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Tour Name : Fourteen Day Heart of Gold Expedition

Tour Number : 2106

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Your Itinerary runs from Friday to Thursday and is based on 2 people traveling together.

Travel Arrangements: US \$3,999.00 per person

Senior rate (65 and over): \$3,949.00 per person

2017 Departures: Northbound – Bellingham to Anchorage

Departs every Friday, May 26 to August 25

Friday, Day 1-3

Ferry from Bellingham to Juneau with Alaska Marine Highway

Ferry Departure Time: 06:00 p.m.

The Alaska Ferry departs from the Bellingham Fairhaven Terminal for the three-night trip to Juneau.

Ferry Arrival Time: Early Monday Morning

Accommodations in a Two Berth (upper and lower) Outside Stateroom

Upgrade to a larger stateroom with

Monday, Day 4

Transfer from Ferry to Airport

After the ferry arrives (early morning), you'll be met and transferred to the Juneau Airport.

Flight from Juneau to Gustavus

Flight Departure: 08:15 a.m.

Flight Arrival.: 08:40 a.m.

A short scenic plane flight to Gustavus, the Gateway to Glacier Bay National Park. Each passenger is allowed 50 lbs maximum luggage, Excess baggage may be allowed, carry-on baggage is not allowed.

GUSTAVUS AND GLACIER BAY



Located just a few miles from park headquarters, the town of Gustavus is the jumping-off point for adventures in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve and a charming little village of artists, fantastic gardens, wild strawberries, stunning views and even a small golf course.

Accommodations for 2 nights in Gustavus

Check in: 03:00 p.m.

Check out: Wednesday

The main lobby is spacious and inviting with giant wood beams and cathedral ceilings. Relax in front of the fireplace in the view lounge area or visit the national park service's excellent interpretive displays upstairs on the mezzanine.

Tuesday, Day 5

Glacier Bay Day Tour

Departure time: 07:00 a.m.

Return time: 03:30 p.m.

The Spectacular Glacier Bay Cruise

Spend the day on the waters of Glacier Bay and see magnificent tidewater glaciers, ancient snow capped mountains, whales, Stellar sea lions, rare birds, coastal bears, seals, eagles and so much more! This 8-hour tour is fully narrated by a National Park Service interpreter. Lunch is included.



Wednesday, Day 6

Flight from Gustavus to Skagway

Flight Departure: 12:30 p.m.

Flight Arrival.: 01:30 p.m.

Scenic plane flight to Skagway, Gateway to the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898. Each passenger is allowed 50 lbs maximum luggage, Excess baggage may be allowed, carry-on baggage is not allowed.

SKAGWAY



A colorful history, scant rain and a lot of cruise ships makes a Skagway one of the most interesting and popular towns to visit on the Inside Passage.

Accommodations for one night in Skagway

Check in: 03:00pm

Skagway is the Northern point of Alaska's Inside Passage. Accommodations are provided downtown just a few blocks from the ferry terminal and train depot with shopping and good restaurants close by. Continental Breakfast included.

Thursday, Day 7

Train from Skagway to Whitehorse/Train Bus combination via Fraser

Departure: 12:30 p.m. (Check in: 12:15 p.m.)

Arrival: 05:15 p.m.

Travel 27.7 miles by train between Skagway, AK, and Fraser, BC, coupling that with a motor coach transfer to Whitehorse, YT. A great way to connect your Canadian & Alaskan holiday adventures! Arrival is at the Whitehorse Depot, located at 1109 Front Street on the corner of Main and Front along the river.

Overnight Accommodations provided for one night in Whitehorse.



Friday, Day 8

Whitehorse to Dawson

Departure: 07:00 a.m. (Check in: 06:50 a.m.)

Arrival: 01:30 p.m.

Travel historic Klondike Highway between the Yukon capital of Whitehorse and historic gold rush community of Dawson City. This scenic trip offers views of the Tintina Trench (geological fault) which extends from the Northern Rocky Mountain Trench in British Columbia. View celebrated Five Finger Rapids and many spectacular lakes. Visit Braeburn Lodge for internationally famous giant cinnamon buns. Watch for moose, black bear, elk, caribou, fox and raven as you travel. Service is usually provided in a 15-passenger van with luggage trailer.

Accommodations for 2 nights in Dawson

Check in: 05:00 p.m.

Check out: Sunday

The newly renovated downtown hotel in Dawson City provides visitors with spacious and comfortable accommodations in the heart of this lively gold rush community. Guests discover warm northern hospitality at the Inn with television and a private bath in each of the 177 rooms.

Saturday, Day 9

Gold Field and Mine tour

See a gold mining operation starting with a trip into the traditional goldfields of the Klondike. The staging area is at the former town site of Gold Bottom, a once thriving, sociable community that boasted a population of close to 5000 people during the hey-days of the 1898 Klondike Gold Rush.

You will be escorted by a member of a family from the authentic gold mining operation on Gold Bottom or Hunker Creek in the Heart of the Klondike! You will receive explanations and demonstrations of historic and modern placer gold mining methods and processes, everything from staking a claim to selling the gold. Enjoy hearing about personal experiences and stories about life on the creeks.

The Millar Family and the Gold Bottom Crew has over thirty years of gold mining experiences to share. Tours offered both AM and PM. Reconfirm at their office to choose your departure time.

Sunday, Day 10

Dawson to Fairbanks

Departure: 9:00 am

Arrival: 9:00 p.m.

