



# Alaska “Island Princess®” July 1 – July 13, 2011



Provident Travel is pleased to offer a 13-day, 12-night tour to experience the most luxurious way to visit Alaska and the Inside Passage. Aboard Princess Cruises' magnificent ship the **Island Princess** (*Bermudan Registry*), you will experience one of the most elegant cruise ships in Alaska.

When traveling to Alaska, you want to go with someone who really knows the territory. For more than a quarter-century, Princess has been the pioneer of Alaska cruising, while Provident Travel has the experience of escorting these fabulous tours for over 20 years. We have again chosen Princess as a result of their great record in Alaska and because we have, once again, obtained very favorable rates for you.

## Alaska Land Program

A visit to Fairbanks, Alaska's second largest city, is first on your journey to the interior. In Fairbanks you'll view the Alaska Pipeline, visit Little El Dorado Gold Mine and cruise on the paddle wheeler *Discovery*.

You'll experience the fabulous Midnight Sun Express® Ultradome® cars that will take you to the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge®. In the afternoon you will have a Natural History Tour traveling into Denali National Park. This evening enjoy dinner at the Music of Denali Dinner Theater. Then it's on to the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge<sup>SM</sup> for the next two days where you will have the opportunity to enjoy many optional activities. The McKinley Express<sup>SM</sup> train will take you from Talkeetna to Whittier where you will board the Island Princess.

## Our Alaska Cruise

Step aboard the beautiful Island Princess and enter a world unlike anything you have ever experienced before. A world where gracious European service is complemented by the warmth of frontier-friendly people and superb gourmet continental cuisine is elegantly served overlooking sights like the ice-blue glaciers of College Fjord. Also, the best Broadway to Las Vegas-style entertainment on the high seas is highlighted by the visits to rustic Gold Rush ports like Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan.

Relax out on deck as your ship glides past forests in a thousand shades of green. Meet with new friends over cocktails. Savor the tradition of afternoon tea. Pamper yourself in the health and beauty center. Shop duty-free in a shipboard boutique. Enjoy the Casino, the movie theater, and dancing to a variety of live bands. All the amenities of a deluxe sea-going resort are right here at your door step. And, you will never get tired of the scenery outside.

## Join us on this vacation of a lifetime!

### LAND TOUR ITINERARY

**Friday, July 1st** (*Home/Fairbanks*) Fly from Cincinnati to Fairbanks, AK. Overnight in Fairbanks for the next two nights.

**Saturday, July 2nd** (*Fairbanks*) Today, we take an escorted city tour that includes the Alaska Pipeline and the Little El Dorado Gold Mine. You will also be a guest on our cruise aboard the sternwheeler riverboat *Discovery*, with the genial captain pointing out sights along the way.

**Sunday, July 3rd** (*Fairbanks/Denali National Park*) This morning we board the *Midnight Sun Express*. After checking into the Princess Denali Park Lodge we'll take a Natural History Tour that takes us into Denali National Park. This evening enjoy the Music of Denali Dinner Show.

**Monday, July 4th** (*Denali National Park/McKinley Lodge*) Morning at leisure prior to transfer by motorcoach to the Mt. McKinley Wilderness Park Lodge. Evening free to enjoy optional activities.

**Tuesday, July 5th** (*McKinley Lodge*) *Enjoy a day at Leisure.* Choose from a variety of optional activities such as fly-fishing, rafting, horseback riding or hiking a botanical trail.

**Wednesday, July 6th** (*McKinley/Talkeetna/Whittier*) This morning we motorcoach to Talkeetna where you will board the McKinley Express train to Whittier. Upon arrival in Whittier you will board the beautiful Island Princess for a 7-night "Voyage of the Glaciers Cruise".

### CRUISE ITINERARY

**Thursday, July 7th** (*Cruising Hubbard Glacier*) Today we cruise the longest tidewater glacier in Alaska. View dramatic Alaskan scenery on your first day at sea on the **Island Princess**.

**Friday, July 8th** (*Cruising Glacier Bay National Park*) Today we enter the largest national park in America. Park rangers will board our ship as we slowly cruise in and around the glaciers. Bring your cameras and binoculars for fabulous pictures and views of the glaciers and the marine life found here.

