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# NEWSLETTER

TRAVEL  
TO ALASKA  
IN 2021

RSVP for  
our September  
Virtual Travel  
Shows!

## WELCOME!

Dear Travelers,

Can you believe the summer is almost over? It seems like just yesterday we were staying safe at home and now we are thinking about fall and the end of the year.

To bring some 'normalcy' to our fall, we will continue to co-host two great travel shows, but this year they will be held virtually. First is our On-Stage Alaska Show featuring one of the most popular travel destinations of North America. Join us online to learn why you want to use Holland America Lines to get you there! Next is a show previewing all the 2021 tours from the Globus Family of Brands, including Avalon Waterways. Learn about their health and safety protocols, touring accommodations and new itineraries including North American National Parks and Undiscovered Tours to places less traveled.

Take Care of you and your families,

- Kelly & Toni

# WELCOME BACK VIRTUAL REVEAL OF 2021 TOURS



This year we are opening our VIP Globus Family of Brands Travel Show for all to attend! Get a preview of the 2021 destinations and to see what keeps bringing people back to travel with the Globus Family of Brands.

**When:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 1pm CST

**Where:** On-line only, please RSVP to get your link for attending

**To register:** Please visit our Burkhalter Tours Travel Show Page at [Burkhaltertravel.com](http://Burkhaltertravel.com) or email us at [tours@burkhaltertravel.com](mailto:tours@burkhaltertravel.com).



## AVALON RIVER CRUISING

Over the past 10 years, river cruising has grown, making waves in the travel industry and proving that when it comes to bodies of water, ships and cities, bigger isn't always better. Avalon waterways has led the way with spacious, innovative and award-winning Suite Ships.



## INTERNATIONAL TOURS WITH GLOBUS AND COSMOS

Orchestrated by the world's finest Tour Directors and remarkably knowledgeable local guides, these multi-country tours are designed to allow you to experience and compare a variety of cultures, take in the must-see sights, and make the most vivid memories. Pack your bags and let Globus and Cosmos take care of the rest!

## UNDISCOVERED TOURS OF NORTH AMERICA WITH GLOBUS OR COSMOS

It isn't necessary to cross oceans for adventure when there's so much to discover from coast to coast. On an Undiscovered Tour of North America with Globus or Cosmos, we trade the hustle and bustle of the overcrowded cities for the smaller, crowd pleasing gems across the U.S. and Canada. Discover the undiscovered right outside your door.



## Last Call

### PIONEER WOMAN & MAGNOLIA MARKET

October 12-17, 2020

\$1,499 per person based on double occupancy



### GREAT TRAINS AND GRAND CANYONS

November 1-6, 2020

\$3,062 with estimated air from Chicago.

### SOUTHERN SOUNDS

November 1-8, 2020

\$2,699 with estimated air from Madison.

### CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF AUSTRIA

November 30-December 8, 2020

\$3,693 with estimated air from Chicago.

# ON-STAGE ALASKA VIRTUAL TRAVEL SHOW



We have all had a little more time to dream about our bucket list destinations this year and Alaska is on most everyone's list! Come join our virtual travel show to learn more about 'The Great Land,' our 49<sup>th</sup> state. Holland America Line and Burkhalter Tours can help you create the trip of a lifetime!

**When:** Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 3pm CST

**Where:** On-line only, please RSVP to get your link for attending

**To register:** Please visit our Burkhalter Tours Travel Show Page at [Burkhaltertravel.com](http://Burkhaltertravel.com) or email us at [tours@burkhaltertravel.com](mailto:tours@burkhaltertravel.com).

## COUNTDOWN THE TOP 21 REASONS TO VISIT ALASKA IN 2021:

**21. Mountains:** Denali is the tallest mountain in North America and third tallest in the world! You don't have to go out of your way to find mountains, because Alaska is made up of thousands of them.

**20. Glaciers:** When the last ice age ended, the glaciers retreated to the top of the world as they melted away. What's left of them can be found in Alaska and Canada's far north. With an estimated 100,000 glaciers, be ready to be wowed by ice!

**19. Anchorage:** Alaska's biggest city and largest port of the state. It is the hub of Alaska's commercial fishing industry.

