic views and glimpses of beaver dams in the nearby river. Today you may choose to take an optional flight over the the tallest mountain in North America, Mount McKinley. (B)

Wed 7 Sep – DENALI NP

Denali is without a doubt one of the highlights of the "Great Land" and this morning we will enjoy a wildlife tour in search of wolves, dall sheep, moose, caribou and grizzly bears. We will admire Wonder Lake, the largest lake in the area which is often teaming with wildlife. (B)

Thu 8 Sep – FAIRBANKS

A leisurely start to the day today before boarding the Denali Star Railway for a spectacular rail journey to Fairbanks. The glass dome ceilings allow for magnificent panoramic views of Alaska. (B,D)

Fri 9 Sep – FAIRBANKS

We head North today to Chena Hot Springs where you can take advantage of the natural outdoor hot springs, hot tubs or indoor pool. Tonight an Aurora viewing tour in the hope to see the Northern Lights. (B)

Sat 10 Sep - TOK

After exploring Fairbanks we'll hit the road and head south to Delta Junction via the Sheep Mountain Visitor Centre, Kluane National Park. We'll stop at Soldier Summit which commemorates the construction of the Alaska Highway. (B)

Sun 11 Sep – DAWSON CITY

This legendary boomtown was epicentre of the famous Klondike Gold Rush of 1898. You can immerse yourself in Dawson's history and try your luck panning for gold. Stroll around the town and meet the friendly locals. In the evening we enjoy an evening of entertainment complete with can-can girls at Diamond Tooth Gertie's Gambling Hall. (B,D)



Mon 12 Sep – DAWSON CITY

Off early this morning along the Dempster Highway to explore the remote town of Inuvik and The Arctic Ocean. We'll go as far as Tombstone Territorial Park where the mountains are dark and rugged and the vast Arctic tundra begins. Back in Dawson City we'll drive up The Midnight Dome and enjoy the night sky. (B)

Tue 13 Sep - WHITEHORSE

Today we head south along the Klondike Highway catching views of the mighty Yukon River spanning 3,200 kms. A stop at Five Finger Rapids and other small and unique villages before arriving at Whitehorse. A visit to the Aurora Centre tonight seeking the Northern Lights. (B,D)

Wed 14 Sep – WHITEHORSE

A tour of the historic and yet trendy city today visiting the SS Klondike National Historic Site with buildings and machinery dating back to the 1950's including the last of the great paddlewheelers. (B,D)

Thu 15 Sep – WHITEHORSE

A real highlight today as we board the famous narrow gauge White Pass & Yukon Route Railway for our round trip journey on this historic railway with time to explore in Skagway. (B)

Fri 16 Sep - VANCOUVER

After breakfast we transfer to the airport for our flight to Vancouver. (B)

Sat 17 Sep – VANCOUVER

A free day today to explore before our evening departure for home.

Sun 18 Sep – IN TRANSIT

Mon 19 Sep - ARRIVE IN AUST