

ALASKA CRUISE & DENALI NATIONAL PARK

Hosted by Pastor Wayne Alloway

August 8-21, 2024



Dear Friends,

If you've been looking for a unique and unforgettable travel experience, I have an exciting opportunity for you to consider.

I would love to have you join me and my wife on a once-in-a-lifetime cruise to Alaska in August 2024. For years, an Alaskan cruise has been on my bucket list, and I'm so excited to share this experience with you.

Traveling with like-minded friends is an incredible way to build deeper connections and create lasting memories. Sharing the awe-inspiring sights of Alaska together is sure to be a powerful experience that you will never forget.

This cruise offers an exceptional opportunity to witness the beauty and majesty of Alaska's glaciers, mountains, and wildlife. We'll have the chance to explore the charming towns of Skagway and Ketchikan, perhaps watch whales and dolphins frolic in the ocean, and see majestic bald eagles soar through the sky.

Not only will this trip be a once-in-a-lifetime adventure, but it also offers the chance to grow deeper in your faith. Imagine basking in God's glorious creation by watching the sunrise over the Alaskan wilderness or gazing up and seeing the stars as you've never seen them before.

Again, I'd love for you to join us on this unforgettable journey. Whether you're seeking adventure, spiritual renewal, or simply a chance to connect with new friends, this cruise is sure to be the experience of a lifetime.

Blessings,
Wayne

St Mark's
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.

Butchart Gardens



Stanley Park Totem Pole



Ketchikan



Inside Passage



August 8, 2024 - Thursday Traveling to Vancouver

Our wonderful adventure begins as we meet at St. Mark's United Methodist Church's parking lot (Lincoln, NE). We will transfer to the Omaha airport together to fly to Vancouver. Upon arrival, we will meet our local tour director and take a short drive to our hotel, where we will spend our first two nights. Time to relax and unwind. Join your fellow travelers for a stroll to enjoy downtown Vancouver, the atmosphere, and a first bite of Canada.

August 9, 2024 - Friday Vancouver Island - Butchart Gardens

After a hearty breakfast, we will head out to explore Vancouver Island. With our private motor coach and guide, we will take the ferry to Vancouver Island (90 minutes). Once we arrive, we will visit the beautiful Butchart Gardens, one of Victoria's most famous and popular attractions! Make your way through the gardens and follow the stone paths and streams lined with colorful arrays of flowers and trees. The gardens adjust floral displays to suit the season, and they are just as spectacular in August as in spring and late fall. Next, we will head downtown for a tour through Chinatown. We will continue to the Parliament Building, along Dallas Road, and through Beacon Hill Park. Free time for lunch and to do more sightseeing on your own. Later in the afternoon, we will depart from Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal to return to Vancouver for the night. B

August 10, 2024 - Saturday Vancouver Sightseeing - Embarkation

Breakfast is served before we board our motorcoach for a sightseeing tour of Vancouver. If you could watch the history of Vancouver as a time-lapse movie, you would see the creation of a sawmill and a community that grew up around it, which then became the town site of Granville. Then came the railroad and the development of the great natural harbor. Then, a sudden linkage to the Orient, Eastern Canada, and Europe. Immigrants come, business blooms and the skyscrapers rise along Burrard Inlet, always with the mountains visible in the spaces between the buildings. Today, we will experience it all during our panoramic city sightseeing tour. We will pass from all the city's highlights, including a one-hour visit to Granville Island. We will tour through Gastown, Chinatown, Vancouver Harbor and the Olympic Cauldron, Stanley Park (scenic stop at the totem poles and Prospect Point), and English Bay. We will also stop for 30 minutes at the Vancouver Lookout

Observation Deck. Leisurely time for lunch before we end our tour at the Cruise Terminal to embark on Princess Cruises' Royal Princess for our 11-day cruise and Denali National Park adventure! B | D

August 11, 2024 - Sunday Scenic Cruising the Inside Passage

The fabled Inside Passage is one of the most scenic sea lanes in the world and one of the few where deep-draft vessels can sail close to steep mountain walls. The scenery is unbelievable, with forests in a hundred shades of green, tumbling turquoise glaciers, and evocative towns loaded with history, culture, and adventure. With most of Southeast Alaska accessible only by boat or plane, the Inside Passage is a lifeline to the outside world. Onboard, a world of exciting activities awaits, from cooking demonstrations to dance classes, trivia contests, and a range of enrichment programs, including the "Encounters with Discovery at SEA"-speaker series from experts who offer insights into the places you will visit. B | L | D