Travel the Alaska and Taylor Highways with majestic views of Alaska and Wrangell-St Elias mountains, Alaska oil pipeline at Big Delta where it is suspended over the Tanana River. Travel along Jack Wade Creek through 40-Mile Gold Mining District in the heart of interior Alaska. Rest stops in rural towns of Delta Junction at a country grocery store with Russian influenced bakery. In Tok, AK visit the beautiful log and most complete visitor center in Alaska. Stop for a meal break in the active gold mining town of Chicken AK, population 39. Watch for black bear, caribou, fox and moose.

While traveling along the Top-of-the-World Highway above tree line most of the way, there are beautiful views of the Ogilvie Mountain Range. Cross the mighty Yukon River on the George Black Ferry. Watch for grizzly (brown) bear and caribou. Service is usually provided in a 15-passenger van with luggage trailer.

Fairbanks



Alaska's second-largest city – Hub of the Interior, Gateway to the Bush, the Golden Heart City – call it what you will, Fairbanks is as diverse and distinct as any place in Alaska.

Accommodation for 2 nights in Fairbanks

Check in: 09:00 p.m.

Check out: Tuesday

Your accommodation will be in individual riverfront and garden guest cottages on the Chena River. As the geographic and population center of Alaska, Fairbanks is the perfect hub for your Northern Alaska adventure.

Monday, Day 11

Riverboat Discovery

Departure time: 02:00 p.m.

Return time: 05:00 p.m.

Board the Sternwheeler Riverboat Discovery that will take you into the heart of Alaska and a family who has made the river their way of life for five generations. Be immersed in frontier living first hand with a guided walking tour of an Athabascan Indian village. It's an Indian village with cabins made of spruce logs, a cache used for storing supplies, a primitive spruce bark hut and fur pelts. The guides will explain how the wolf, fox, martin and beaver were used to provide food and protection in the harsh Arctic climate. They will also share how the Athabascans skillfully survived for over 10,000 years and how they adapted to village life and Western culture in the past century. At the end of your guided tour, you will have time to explore the village on your own, interact with the guides and visit dogs from Iditarod winner Susan Butcher's kennels.



Tuesday, Day 12

Train from Fairbanks to Denali - Gold Star Service

Departure: 08:00 a.m.

Arrival: 12:00 p.m.

The Denali Star, the Alaska Railroad's flagship train, links Anchorage to Fairbanks with stops in Wasilla, Talkeetna, and Denali Park.

GoldStar, first-class service aboard double-deck dome cars, luxury rail travel has never been better. Reserved upper-level dome car seating, priority check-in, upper-level outdoor viewing deck, exclusive lower-level dining room, and complimentary Breakfast and non-alcoholic beverages.



DENALI



The towering granite spires and snowy summits of Denali National Park and Preserve straddles 160 miles of the Alaska Range and display so much elevation they are often lost in the clouds. Dominating this skyline is North America's highest peak; Mount McKinley standing tall at 20,237 feet and one of the most amazing sights in Alaska.

Accommodation for 2 nights in Denali National Park

Check in: 02:30 p.m.

Check out: Thursday

Your accommodations are located seven miles south of the park entrance and nestled along the banks of the Nenana River. Spread over 20 acres it offers light hiking and interpretive trails throughout the facility. For the adventurous, there are more rugged trails located near the property entrance. Ideal for families and convenient for travelers with their own vehicle, this Denali Lodge brings you close to the action – yet enjoy the evening solitude as you relax to the sound of the river sweeping by.

Wednesday, Day 13

Kantishna Wilderness Trails

Departure time: 07:00 a.m.

Return time: 05:00 p.m.

Fully narrated, all-day trip. Not only do you get to travel the entire road—which gives you more opportunities to spot wildlife—but you’ll also have planned stops to get out, stretch your legs and explore a bit at points along the way, including Kantishna, an area deep in the park with a gold-mining past, and one that most Denali visitors never see.

You’ll spend a couple hours at the Kantishna Roadhouse, a lodge originally built in the early 1900s that once accommodated a rush of hopeful gold miners seeking their fortunes. (Since then it has served as a private residence, community center, a post office and inn.) You’ll have an excellent soup-and-sandwich lunch, followed by the options of watching a dog-mushing demonstration or a little informal gold-panning. Or, you can take a short walk along the creek, or just sit in a rocker at the lodge and soak up the scenery



Thursday, Day 14

Denali To Anchorage

Departure: 07:45 a.m.

Arrival: 01:30 p.m.

Your Tour ends with Motor coach transportation from Denali National Park to Anchorage. Time permitting, photo and restroom stops will be made on your 237-mile trip. A 15-minute stop will be made at the McKinley Princess Lodge allowing great views of Mt. McKinley, weather permitting, and the ability to purchase “to-go” coffee, soda and snacks. Please note length of stops and arrivals may vary based on traffic and road delays.

There are numerous flights to the lower 48 states from Anchorage and we would be happy to add flights to your tour,

We can extend and customize your tour to include accommodations and tours in Anchorage or a direct flight home.

Anchorage



Alaska's largest city, Anchorage, lies between the mountains and the sea and yet is no stranger to the wilderness. There is no other urban area like it.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

ALASKA TOURS

A **"plan-to-go" deposit** may be required after initial consultation. Usually we spend up to an hour planning alternatives for you for free. Then we request a small fee (and apply it to the cost of your tour) to cover the time our Alaska Tour Planning Specialists spend further customizing your tour to your timeframe and budget. This fee usually is \$50 per adult.

Reservations are recommended as early as possible to confirm specific departures. A deposit of \$500 per person or 50% of the total tour, whichever is greater is required at time of booking. Full payment is required 60 days prior to departure.

Cancellations and refunds: Deposits and other payments are non-refundable.

Late reservations: Reservations booked within 30 days of departure are on a request basis and are subject to availability. Late reservations are subject to a \$25 Express Handling fee.

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