**18. Iditarod:** The world's longest sled dog race. It covers 128 miles in the middle of winter from Anchorage to Nome. It's the most competitive sled dog event in the world and takes nearly 2 weeks to complete!

**17. No State Taxes:** If you want to save money on your next adventure, head to Alaska. The state has no sales or income tax! They have huge reserves of oil and other natural resources that supply them with all the money they need, so they don't burden the citizens with taxes.

**16. Seaside Villages:** Some of these remote villages are only accessible by boat or plane!

**15. Wildlife:** No not nightlife, wildlife... you know all the critters that are running around this majestic land. There are a few places left where you can see so many animals in their wild habitat.

**14. Daytime at Night:** The midnight sun is one of Alaska's famous phenomena. For several weeks each summer, the sun never sets. The summer

solstice in the northern hemisphere is where you can track the sun move around the horizon, instead of over it. This gives you plenty of daylight to check out all the beauty of Alaska!

**13. No People:** Alaska is the least populated state in the USA. It is also one of the least populated regions, sharing this honor with places such as the Gobi Desert, Siberia and parts of central Asia.

**12. Fishing:** There is no better fishing in the world than Alaska. If you want a true fishing story to regale your friends with, come to Alaska! Fish from the wild or an urban setting - you won't regret it.

**11. Scenery:** Alaska offers scenery like no other place on earth - unspoiled majestic mountains, glaciers, fjords, crystal clear lakes, waterfalls and National Parks.

**10. Native History and Culture:** Alaska has a rich and varied history that includes the Native Indians, Russian fur traders and gold miners. Visit the unique museums and cultural heritage centers throughout Alaska.

**9. Juneau:** The state capital has just over 30,000 people living here, yet this small bustling city is famous for its cultural scene. Some of the best culinary masters live and work in Juneau! Once you have a bite of the local catch, you'll be hooked!

**8. Fairbanks:** This city is the beating heart of Alaska. It is located deep within the rugged interior, and for a true Alaskan lifestyle, this is where you want to be. The Northern Lights can be seen from your bedroom window; you can pan for gold in the rivers; and the Alaskan Museum is here, which has some of the best gold-rush exhibits anywhere.

**7. Alaskan Road Trips:** There is no shortage of road trip opportunities

in America's largest state. You're guaranteed to see bears, walrus, moose, elk, bighorns and so much more. You'll never see anything like what you'll see on an Alaskan road trip!

### **6. Inner Passage Cruises:**

These cruises are not meant for the sunbather. But for those who want to see breathtaking views of majestic mountains, calving glaciers, remote seaside villages and diverse sea life, while enjoying cultural lessons and amazing food on board!

**5. Whale Watching:** Some of the largest creatures in the world's oceans reside in the nutrient-rich waters of southeast Alaska. For your best chances at spotting these humongous animals, book an excursion out of Juneau.

**4. Alaskan Railway:** Skip the highway and experience the beauty of Alaska through the panoramic glass-dome cars! The trains offer memorable journeys through the stunning landscapes of mountains, glaciers and gorges.

**3. Glacier National Park:** Watching the glaciers calve and hearing the thundering sound accompanying the glacial ice breaks is an incredible experience!

**2. Unique Adventures:** Whether trying to catch the 'big one' while salmon fishing, taking a helicopter to hike the top of a glacier, flightseeing over ice fields to ride a dogsled, kayaking past frolicking seals, trekking to see bears, river rafting, or panning for gold, Alaska's shore excursions bring bragging rights!

**1. Denali National Park:** This is something you cannot afford to miss. Only 30% of visitors get to see the peak of Denali, but the peak is not all there is to see. Alaska's "Big 5" are all waiting to be discovered on your tour into this park.





Alaska's Iditarod with Fairbanks



Arizona Spring Training



California Classics



Galapagos



Exploring the Pacific Northwest



Desert Oasis & Southern California National Parks

## MULTI DAY TOURS

### DOMESTIC TOURING

These North America tours depart from either Dane County Regional Airport or Chicago O'Hare International Airport and include estimated round trip airfare, transfers, 1st class hotel accommodations, touring admissions, deluxe motorcoach transportation and a professional tour guide.

