

Alaska Rail & Sea | Cruise the Inside Passage and Ride the Alaska Railroad

Holiday Duration: 19 Nights



Alaska By Rail & Sea

This holiday is a great way to see Alaska. Start off with a 7-night Silversea cruise through the Inside Passage, visiting Ketchikan, Juneau, and Skagway, with wildlife spotting, glacier excursions, and cultural experiences. Then, after disembarking in Seward and spending the day possibly exploring Kenai Fjords or hiking Exit Glacier, continue your journey on the Alaska Railroad, from Seward to Anchorage along Turnagain Arm, then north to Talkeetna for a jetboat ride, and on through Hurricane Gulch and Broad Pass to Denali National Park, including a bus tour to spot wildlife. The McKinley Explorer then takes guests to Fairbanks for city sightseeing, gold panning at Gold Dredge #8, and a Sternwheeler riverboat cruise, before flying back to Anchorage and onward to the UK.

You will travel in Goldstar on the Alaska Railroad where you will appreciate the carriages' large wrap around windows and glass domed ceilings designed to maximise the stunning views. The dining areas are situated on the lower levels and the Dome cars also include an open air observation platform.

This itinerary is flexible and can be tailor-made to suit you; if you want to add extra days in one area, extend your holiday in Alaska or maybe change the direction of travel. Talk to one of our experts about how to make this holiday the perfect one for you.

Here's a day-by-day guide to your itinerary. Feel free to ask us to add other days or ideas and excursions by contacting us directly, so we can give you the best price.

Day 1-2



Vancouver

Arrive into Vancouver from your UK flight and take a taxi downtown (we can arrange a private transfer if you prefer). Spend the day exploring Vancouver, maybe walk or bike ride around Stanley Park's Seawall for incredible city and ocean views, or head to Granville Island for fresh coffee, local art, and the bustling Public Market. Spend the afternoon exploring Gastown's cobblestone streets and boutiques, then visit Canada Place for skyline views and the FlyOver Canada experience.

2 nights Vancouver

Day 3-9



Vancouver to Seward

Embark on your Silversea Cruise up the Inside Passage with its misty fjords, towering glaciers, and abundant wildlife. Silversea offer guests luxury cruising with an all-inclusive service – spacious ocean-view suites, gourmet dining, fine wines, and personalized butler service.

Ports of call include Ketchikan, Juneau (Alaska's remote capital), and Skagway, offering excursions like glacier flightseeing, whale watching, and exploring historic Gold Rush towns. Learn about Tlingit culture, navigate past icebergs that have broken from massive glaciers, and watch for whales and bald eagles along the way.

7 nights Oceanview cabin on Silversea Cruise

Day 10-11



Seward

Arrive in Seward and disembark from the cruise. Spend the next few days exploring the town. Alternatively if you did not arrive into Seward via the cruise then you will be arriving from Anchorage via the train. While in Seward enjoy a cruise tour into Kenai National Park or hike the Exit Glacier Trail for up-close views of the ice. Stroll along the Seward Waterfront, explore the Alaska SeaLife Center to see marine life up close, and grab fresh seafood at a local restaurant by the harbor. If time allows, drive or bike along Lowell Point Road for scenic coastal views before ending your day watching the sunset over Resurrection Bay.

2 nights in Seward

Day 12



Seward to Anchorage

Board the train for a 4 hour trip on the Classic Coastal route through the Kenai Peninsula to Anchorage. This is a beautiful train journey winding through mountains, glaciers, forests, and along Turnagain Arm's coastline, offering constant views of Alaska's rugged beauty. You may spot moose, eagles, and even beluga whales, all while enjoying commentary, dining, and panoramic windows. It's a relaxed and unforgettable way to experience Alaska's wilderness between the coast and the city.

1 night in Anchorage

Day 13



Anchorage to Talkeetna

Today catch the train north to Talkeetna. The journey takes 3 hours and will give you great opportunities to see many species of Alaskan wildlife. Once there enjoy a 2 hour jetboat ride on the Talkeetna River.

1 night in Talkeetna.

Day 14



Talkeetna to Denali National Park

Heading north from Talkeetna today, the train passes over Hurricane Gulch and through Broad Pass before arriving at Denali National Park train station. The bridge at Hurricane spans 918 feet, some 296 feet over the Chulitna River.

3 nights in Denali National Park.

Day 15-16



Denali National Park

Over the next 2 days take a chance to really enjoy the surrounding beauty. Take a Tundra Wilderness Tour into Denali National Park – a 6-hour bus ride that ventures deep into the park, offering opportunities to spot wildlife such as moose, caribou, Dall sheep, and grizzly bears. The tour provides informative narration and multiple stops for wildlife viewing and photography. You could visit the Denali Visitor Center to learn about the park's history and ecology and from there, take a short hike on the Horseshoe Lake Trail, a 2-mile round trip that loops around a serene lake and several beaver dams.

Day 17



Denali National Park to Fairbanks

Today it is time to leave Denali and get back on the McKinley Explorer for your journey to Fairbanks, through Healy and Nenana and several other small communities.

2 nights in Fairbanks.

Day 18



Fairbanks

Fairbanks was founded in the early 1900s as a trading post serving gold traders and prospectors. Take a Fairbanks sightseeing tour with a stop at Alyeska oil-pipeline and Gold Dredge number 8 where you can try panning for your own gold. Finish the tour with a cruise on an old fashioned Sternwheeler riverboat.

Day 19



Anchorage

Board a faster mode of transport today as you travel from Fairbanks to Anchorage by air.

1 night in Anchorage.

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