August 12, 2024 - Monday Ketchikan 6:30 AM - 3 PM

Ketchikan is known as Alaska's "First City" because it is the first major community travelers visit as they journey north. Located on an island, Ketchikan began life as an Indian fishing camp. The name Ketchikan comes from a Tlingit phrase meaning "eagle with spread-out wings," a reference to a waterfall near town. In the early 1900s, when gold was Alaska's claim to fame, fishing- and timber industries were established in Ketchikan. The growth of these industries helped make this Inside Passage port Alaska's fourth-largest city. You will be intrigued by its rich Native heritage, which includes the world's oldest collection of totem poles at Totem Heritage Center. Ketchikan, with its abundance of salmon, is also a sportfishing paradise. Sightseers will be impressed with the scenic town and its surroundings, especially Misty Fjords National Monument. B | L | D

August 13, 2024 - Tuesday Juneau 8 AM - 9 PM

No roads lead to Juneau, which gives the Alaskan capital a misty inscrutability. You need to come by air or water, but when you arrive, the place will delight you with its bounty of water, forests, and mountains. Squeezed between the Gastineau Channel and the Coast Mountains, Juneau offers a lot of variety in close proximity. The massive Mendenhall Glacier and the

Juneau Glacier



Bald Eagle



Railroad to Denali



Grizzly Bear



immense Juneau Icefields are at its back door. The vast Tongass National Forest stretches away to the northeast. You can shop downtown or get out and kayak, dogsled, raft, hike, whale watch, flightsee, or fish. The adventures are as bountiful as the daylight. Numerous shore excursions are available today. B | L | D

August 14, 2024 - Wednesday

Skagway 7 AM - 8:30 PM

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. Over 100 years ago, the White Pass route through the Coast Mountains and the shorter but steeper Chilkoot Trail were used by countless stampedes. Many a would-be miner perished on the treacherous Chilkoot Trail. The gold rush was a boon, and by 1898, Skagway was Alaska's largest town, with a population of about 20,000. Hotels, saloons, dance halls, and gambling houses prospered. But when the gold yield dwindled in 1900, so did the population as miners quickly shifted to new finds in Nome. Today, Skagway has less than 1,000 residents. It still retains the flavor of the Gold Rush era. B | L | D

August 15 & August 16, 2024 - Thursday & Friday

Glacier Bay & College Fjord Scenic Cruising

Cruising the pristine waters of Glacier Bay is one of the highlights of our 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. Glacier Bay National Park and its epic ice giants are part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. During your scenic cruise, friendly Park Rangers will join the ship to share their knowledge of this amazing place. B | L | D

"Galloping Glacier" is rapidly advancing toward the Gulf of Alaska into a pristine area known as Disenchantment Bay. Its movement temporarily formed a natural dam that twice closed off nearby Russell Fjord from the bay, but the intense water pressure building within the fjord-turned-lake has thus far been enough to explode through the wall of ice. The largest tidewater glacier in North America, Hubbard Glacier, is enchanting, even from afar. The area is also renowned for its wildlife, where whales, harbor seals and otters swim, brown bears, moose and black-tailed deer roam ashore, and a wide variety of seabirds soar gracefully across the sky. B | L | D

August 17, 2024 - Saturday

Disembarkation - Traveling to Denali via Rail

After breakfast, it is time to leave our cruise ship. Luggage has been taken care of, and we are ready to board a stunning rail journey from Whittier to Denali. It is a 300-miles train ride, including a trip through a two-mile-long tunnel as you depart Whittier. Lean back, observe, and be blown away by the landscape. The evening is enjoyed at Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge. B

August 18, 2024 - Sunday

Denali Park Tours - Mckinley

A cruise along the Chena River on a Sternwheeler Riverboat is about as authentic as it gets. Later, you will head to Denali National Park. Check in with the Guest Service Desk for help with planning your own Denali adventure. Or you may enjoy the spectacular main lodge, river view deck, and Princess Village with the popular Christmas cottage and sugar shack. Be sure to check out Fannie Q's Saloon, named after a famed local homesteader. In the late afternoon, we will transfer by motorcoach to Mt. Mckinley Princess Wilderness Lodge. Sit and gaze at "The Great One" from the lodge's treehouse, hear stories about climbing Denali in the Hudson Theater, or roast marshmallows at the fireside patio.

