



14 Days June 17-30, 2019 From \$5540*

• Anchorage • Talkeetna & Mt. **McKinley Princess Wilderness** Lodge • Denali National Park • Ultra Dome rail journey • Whittier • Yakutat Bay's **Hubbard Glacier • Glacier Bay** National Park • Skagway • Juneau • Ketchikan • Seattle • Most meals

OIN OUR hosted cruise/tour to Alaska and be there during the longest day of the year! To assure all goes well, Mary Beth Kurasek will be with you throughout from Central Illinois and back home again. Fly nonstop from Chicago to Alaska (so you arrive without getting tired due to a wee hour departure plus plane changes). You will see Mt. McKinley, glaciers calving, ride a train in the scenic wilderness and cruise through the Inside Passage. Do all the land touring first then cruise south along the Panhandle of Alaska to Vancouver and fly home from Seattle. And all tips and fees are included! Choose a cruise stateroom with a balcony now (for less than what other packages

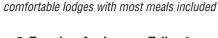
charge for an Oceanview room with a window) and now with \$175 to \$350 per person free On Board Credit-for a limited time only so don't delay.

Itinerary

Day 1 Monday: Central Illinois-**Chicago-Anchorage**

Mary Beth welcomes you aboard our private motor coach to Chicago where she will be happy to hire a skycap for those that need help with your luggage. We fly nonstop to Alaska! Arrive in Anchorage and get settled in the historic hotel, Captain Cook, for an overnight stay. You might enjoy getting out to see the shops, restaurants and cultural attractions of this surprisingly metropolitan city.

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Day 2 Tuesday: Anchorage-Talkeetna-**Denali National Park**

Mary Beth introduces our Princess driver/guide as we board our motor coach for the narrated journey along the George Parks Highway, an attraction in itself. You may catch your first views of incredible Denali along the way. Once you arrive at the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge, the mountain is visible from nearly anywhere on the property. Take in those sensational views with a glass of wine in the Great Room or on the expansive deck. The 20,320 Alaskan Bar & Grill (the number being the height of this North America's tallest mountain) is the perfect place for a relaxed dinner to end your day. (B, D)





Stevie Jay



Our Princess motor coach heads to Denali!

Day 3 Wednesday: Denali National Park

You have a full day to spend however you choose. Visit the tour desk for ideas about excursions from fishing to flightseeing. Or you might prefer to explore the nature trails at the lodge and take in the sweeping vistas all around you. (B, D)

Day 4 Thursday: South to North areas of Denali National Park

Enjoy a scenic motor coach 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 optional activities including a husky homestead tour, fly fishing or a glacier landing via helicopter? (B, D)



Mary Beth Kurasek, former Busey Pillar Club director has been planning and leading tours for over 15 years. To assure all is well, she will travel with you from here, throughout the tour and back to Central Illinois.

Day 5 Friday: Denali National Park-Natural History Tour

You have a full day to get out into one of America's best national parks. And indeed, **this is the longest day of the year:** 20 hours and 21 minutes because the sun sets at 16 minutes after

Sled dogs are how you get around in winter

midnight and rises again at 3:55 a.m.! "Night" will be more like dusk.

This morning, a Natural History Tour serves as a wonderful introduction to the animals, plants and geological features found there. (B, D)



McKinley Lodge is very nice and in the middle of the wilderness.





Optional flightseeing tour on a plane with skis.

Day 6 Saturday: Denali National Park-**Rail Journey-Whittier-Embarkation**

Mary Beth makes sure we all get aboard okay and enjoy the scenic rail journey through some of the best wilderness in the Great Land on our exclusive Direct-to-the-Wilderness rail service. We include a nice lunch aboard the train. Once in Whittier, you'll step from the train onto your ship for the beginning of your unforgettable cruise. Sail 8:30 P.M. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Sunday: Hubbard Glacier, Alaska Scenic Cruisina

After a relaxing morning aboard your floating resort where you can explore all of the amenities and fabulous public areas, this afternoon, we enjoy scenic cruising along Hubbard Glacier from 3:00-8:00 P.M. Hubbard Glacier is the largest valley glacier in North America. Over six miles wide and nearly 500 feet high, Hubbard Glacier fills the head of Yakutat Bay. In 1986 it was called the "Galloping Glacier" when it surged nearly 47 feet in one day. (B, L, D)

You can choose to go river rafting

Day 8 Monday: Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska Scenic Cruising

Today is a big day! Not all ships have the National Park permit to sail in Glacier Bay; but we do and it's a highlight. While the ship is in Glacier Bay, a National Park Ranger will be onboard to point out wildlife such as humpback whales, harbor seals, gulls and Arctic terns.