#### SAN ANTONIO HOLIDAY December 9-13, 2020

Carve out four nights for yourself on this holiday adventure to San Antonio, Texas. You will love strolling the holiday decorated, tree-lined River Walk with its numerous shops and restaurants. Shop for special gifts at El Mercado Marketplace, re-live the 60's at unchanged LBJ Ranch, visit the San Jose Mission and, don't forget the Alamo. This holiday will be unlike any other as you watch thousands of floating candles illuminate the night along the River Walk.  
**\$3,693 with estimated air from Chicago.**

#### DESSERT OASIS AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NATIONAL PARKS - NEW February 21-28, 2021

Vibrant cities, unique experiences, and striking landscapes...all of this and more await you on this Southern California tour. Tour highlights include time in three unique settings: Joshua Tree National Park, Death Valley National Park, and Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge.  
**\$3,130 with estimated air from Madison.**

#### ALASKA'S IDITAROD WITH FAIRBANKS - NEW February 26-March 8, 2021

Your time in Anchorage focuses on the Iditarod, Alaska's best-known sporting event. Meet four-time Iditarod Champion Martin Buser at his kennels. Witness the ceremonial start of the race in Anchorage and the official restart of the race in Willow, where you can cheer on your favorite mushers as they head off into Alaska's wilderness on this 1,049-mile journey to the finish line in Nome.  
**4,537 with estimated air from Chicago.**  
*Save \$243 pp if booked by January 4, 2021*

#### ARIZONA SPRING TRAINING - NEW March 14-18, 2021

This is the perfect trip for those who were disappointed with the fan-less stands of 2020. Start now, to ensure a better baseball year ahead with a trip to see the Brewers at their spring training. Escape the cold, damp weather of Wisconsin and spend time in Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tucson.  
**\$2,452 with estimated air from Madison.**

#### EXPLORING THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST - NEW May 30-June 7, 2021

Begin in the vibrant city of Seattle and travel through the beauty of the Cascade Mountains. Enjoy German food in the Cascades and taste wine in the vineyards of Washington's wine country. Take in the mountain air along the Hood River with a visit to Mount Hood, more than 11,000 feet above sea level on your way to Bend. Enjoy sampling local Oregon craft beers in this trendy town. Then off to visit Crater Lake National Park with a drive around the rim encircling the deep blue waters in this spectacular setting.  
**\$2,895 with estimated air from Madison.**  
*Save \$100 pp if booked by November 9, 2020*

#### CALIFORNIA CLASSICS NEW DATES

**September 10-19, 2021**  
From San Francisco to Los Angeles, see the famous sights of California on this spectacular vacation. Enjoy the excitement and faster pace of San Francisco and Los Angeles, and take a deep breath and slowdown in the areas of Napa Valley and Yosemite National Park.  
**\$4,333 with estimated air from Chicago.**  
*Save \$338 pp if booked by January 4, 2021*

#### HISTORIC TRAILS & BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS - NEW September 18-October 1, 2021

From colonial settlements and Civil War sites to the magnificent Blue Ridge Mountains and stunning Great Smoky Mountains, this southern U.S. tour features historic sites, spectacular scenery, and fun experiences all along the way. You will overnight in the Washington DC area, Gettysburg, Shenandoah National Park, Beckley, Lexington, Kentucky, Gatlinburg, Asheville, Lexington, Virginia, and Williamsburg.  
**\$3,523 with estimated air from Madison.**  
*Save \$100 pp if booked by November 9, 2020*

#### NEW ENGLAND RAILS & SAILS - NEW DATE AND TOUR NAME! September 29-October 7, 2021

Tour the length and breadth of New England from mountain hamlets to seaside villages in this leaf peeping tour of the northeast! This tour transfers you to the airport, so it not only includes rails and sails, but also flights – along with your deluxe motorcoach, which does all the driving so you can focus on the spectacular scenery! **\$3,633 promotional price with 'free air' from Chicago.**  
*Free Air if booked by September 30, 2020*

