Join Sterling Bank and Princess Cruises for an unforgettable:

# Heart of Alaska CruiseTour! CruiseTour GB4 August 26 – September 6, 2025

For over 100 years, Alaska has attracted visitors the world over. They came to explore the wonders of the Great Land, abundant wildlife and breathtaking beauty. Now it's our turn to experience Alaska with Group TravelMasters. Princess' luxurious program takes us to the exciting ports of call along the Inside Passage, the spectacular glacial beauty of the Gulf of Alaska, and the scenic overland route between Denali and Whittier. Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge near Denali National Park welcomes us with comfort and beauty. Ride Princess' exclusive Denali Express ULTRA DOME rail cars and see the blue sky above. Dine on gourmet meals as we gaze at the park's stunning scenery and relax in its peacefulness. Aboard ship, travel in style with cuisine prepared fresh to order, Broadway-style entertainment and service that caters to our every whim. There's no finer way to discover Alaska.

## DAY 1 ARRIVE FAIRBANKS

Today we board our flight to Fairbanks, where we'll receive a warm welcome and transfer to our hotel for a two-night stay. Tonight, explore the city on your own soaking up the local flavor.

**DAY 2** *RIVERBOAT DISCOVERY* - GOLD DREDGE TOUR - FAIRBANKS FREE TIME Our first day in Alaska immerses us in the area's history. Feel the frontier-friendly atmosphere of Fairbanks on a leisurely cruise down the Tanana River aboard the sternwheeler "*Riverboat Discovery*". Highlights include a visit to the Chena Indian village and the home of Susan Butcher, three-time Iditarod dog sled race winner. We'll even see an Alaskan bush pilot in action. Next we travel by coach to Gold Dredge #8 where we will tour and even pan for gold! Later, return to Fairbanks for the rest of the evening at leisure. Choose an optional tour or explore Fairbanks on your own. The evening is free as well, so enjoy!

# DAY 3 DENALI NATIONAL PARK

This morning we travel by motorcoach through the beautiful Alaskan wilderness to Denali National Park. Nearby the exclusive Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge features fine dining and attentive service. A free afternoon awaits you with ample time to partake in one of the many optional tours. Overnight here for an unforgettable two-night stay.

## DAY 4 TUNDRA TOUR - DENALI

A morning of adventure is yours on the interesting Natural History Tour. This excursion takes you into the heart of Denali National Park for the best wildlife viewing and lookout points of Mt. McKinley. Watch for grizzly bears, moose and Dallsheep. Your afternoon will be free to explore more of this incredible area. Relive the days experiences this evening. Sweet dreams!

## DAY 5 DENALI EXPRESS - WHITTIER - BOARD SHIP

Transfer to the rail station and ride the glass-domed Denali Express. Experience fine dining, service and nonstop 360degree views. Arrive in Whittier where your train pulls right up to the ship with Princess's exclusive rail and sail program!! Our ship sets sail this evening as we begin our Alaskan cruise. Prepare to be pampered and amazed!

# Stunning glaciers • Breathtaking Denali National Park • Authentic Alaska experiences



## DAY 6 HUBBARD BAY (CRUISING)

Glide into the bay that holds the longest tidewater glacier in Alaska, with an open calving face of six miles. Experience this peaceful world, where the silence is broken only by huge chunks of centuries-old ice crashing into the sea.

#### DAY 7 GLACIER BAY (CRUISING)

See spectacular views as our Princess ship cruises through pristine Glacier Bay National Park. Watch for marine life, including humpback whales, sea otters, porpoises and harbor seals.

#### DAY 8 SKAGWAY (PORT OF CALL)

Arrive in Skagway, once the gateway to the goldfields. Memories of the gold rush are everywhere. The downtown Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park District is filled with local lore. Explore it on foot or by streetcar with a costumed conductor who will weave spellbinding tales of Skagway's cast of colorful characters.

#### DAY 9 JUNEAU (PORT OF CALL)

This is the capital of the state of Alaska and is a fascinating place to explore. Sightsee and shop in town or choose from a wide array of optional shore excursions.

#### DAY 10 KETCHIKAN (PORT OF CALL)

Southeast Alaska's "First City", Ketchikan is as picturesque as they come. The town is built on piles out over the water and clings to the slopes of Deer Mountain. Native culture abounds at Saxman Village and Totem Bight State Park.

#### DAY 11 INSIDE PASSAGE (CRUISING)

Relax in the luxurious surroundings of our ship as we cruise this scenic waterway and count the lighthouses along the way!

#### DAY 12 ARRIVE VANCOUVER - DEPART FOR HOME

Today we arrive in Vancouver and transfer to the airport for our flight home. Thanks for exploring with us and join

# PRICE INCLUDES: \* Roundtrip Air from Minneapolis to Fairbanks and return from Vancouver \*7-Night Southbound Voyage of the Glaciers Cruise \* 4-Night Land Tour (2-Nights Fairbanks and 2-Nights Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge) \* All Meals on Board Ship \* Denali Express Ultra Dome Rail Car Ride \* Cruise Aboard the "*Riverboat Discovery*" \* Gold Dredge #8 Tour \* Denali Tundra Tour \* Roundtrip Transfers from Airport to Ship/Hotel \* Baggage Handling (one piece per person) \* Port Taxes, Air Taxes and Government Fees