Massive glaciers stretch from the icedraped St. Elias and Fairweather mountain ranges to sit at the end of majestic fjords. The Muir, Johns Hopkins and Margerie glaciers are the most "active".

When Captain George Vancouver sailed past this area in 1794, Glacier Bay was no more than a dent in the shoreline. But over the next 100 years, the icy rivers melted and retreated up the inlets, forming this spectacular bay. Then Mother Nature covered the shores with lush rain forests and made

A Historic Hotel of America, every room in Hotel Captain Cook offer stunning views of the neighboring Cook Inlet or Chugach Mountains.

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The bears are focused on salmon fishing









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50 years in Alaska in 2019, Princess is continually named "Best Cruise Line in Alaska."

- We would rank the pacing as a "2"
 where leisurely is "1" & on the go
 is "5". Unlike many tours that start
 with double connections and arrive in
 Alaska exhausted, we depart Central
 Illinois mid-morning and fly non-stop.
 Then we do the land tour first and a
 relaxing cruise second.
- One reason we do not include most optional activities and excursions, is that there are so many choices few would appeal to most people, let alone all. Plus, some people want free time to relax or explore, while others want to pack in as much as possible. It gives you the choice.
- We do include the Natural History
 tour at Denali which takes you into
 National Park by school bus for 6.5
 hours of spectacular scenery. There is
 an even longer version called Tundra
 Wilderness that is 9 hours long that
 goes to end of the road. Since that
 may be too for some people, you can
 choose to upgrade to that tour for \$70
 after you get to Alaska.
- One of our tour designers, Bill Owen, led his first group (on Princess) to Alaska in 1991. 27 years later he has planned dozens of annual Alaska Cruise Tours and knows what travelers appreciate most. This tour fits the bill.



Upper left: order off the menu, for example, you could choose the Steak Oscar, includes: Grilled Beef Filet, King Crab, Asparagus, Herbed Potato Cake & Béarnaise Sauce for \$72/person with drink, dessert, tax & tip—four such dinners are all included in our package; above: Princess Lodge at Denali

a home for a wide variety of flora, fauna and sea life.

Passengers can listen for the sound of huge ice chunks "calving" dropping into the cold waters, which earned this area the Indian name "Thunder Bay". We have scenic cruising from 9:15 A.M.-7:30 P.M. (B, L, D)

Day 9 Tuesday: Skagway, Alaska

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 stampeders. Many a would-be miner perished on the treacherous Chilkoot Trail. Eventually the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad made the trip much easier and you book a ride on this sce-

After a wonderfully posh and scenic day of riding the rails, Princess' exclusive Direct to the Wilderness train service allows you to step off the train and right on to our ship.





Princess ultradome train ride with lunch included

nic narrow-gauge railroad. Tours are available that combine the rail trip and a motor coach ride back down the pass so you take a photo of the little train.

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.

On the veranda at Denali Princess taking in the view

Docked 7:00 A.M.-8:30 P.M. (B, L, D)

Day 10 Wednesday: Juneau, Alaska

Perched on a thin strip of land at the

mouth of Gold Creek, Juneau is arguably one of America's most beautiful state capitals, with the looming summits of Mt. Juneau and Mt. Roberts providing a gorgeous backdrop. The city sprang up as a gold mining town in 1881 when Joe Juneau and Richard Harris discovered gold. By World War II, more than \$150 million in gold had been mined. Juneau's total area makes it one of the biggest towns, in size, in the world.

There are numerous great optional excursions here like a boat cruise that guarantees you will see whales,

You can choose "Anytime" dining or a set dining time aboard the ship.