#### BOURBON, BRIDLES & BLUEGRASS - NEW October 1-8, 2021

Intoxicating views await in bucolic horse country and the Great Smoky Mountains while elating experiences are just around the corner in the local distilleries, music houses, and grand southern estates. Whereas the sprawling Biltmore and Cheekwood Estates will give you a taste of the old South, the current "it" cities of Asheville, Nashville, and Chattanooga will welcome you to the energy of the new South.  
**\$3,309 with estimated air from Madison.**  
*Save \$264 pp if booked by January 4, 2021*

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHARMS WITH DEATH VALLEY - NEW November 1-12, 2021

This laid-back tour of Southern California explores popular getaways and more in the Golden State. Visit the 18th-century mission in San Juan Capistrano, tour the Rat Pack's mid-century modern homes in Palm Springs, and taste today's perfectly aged reds and whites in the picturesque wine regions of Temecula and Paso Robles. You'll also feel the wind in your hair on a Jeep tour through Joshua Tree National Park, the sand in your toes along San Diego's 70 miles of beaches, and your inner movie star emerge as you strut down Rodeo Drive.  
**\$4,849 with estimated air from Madison.**  
*Save \$370 pp if booked by January 4, 2021*



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Highlights of Morocco



## Alaska 2021 Touring

### INTERNATIONAL TOURING

These international tours depart from either Dane County Regional Airport or Chicago O'Hare International Airport and include estimated round trip airfare, transfers, 1st class hotel accommodations, touring admissions, deluxe motorcoach transportation and a professional local guide.

#### **GALAPAGOS** - NEW DATES

**March 17-24, 2021**

Cruise Ecuador's beautiful Galapagos Islands, each a unique environment with its own treasures and wildlife! Includes city sightseeing in the capital of Quito and a visit to the monument at the "middle of the world." **Pricing starts at \$7,429 with estimated air from Chicago.**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF MOROCCO** - NEW

**April 7-18, 2021**

Exotic and fascinating, the Kingdom of Morocco is rich in history and culture, offering intriguing historic sights, authentic cuisine, and changing scenery. Be enchanted by beautiful landscapes, stunned by the beauty of the desert, and surprised by the mountain scenery of the Middle Atlas. **\$2,995 with estimated air from Chicago.**  
*Save \$100 pp if booked by November 9, 2020*



#### **BE GREEN & READ IT ON THE SCREEN!**

Did you know that you can receive this same great newsletter in digital form? Plus, it comes linked with all of our tour's itineraries, applications and terms & conditions. Email [tours@burkhaltertravel.com](mailto:tours@burkhaltertravel.com) or call Toni or Kelly at 608-833-5200.

#### **MEDITERRANEAN FLAVORS** - NEW DATES

**May 7-May 21, 2021**

Travel along the Mediterranean Coast through vibrant cities, historic sites and stunning scenery. You will stay in Madrid, Valencia, Barcelona, Marseille, the Venice area, and Rome. Also enjoy overnights in the French Riviera and the Cinque Terre area. **\$3,555 with estimated air from Chicago.**  
*Save \$100 pp if booked by November 9, 2020*

#### **ROMANTIC RHINE** - NEW DATES

**October 8-16, 2021**

Join Michelle Dent on one of Europe's most legendary rivers. This exciting journey along the Rhine River, takes you across Germany and touches in Holland, France, and Switzerland! This magnificent river cruise begins in the ever popular, modern city of Amsterdam, sail through the spectacular Rhine Gorge—the most beautiful stretch of the Rhine River. Before the end of your European river cruise vacation, stop in Breisach, Germany, the gateway to Germany's Black Forest to top off this amazing cruise experience. **Pricing starts at \$4,750 with estimated air from Chicago.**

### **ALASKAN ADVENTURE**

**June 13-27, 2021**

This leisurely-paced journey into Alaska's heartland combines a seven-day land tour and a seven-day cruise with sightseeing in Fairbanks, Denali National Park, Anchorage, Seward, Glacier Bay, Haines/Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan and Vancouver. **From \$5,240 with estimated airfare from Chicago.**

