

Alaska Explorer Cruise

June 30-July 8, 2023



This relaxing tour starts with one night in Seattle before embarking on a 7-night round-trip cruise. Explore five ports of call including Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan and Victoria, British Columbia.

Day 1, Friday, June 30: Depart for Seattle. Upon arrival in the Emerald City, transfer to your downtown Seattle hotel for a one-night stay and free time on your own.

Day 2, Saturday, July 1: Seattle. Spend time at leisure enjoying Seattle's many sights. With no shortage of things to do in Seattle, iconic attractions like the waterfront, Space Needle, Chihuly Garden and Glass and Pike Place Market are all easily accessible. Transfer to the nearby port to board Holland America's *Eurodam*. The ship sails at 4:00pm.

Day 3, Sunday, July 2: Scenic Cruising. Sail through a maze of islands, coves and glaciers. You might attend a port talk with your on-board Alaska naturalist guide. Or, you might simply immerse yourself in the luxurious Holland America Line amenities. Be sure to watch for marine life—your captain will alert you if whales are nearby!

Day 4, Monday, July 3: Scenic Cruising Stephens Passage & Juneau.

Stephens Passage is like the best shortcut in the world, a straight line through Southeast Alaska in a landscape that comes with very few straight lines. Concentrated in and around its waters is a greatest hits of Alaskan wildlife, from humpback whales to giant sea lions. The southern reaches of Stephens Passage start at the edges of Frederick Sound, one of the best whale-watching areas in the state. Juneau, Alaska may well be the most remote, most beautiful and strangest state capital in the United States. Surrounded by water, forest and mountain sights, visitors seeking things to do in Juneau indoors and outdoors can hike a glacier, eat fresh-caught fish on a seaside patio and tour a grand capitol building all in one day.

Day 5, Tuesday, July 4: Glacier Bay. On your cruise to Glacier Bay, close your eyes and take in the sounds—the creaks and groans of “living” ice, the shrill cries of gulls and soaring eagles, the splash of a breaching humpback whale. Frosted peaks towering over mossy forests, wide tidewater glaciers, and marine



Tour Highlights & Inclusions

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| • Estimated Air from Madison | • Onboard Naturalist |
| • Transfers in Seattle | • Hubbard Glacier |
| • 1 Night Downtown Seattle | • Onboard Entertainment |
| • 7-Night Cruise on Eurodam | • All Meals Onboard the Cruise |
| • Port in Ketchikan, Juneau and Sitka | • Burkhalter Travel Host with 20 travelers |

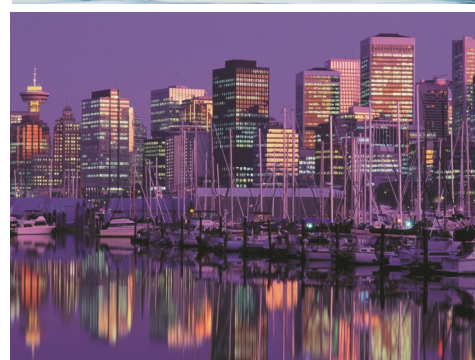
wildlife are givens on Glacier Bay cruises, but every experience in this changing biosphere is unique.

Day 6, Wednesday, July 5: Sitka. Sailing into Sitka today, you'll still see vestiges of Russia's influence, including the unmistakable onion dome of St. Michael's Cathedral and the Russian Bishop's House, both National Historic Landmarks. Stop by the visitor center of the Sitka National Historical Park to peruse its interesting collections of Russian and Native Alaskan artifacts. A ranger-led tour of the battlefield where Russia defeated the native Tlingit people is also an option.

Day 7, Thursday, July 6: Ketchikan. Ketchikan has long been an important hub of the salmon-fishing and-packing industries—try your luck on a sportfishing excursion or simply savor the fresh seafood at one of the local restaurants. It is also one of the best spots along the Inside Passage to explore the rich cultural sights of Native Alaskan nations like the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian. You can see intricately carved totem poles at the Totem Heritage Center and Totem Bight State Park. The attractions of Saxman Village just outside of Ketchikan offer the chance to see Tlingit culture in action, with working carvers and a dance show in the clan house.

Day 8, Friday, July 7: Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Start your visit to Victoria's sights and attractions at the Inner Harbour. Whale-watching cruises and sightseeing floatplanes take off and return from their excursions here and government buildings, museums, the Visitor Centre and the grand Fairmont Empress provide a dignified welcome. Just around the point, Fisherman's Wharf offers a lively contrast with working fishing boats, barking harbor seals and busy seafood restaurants serving up the catch of the day. Take time for a jaunt to the famous Butchart Gardens, a truly stunning show garden developed on the site of a depleted quarry. Enjoy afternoon tea, a walk in the park or a shopping trip to Market Square or along Government Street. However you choose to spend your day, Victoria's civilized delights will charm you.

Day 9, Saturday, July 8: Seattle. Your vacation comes to an end as you transfer to the airport and fly home. Or if you are not quite ready, maybe extend your stay in the Emerald City. Ask your Burkhalter Travel Advisor about options!



Tour Price (per person, double occupancy)

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| Signature Suite | Starting at \$4,524 |
| Verandah Cabin | Starting at \$3,634 |
| Oceanview Cabin | Starting at \$3,089 |
| Interior Cabin | Starting at \$2,694 |
| **Airfare and airport transfers are included.** | |
| Pricing and availability are subject to change until a reservation is made. | |

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