FAQ

- What's the weather like? Do I need a parka? Mild, typically 65-70° and often sunny. Wonderful unless if you like Illinois' 95°. No heavy coat is necessary but layers for when on deck the 2 days sailing by the glaciers. If not sunny, those days can be chilly. Bring a hat, scarf & gloves and you're ready.
- Will I get to see a glacier "calve" in June? Yes. They are slow moving rivers of ice and you just need to wait long enough watching the face of the glacier... perhaps 15-30 minutes.
- Are meals in Alaska expensive? They can be, especially if the only option is at the lodge or on the train like \$23-72 for breakfast or dinner respectively with drink, dessert, tax and tip. Don't worry! Our tour includes each breakfast and dinner daily those 4 days in the lodge plus lunch on the train. So you only have to pay for dinner the day of arrival in Anchorage (there are many choices), 4 lunches (if you have room!) and dinner in Seattle.





Riding the narrow gauge train at Skagway is a great option

Most Meals Included:

- 10 Meals on the Mainland tour include tax and tip and
- Breakfasts (5) include choice of entrée; choice of coffee, tea, milk or juice
- Lunch (1) include choice of appetizer or soup or salad or dessert; choice of entrée; choice of coffee, tea, or soft drink*
- Dinners (4) include choice of appetizer or soup or salad; choice of entrée; dessert; choice of coffee, tea, or soft drink*
- 20 Meals on the Cruise: from dinner the first evening through the last morning's breakfast.
- Plus 1 breakfast in Seattle.
- * Alcoholic beverages not included

Plus, each traveler enjoys free "OBC"On Board Credit! For a limited time get \$175 or \$350 per person spending money aboard the ship!

Through November 19, ALL travelers get "free money" to spend while cruising. You can apply this credit to:

- Shore Excursions
- Gift Shop Purchases
- Bar Drinks
- The Spa, for example, a Massage

BUT don't delay! Our group is over half sold out. Inside & Outside stateroom passengers each get \$175 and Balcony or above \$350! You choose how you want to spend the On Board Credit!

The first 10 Balcony staterooms will be upgraded 3 Categories.

Pay for category BF and stay in BC. **Don't delay; book as soon as possible.**



Juneau's Mendenhall Glacier

a helicopter ride that takes you up for the opportunity to walk on the Mendenhall Glacier (which also can be seen from many coach tours). Docked 6:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M. (B, L, D)

Day 11 Thursday: Ketchikan, Alaska

Located on an island, Ketchikan began life as an Indian fishing camp. The name Ketchikan comes from a Tlingit phrase that means "eagle with spreadout wings," a reference to a waterfall near town. One excursion will take you to the world's oldest collection of totem poles at Totem Heritage Center.

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. While many souvenir shops are close by where you get off the ship, we suggest you don't miss Creek Street a bit further into town. Quaint shops are not all you will find there, just look down into the creek to see "bumper to bumper" traffic of salmon by the thousands! Docked 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. (B, L, D)

Day 12 Friday: At Sea-Inside Passage

Today is a relaxing free day as we sail between lush islands. From sun up to sundown, Princess offers a host of ways to make your vacation truly special. From the freshest cuisine to dazzling entertainment and enriching pro-

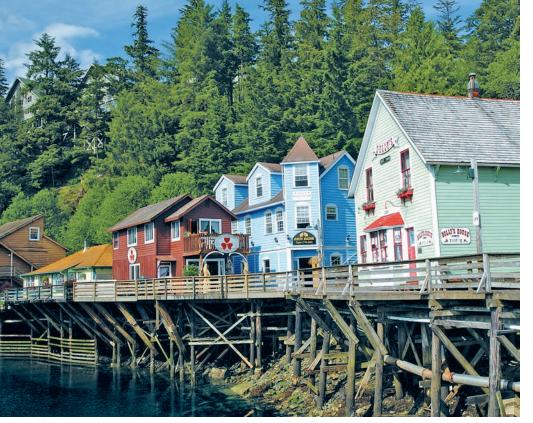
grams that offer a new perspective on the places we visit, when you sail with Princess, you'll see the world in a whole new way and come back new. (B, L, D)

Day 13 Saturday: Vancouver, British Columbia-Seattle, Washington

Our ship docks at 7:30 A.M. in Vancouver, we are taken in our private motor coach to the border of Canada and the USA. Continuing south we arrive in Seattle for some free time in this cosmopolitan city of Pike Place Market (where they throw the fish), coffee connoisseurs and steep streets. (B)