August 19, 2024 - Monday

Mckinley - Anchorage

Enjoy a leisurely morning taking in the last impressions of this grand region. We will transfer to Anchorage in the early afternoon to check into our hotel for our last night. We have arranged a farewell dinner; cheers to our wonderful group and Alaska adventures. D

August 20, 2024 - Tuesday

Traveling Home

After a relaxing breakfast, it is time to leave our hotel and head to the Anchorage Airport for our flight back home.

Please note that we will arrive at Omaha Airport to transfer by private motor coach to St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

**Itinerary is subject to change
Detailed shore excursion program available
B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner**



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SECURE ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://fs28.formsite.com/vLu8mE/MARKS824/>

Package Price - Balcony Cabins:

Per person in shared double room/cabin: \$4,995
 Per person in a single room/cabin: \$7,995*

*Triple/Quad. rooms/cabins consists of two double beds.

**We offer "Pair & Share" service for our Solo travelers. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!*

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on April 10, 2024, is non-refundable, and can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment (any payments after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

EARLY BIRD BONUS - ZERO CREDIT CARD FEES:

Pay for your tour in full upon registration and minimum six months prior to departure using your credit card!
SAVE 3.5%!

Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2+ 3 4

This tour (rated 2+) involves a decent amount of walking, some stairs, periods of standing, outdoor activities, and some steep areas within the places visited. This trip is **not** recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes/boots are always recommended.

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.
Travelex Insurance Services, Inc CA Agency License #0D10209. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276.

Group airfare:

Please see separate insert.

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 30 and a maximum of 35 travelers. Should the number fall below 30, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

Included:

- Roundtrip private motorcoach St. Mark's Church-Omaha Airport
- 2 nights at a 4-star hotel in Vancouver
- 10 nights (total) during cruise, in Denali, and in Anchorage
- 9 x breakfast, 7 x lunch, 8 x dinner
- Purified water, coffee, and tea onboard the cruise ship
- All tours and admissions in Vancouver as per tour program
- Princess Cruises 11-day Alaska cruise with Denali extension
- Transportation with deluxe motor coach
- Baggage handling at hotels and during cruise and Denali overnights (1 bag per person)
- St. Mark's Church tour host: Pastor Wayne Alloway
- Executive Travel tour host
- Detailed travel documents (hard copy and e-format)
- All local taxes and fees, including port taxes

Not Included:

- Airfare and baggage fees (usually \$35-\$40 for the first checked bag, 50 lbs.)
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities for local tour director and motor coach driver in Vancouver
- Personal expenses
- Meals other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrance fees to monuments and museums other than mentioned
- Professional fees, \$75 per person, due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

Accommodations:

Vancouver: Hyatt Regency or sim.
 Cruise: Royal Princess or sim.
 Denali: Princess Wilderness Lodge or sim.
 Mt. McKinley: Princess Wilderness Lodge or sim.
 Anchorage: Captain Cook or sim.
 Accommodation will be confirmed 90 days prior to departure.

Forwarding registration and deposit signifies that you agree to the terms and conditions of this tour which can be found on our website at WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys

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12/7/2023

AIRFARE DETAILS!

Group airfare with United Airlines is offered at \$995.00 per person, including taxes and fees:

August 8, 2024	Omaha* - Denver	6:20 AM	6:59 AM
August 8, 2024	Denver - Vancouver	7:52 AM	9:51 AM
August 20, 2024	Anchorage - Chicago	8:57 PM	6:05 AM (August 21, 2024)
August 21, 2024	Chicago - Omaha*	8:45 AM	10:20 AM

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Please reach out to us to assist you (a small supplement may occur).

Important notes about seat assignments and upgrades:

Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to departure. Premium seating (upgrades) can be purchased and confirmed at this time only. Executive Travel cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days before your departure. Thus, we cannot promise the availability of specific seating on the aircraft.

All taxes, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change.
Air schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