### **ALASKA'S BEST**

**July 3-14, 2021**

This relaxing tour starts with one night in Vancouver before embarking on a 7-night northbound cruise to Seward. Explore four days on land with included sightseeing in Denali National Park and Anchorage. **From \$4,368 with estimated airfare from Chicago.**

### **ALASKA AND THE YUKON**

**July 10-24, 2021**

**From \$5,383 with estimated airfare from Chicago.**

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**August 14-28, 2021**

**From \$5,328 with estimated airfare from Chicago.**

This itinerary takes you deep into the wilderness. In just two weeks, you will enjoy a triple-night stay at Denali National Park and a double-night stay in colorful Dawson City, the heart of the Yukon's wild frontier and the center of the famed Klondike Gold Rush. This tour is the perfect balance between the Great Land's must-see sights and seldom-seen wonders, all combined with an elegant four-night Holland America cruise!

## EXTENDED TOURS CALENDAR

Pioneer Woman & Magnolia Market- <b>NEW DATES</b>	October 12-17, 2020
Great Trains and Grand Canyons - <b>NEW</b>	November 1-6, 2020
Southern Sounds	November 1-8, 2020
Christmas Markets of Austria	November 30-December 8, 2020
San Antonio Holiday - <b>NEW</b>	December 9-13, 2020

### 2021 Tours

Desert Oasis & Southern California National Parks	February 21-28, 2021
Alaska Iditarod with Fairbanks - <b>NEW</b>	February 26-March 8, 2021
Desert Adventures of Dubai & Abu Dhabi	March 11-19, 2021
Arizona Spring Training - <b>NEW</b>	March 14-18, 2021
Galapagos- <b>NEW DATES</b>	March 17-24, 2021
Highlights of Morocco - <b>NEW</b>	April 7-18, 2021
Mediterranean Flavors- <b>NEW DATES</b>	May 7-21, 2021
Danube Symphony-Westbound - <b>NEW</b>	May 22-27, 2021
Northern California's Finest - <b>NEW</b>	May 28-June 5, 2021
Exploring the Pacific Northwest - <b>NEW</b>	May 30-June 7, 2021
Alaska Adventure	June 13-27, 2021
Alaska's Best	July 3-14, 2021
America's Greatest Treasures - <b>NEW</b>	July 8-17, 2021
Alaska Yukon	July 10-24 or August 14-28, 2021
Spectacular Alaska - <b>NEW</b>	July 16-25, 2021
German Grandeur-Eastbound - <b>NEW</b>	July 18-27, 2021
Burgundy & Provence-Northbound - <b>NEW</b>	July 19-27, 2021
Active & Discovery in Holland & Belgium - <b>NEW</b>	August 15-23, 2021
Scottish Highland Fling - <b>NEW</b>	August 25-September 4, 2021
South African Safari	September 1-12, 2021
Rhine & Moselle - <b>NEW</b>	September 9-22, 2021
California Classics- <b>NEW DATES</b>	September 10-19, 2021
Best of Eastern Europe - <b>NEW</b>	September 25-October 8, 2021
Historic Trails & Blue Ridge Mountains - <b>NEW</b>	September 18-October 1, 2021
Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice	September 29-October 5, 2021
New England Rails & Sails- <b>NEW DATES</b>	September 29-October 7, 2021
Bourbon, Bridges & Bluegrass - <b>NEW</b>	October 1-8, 2021
Italy's Best - <b>NEW</b>	October 2-16, 2021
Romantic Rhine Cruise- <b>NEW DATES</b>	October 8-16, 2021
Blue Danube Discovery - <b>NEW</b>	October 24-November 1, 2021
Southern California with Death Valley - <b>NEW</b>	November 1-12, 2021

## ONE-DAY TOUR CALENDAR

Fall Foliage River Cruise - <b>SOLD OUT, STILL OPERATING</b>	September 30, 2020
Mystery Day Tour - <b>SOLD OUT, STILL OPERATING</b>	October 6, 2020
<i>We will offer more day tours when it is safe to travel as large groups again.</i>	



## VIRTUAL TRAVEL SHOWS

On-Stage Alaska  
Globus Family of Brands

Thursday, September 10th @ 3pm  
Wednesday, September 16th @ 1pm

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