Seattle's Pike Place Market home of "flying fish"





Ketchikan's Creek Street has quaint shopping and abundant salmon in the creek

Day 14 Sunday: Seattle-Chicago-**Central Illinois**

We are taken to the airport to board our flight back to Chicago. Claiming our luggage, Mary Beth gets us carts to continue on out to our waiting private motor coach back to Central Illinois with awe-inspiring memories of the natural wonders of Golden Alaska. (B)

Included meals are noted each day with the initials of Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

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What's Included: • Round trip motor coach transportation from Central Illinois Airline checked baggage fees & tips for luggage handling • Round trip flights Round trip transportation airport-hotelship . Alaska Tour Princess Cruises' driver guide then Golden Princess cruise All tips to drivers, guides & cruise staff • Travel Guard Deluxe Group Plan insurance • 31 Meals: 13 Breakfasts 7 Lunches 11 Dinners • \$826 current total taxes & fees, subject to change . Hotel accommodations • Choice of cruise stateroom • Led by Mary Beth Kurasek

Seattle skyline with the Space Needle and Mt. Rainer in the background.

We'll be in Alaska on the Longest Day of the Year!

- Why go June 21st? It's a unique day in a part of the US that does not get completely dark at night—just dusk for a few hours. The sun sets a few minutes after midnight & in 3.5 hours rises again.
- What else? The sheer joy and invigoration of having so much natural light. makes you want to do and see more. We found ourselves out and about at 2:00 A.M. before we realized what time it was!
- Why do the flowers and vegetables grow so large in Alaska? It's because they may get over 20 hours of sunlight per pleasantly mild (60-70s) and helps you escape Illinois heat & humidity.
- Where else can you golf in the midnight sun? Denali Princess Lodge!

Prices, per-person total*

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<i>Type</i> / Category	Deck	Size Square Feet	Prid Double	Single (Triple)
Inside	(no window)			
IB	A-D	160'	\$5,540	\$7,946 (5,286)
Outside	(has a window)			
OC	Р	163- 171'	6,666	10,198 (6,082)
Balcony	(with sliding glass doors to balcony)			
BD	B-C	232'	6,945	10,755 (6,321)
Mini-Suite	(with sliding glass doors to balcony)			
MB	D	323'	7,325	11,516 (6,583)

First 10 Balcony Bookings get upgraded to category BC on decks L-A instead





More *included* features than most packages:

- More time at Denali because two 2-night stays at lodges give you effectively 50% more than shorter tours that spend much of their time going to and fro.
- Local departure from Central Illinois cities on a private motor coach.
- Travel insurance covers a variety of occurrences like being unable to go due to illness or accident (also including your roommate or a family member).
- Also included: all tips (yes, guides, drivers and cruise staff), all baggage handling including airlines' checked baggage fees (for 1 bag per person).
- Better to pay a rate that's a good value now than having to keep digging into your wallet along the way. You could end up paying more on another tour or not have as nice of a carefree experience.

Accommodations: (13) total number of nights

- 1. Anchorage (1) Captain Cook
- Denali National Park/Mt McKinley
 Mt McKinley Princess
 Wilderness Lodge
- 3. Denali National Park (2) Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge
- 4. Cruising (7) Golden Princess
- 5. Seattle (1) Holiday Inn Express & Suites City Center

What's Not Included: Optional tours and meals not noted in itinerary Alcoholic beverages (soft drinks on the cruise are not included being "bar drinks" but are included on the land portion)

*All prices are per person, based on occupancy, subject to room configuration and current prices. • Documents required for US Citizens is a valid Passport; no visa or shots at this time. Other citizens should consult their consulate. • Insurance coverage included is Deluxe Group Plan from Travel Guard and for coverage details see styleigytravel.com/insurance covering cancellation charges; other terms at styleigytravel.com/insurance eovering cancellation charges; other terms at styleigytravel.com/terms which are incorporated by reference. • Price and details are subject to change. Stateroom sizes are approximate include balcony (if Balcony/Minisuite). Deck plans available as are example menus for included lodge meals. Acct#190617s

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