# ALASKAN EXPLORER CRUISE



Experience a once-in-a-lifetime adventure, on our 11-day Alaskan Explorer Cruise. From historical exploration to spectacular scenery to vibrant ports and curated excursions, this is the year for you to experience Alaska. Venture to captivating destinations in Southern Alaska and along the Inside Passage, in the comfort of the most modern cruise ship in the region.



#### DATES –

**2024** – Jun 17, 27; Jul 07, 31; Aug 10 **2025** – Jun 07\*, 16, 17\*, 26, 27\*; Jul 06, 30; Aug 09, 18\*, 28\*

DURATION - 11-Days/10-Nights

ROUNDTRIP – Juneau, Alaska

SHIP – American Constellation \*American Constitution

FROM - \$8,160\* \*After Saving \$600 on Select 2024 Dates

# ITINERARY

# **Pre-Cruise**

Each Alaskan Explorer itinerary comes complete with a Complimentary Pre-Cruise Hotel Stay in Juneau, providing you with a seamless way to board the ship and explore the local area. Arrive the day before your scheduled cruise date and American Cruise Lines will handle the rest.

Pre-Cruise Hotel Stays must be reserved at least 30 days before your cruise date.



# DAY 1 – JUNEAU, AK / MENDENHALL GLACIER

Maximize your time exploring Juneau and viewing the breathtaking Mendenhall Glacier, one of the most accessible glaciers in North America. Downtown, enjoy unique shops, excellent museums, and native heritage sites. Ride the enclosed tramway up the steep mountainside for spectacular views of forested islands, quiet coves, and rugged coastal mountains.

# DAY 2 – HAINES, AK

Nestled at the northern end of the Lynn Canal, the mountains rise steeply from the shoreline and seem to wrap around Haines. Along a river on the edge of town, view the bears that regularly feed on salmon. Bald eagles are the stars of more than 260 species of birds in the adjacent Chilkat Valley. Enjoy a variety of activities, including a guided wildlife expedition, a private kayaking and rafting tour, or a visit to bald eagle rehabilitation center.



**DAY 3 – DAY OF CRUISING THE INSIDE PASSAGE** Relish a day of scenic cruising along the Inside Passage.

# DAY 4 - GLACIER BAY

There is no place in the world quite like Glacier Bay National Park. The park sprawls majestically over 3.3 million acres of dynamic topography. Savor a day cruising through this 60-mile bay as you delight in the diverse and stunning surroundings. Gaze in amazement at hundreds of seals hauled out on floating icebergs and massive chunks of ice breaking off and collapsing into the water. Enjoy awe-inspiring sights as your onboard presenter shares stories about the unique aspects that make this place so remarkable.



# DAY 5 - SITKA, AK

Discover this unique Alaskan town, which ascends beautifully up the hillside, with a harbor ornamented with lovely islands. Local museums feature artifacts and exhibits about the area's long and rich history as an ancestral home of the Tlingit natives, the capital for Russia's fur-trading enterprise, and the site of the formal transfer from the Russian empire to the United States on October 18, 1867. Choose from dozens of attractions listed on the National Register of Historic Places, seven of which are National Historic Landmarks. Surrounded by rainforest, this island community is framed by both mountains and sea and is teeming with wildlife, including brown bears, bald eagles, and all five species of Pacific salmon.

#### DAY 6 - WRANGELL, AK

Wrangell's cozy little bay offers a broad view of the attractive town and along the long valley descending from the backdrop of coastal mountains. To the north of town, the Stikine River empties into the ocean in braided rivulets across a wide delta. Salmon runs attract wildlife and observation areas enable you to safely watch eagles, seals, black bears, and brown bears feasting on the spawning fish.

#### **DAY 7 – CRUISING THE WRANGELL NARROWS**

Cruising between Wrangell and Petersburg, the ship travels through the Wrangell Narrows – a deep and narrow waterway.

#### DAY 8 - PETERSBURG, AK

As your ship docks in Petersburg, admire the surrounding mountains which rise to the sky, white and gleaming. Founded more than 100 years ago by Norwegian fishermen, Petersburg is an authentic Alaskan fishing town, with most families making their living from the sea. Be warmly welcomed by locals and excursion guides who are proud to share the treasures of their hometown and honor the culture of those who first settled here. For a spectacular view, take a flightseeing excursion and soar over massive glaciers, majestic valleys, and mystic bays.

# DAY 9 - CRUISING THE INSIDE PASSAGE & FREDER-ICK SOUND

After several days of exploration, a cruising day is the perfect opportunity to relax and recharge as you enjoy marvelous views of Alaska's natural wonders. View numerous scattered islands, forested down to the waterline. Your captain will position the ship for the best up-close viewing of whales, sea lions, seals, porpoises, and puffins. Bald eagles and seabirds may also be spotted flying overhead.



# DAY 10 - TRACY ARM, AK / SAWYER GLACIER

This day of cruising offers an array of scenic highlights as our small ship meanders the narrow channel of the Tracy Arm Fjord. Throughout the 25-mile journey, the waterway averages less than a mile wide, framed by steep vertical cliffs stretching more than 2,000 feet high. Pockets of valleys reveal views of larger, snow-capped peaks featuring mountainsides adorned with ancient forest and swaths of sparkling glaciers. Hundreds of waterfalls cascade down the cliffs and tumble into the water. Seals lounge with their young on small ice floes. The area is almost unchanged since naturalist John Muir visited in 1879 and described this special place as "shut in by sublime cliffs, nobly sculptured, and adorned with waterfalls and fringes of trees, bushes, and patches of flowers."



# DAY 11 - JUNEAU, AK

After an exciting adventure exploring the best of Alaska, end your journey where it began, in Juneau. Enjoy breakfast on board before departing the ship.

Pre- and post-cruise arrangements are available.



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#### **RATES – Per person, double – Incl Port Charges**

2024-25	Constellation Class Cruises Depart Weekly
Room Category	JUL-AUG
Owner's Suite	\$15,025
Veranda Suite	\$13,315
AAM	\$11,360
AAC	\$10,680
AAL	\$10,290
AA	\$8,760
Single	\$12,305
Single	\$11,135

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