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Many have requested another tour to Alaska. Princess Cruise Lines is the premier line for Alaska tours and we have tried to plan a great itinerary for travelers. We tried to find a tour that would include a stop in Sitka, the old Russian capital, but each cruise line only offers that port once per season. One was in May which is too early and another was in September which is rather late in the season. We have chosen to cruise first and then do the land portion so we can fly home from Fairbanks, which means we should only need to deal with customs just one time.

We will be sailing on the **GOLDEN PRINCESS**. She carries 2600 passengers and 1100 crew members. She was refurbished in 2012 and again in November of 2015 with addition of several new amenities.

Your itinerary will be as follows:

7/13/18 – Fly from Newark, NJ to Vancouver, BC and spend the night at the Best Western Plus.

7/14/18 – Enjoy a continental breakfast at the hotel this morning. We will enjoy a city tour and see all the major sites in Vancouver before boarding our ship, GOLDEN PRINCESS. The tour bus will be dropping us at the dock for embarkation. Ship sails at 4:30 p.m.

7/15/18 – At sea all day

7/16/18 – Port of Call Ketchikan, Alaska. Arrive 6:30 a.m. Depart 2:00 p.m. Visitors to Ketchikan will be intrigued by its rich Native heritage, which includes the world's oldest collection of totem poles at Totem Heritage Center. The Haida, Tlingit and Tsimshian are all a part of the city's colorful history. Ketchikan, with its abundance of salmon, is also a sportfishing paradise. Sightseers will be impressed with both the scenic town and its surroundings, especially Misty Fjords National Monument.

7/17/18 – Port of Call Juneau, Alaska. Arrive 8:00 a.m. Depart 9:00 p.m. From their discovery came three of the largest gold mines in the world. By the end of World War II, more than \$150 million in gold had been mined. Eventually the mines closed, but the town Joe Juneau founded became the capital of Alaska and the business of gold was replaced by the business of government. Today Juneau is famous not

only for gold and government but also for its breathtakingly beautiful glaciers and stunning views of both water and mountains

7/18/18 – Port of Call Skagway, Alaska. Arrive 7:00 a.m. Depart 8:30 p.m. Skagway was the gateway to the gold fields for the thousands who flocked to Alaska and the Yukon with the hope of striking it rich. Skagway may have boasted the shortest route to the Klondike, but it wasn't the easiest. Today, Skagway has less than 1,000 residents. It still retains the flavor of the gold rush era.

7/19/18 – Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska (Scenic Cruising). Princess is one of a select few cruise lines permitted to cruise the pristine waters of Glacier Bay, the highlight of our 7-day Voyage of the Glaciers cruise. Just west of Juneau, this breathtaking national park and preserve boasts some of the world's most spectacular tidewater glaciers, such as Margerie Glacier, which often drops colossal chunks of ice into the sea. Not surprisingly, Glacier Bay National Park and its epic ice giants are part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site comprising Alaska's magnificent park system.

7/20/18 – College Fjord, Alaska (Scenic Cruising). College Fjord not only boasts the world's largest collection of tidewater glaciers, but it features magnificent snowcapped mountains as far as the eyes can see. Plus, during the summer, it's not unheard of to catch a glimpse of one of the area's 40-ton humpback whales feeding in the waters of the fjord.

7/21/18 – Arrive Anchorage (Whittier), Alaska at 12:30 a.m. Whittier, approximately 65 miles southeast of Anchorage, lies nestled at the base of the Chugach Mountains bordering Passage Canal. Established as a World War II port for cargo and troops of the Alaska Command, Whittier remained activated until 1960. Today, Whittier's economy and its 290 residents rely largely on the fishing industry, the port and, increasingly, on tourism. Step off your ship into a waiting railcar for our exclusive Direct-to-the-Wilderness same-day rail service to Talkeetna, then on to the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge. Get settled, and perhaps enjoy an optional afternoon excursion. The Alaskan Bar & Grill is the perfect place for a relaxed dinner to end your first day in the Denali area.



7/22/18 - A full day at the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge means you'll have ample time to both relax and explore. The nature trails around the grounds is a pleasant way to get a sense of the place. And our Princess staff can help you choose from a generous offering of outdoor activities.

7/23/18 - Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge - Enjoy a scenic motorcoach drive to the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge, located just outside the national park entrance. Why not get to know the splendor of the park with one of a variety of activities including a husky homestead tour, fly fishing or a glacier landing via helicopter.

7/24/18 - You have a full day to get out into one of America's best national parks. This morning, a Natural History Tour serves as a wonderful introduction to the animals, plants and geological features found there. Later today, you may want to stop by the tour desk to plan an activity such as rafting or hiking.



7/25/18 – Fairbanks - You'll have the morning to relax. Your motorcoach is waiting to take you from a wonderful stay in Denali along the scenic George Parks Highway to your next destination - Fairbanks. Enjoy the authentic Gold Rush atmosphere in this unique town.

7/26/18 - This morning, take a Gold Dredge 8 tour with the chance to pan for your own gold. Enjoy a miner's lunch before taking a cruise on an authentic Sternwheeler Riverboat down the Chena River. The evening is at your leisure in Fairbanks.

7/27/18 – Our tour ends this morning in Fairbanks. You will be transported to the airport for our flight back to Newark, NJ.



Interior Cabin – Golden Princess Cruise Ship

Ocean View Cabin – Golden Princess Cruise Ship



Balcony Cabin – Golden Princess Cruise Ship

Princess Cruise Lines allows a group to hold up to (16) cabins only. We have the following cabins being held for our group: (10) inside cabins; (2) ocean view cabins; and (4) balcony cabins.

PRICE PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY:

\$3,700.00 – INSIDE CABIN
\$4,550.00 – OCEAN VIEW CABIN
\$5,050.00 – BALCONY CABIN

DEPOSIT REQUIRED BY PRINCESS CRUISE LINES: \$900.00 PER PERSON

Note: Princess Cruise Lines is now requiring a percentage deposit.

FINAL PAYMENT WILL BE DUE: APRIL 20, 2018

EACH TOUR MEMBER WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN UP-TO-DATE PASSPORT.

Cancellation insurance is available covering this tour. The price is dependent on cabin category and your age. If interested in cancellation insurance, please let us know and we will be more than happy to get your price for you.

Options: There are excursions available from all port cities at an additional cost.

Information required at time of reservations: Name, Address, Current Phone Number and Birth Date.

NOTE: Flight reservations can not be made until 11 months prior to flight (September 2017). There is an ESTIMATED flight cost in the above pricing. The flight costs are subject to change.

The cost of bus transportation to and from Newark, NJ will be an additional cost but will be equally divided among the number of tour members participating.

All arrangements have been made in conjunction with World Travel International at the Airport, 700 Airport Road, Montoursville, PA 17754 Phone: 570-368-1214 – Attn: Julie