**Saturday, July 9th (Skagway)** Enjoy a full day exploring Skagway. You may want to shop, visit the museum, take an optional tour such as the White Pass and Yukon Route Railroad or take a helicopter flight over Glacier Bay.

**Sunday, July 10th (Juneau)** Your ship calls at Alaska's lovely capital city, Juneau. Stroll the colorful waterfront and downtown area, or take an optional tour such as an excursion to Mendenhall Glacier, the Fish Hatchery, the Eagle Sanctuary, etc.

**Monday, July 11th (Ketchikan)** Today you will discover the colorful history of Ketchikan. You may want to take an optional tour to view totems and native craftsmen, fish for salmon, take a float plane ride, etc..

**Tuesday, July 12th (Inside Passage Cruising)** Simply relax and enjoy the luxury of your Princess ship and the spectacular inside passage scenery while the crew ensures your every comfort.

**Wednesday, July 13th (Vancouver/Home)** The Island Princess arrives in Vancouver, BC. Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay in Vancouver and enjoy this beautiful city.

**2011 ALASKA CRUISE & LAND TOUR**

CATEGORY	STATEROOM	PROVIDENT TRAVEL CRUISE & LAND RATE BOOKED BY 2/14/11	7 DAY CRUISE ONLY JULY 5-12 BOOKED BY 2/14/11
AC	Outside, 2 lower beds, Mini Suite with private balcony - Dolphin Deck	\$3,765	\$2,525
BD	Outside, 2 lower beds, with balcony - Baja, Caribe or Dolphin Decks	\$3,535	\$2,275
D	Outside, ocean view, 2 lower beds - Plaza Deck	\$3,335	\$2,075
II	Inside, 2 lower beds, Baja Deck	\$2,653	On request

Fares are per person, based on double occupancy, capacity controlled and subject to availability. Single and triple rates available. No additional discounts or coupons are valid with this cruise/tour. The air fare is an estimated cost and is subject to change until deposited. You will have several options of airline and schedule which will determine the exact air cost.

This program can be purchased as a Cruise and Land Tour or a 7 Day Cruise Only Package (Whittier to Vancouver).  
The Cruise Only Package includes: round-trip air, cruise, transfers and government fees and taxes.

**CRUISE AND LAND TOUR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:**

- Seven day cruise on the elegant *Island Princess* (Bermudan Registry) visiting Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay, Juneau, Skagway and Ketchikan.
- Round-trip airport-pier transfers
- Private cocktail party
- Escorted by Provident Travel Staff with 30 full paying passengers
- Five night land program: two nights Fairbanks, one night Denali Princess Lodge and two nights McKinley Princess Lodge.
- Fairbanks city tour, *Discovery* riverboat cruise
- Natural History Tour at Denali National Park
- Little El Dorado Gold Mine Excursion
- Dinner at Music of Denali Dinner Theater

**ADDITIONAL EXPENSES** not included in the package price:

- Round-trip economy airfare, currently priced at \$1,200 per person and subject to fare and taxes at time of ticketing
- Shore excursions
- Meals not included in land portion of cruisetour
- Items of a personal nature such as souvenirs, alcoholic beverages and sodas

A deposit of \$700.00 per person assures your reservation. Balance due April 8, 2011  
**Optional Tour – Two Night post-cruise Vancouver/Victoria Package**  
 Includes two nights Vancouver Hotel – Butchart Gardens – Transfers – From \$425 per person.  
 (Onboard gratuities and other charges of a personal nature are not included.)

**Cancellation Policy:** For a full refund, notice of cancellation must be in writing and received at our office no later than 75 days prior to cruise or land package departure date, whichever comes first. Penalties for late cancellations will be assessed as follows: 74 – 43 days – \$350.00 per person (deposit amount); 42 – 29 days - 50% of total charges; 28 days to 8 days – 75% of total charges; Less than 8 days to nonappearance – 100% of total charges.

**WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND TRAVEL PROTECTION.**

**A PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS CRUISE**

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