

Tom's Christian Tours

itinerary for

ALASKA 2020 ADVENTURE

June 15-27, 2020

\$4,450.00 per person double occupancy

DAY ONE, MONDAY, JUNE 15: Welcome to the trip of a lifetime! Today a tour director from Tom's Christian Tours will accompany the deluxe coach shuttle of participants to Chicago and then on to Alaska. Remember your passports. Our Riley's Motor Coach and skilled driver will be waiting in Juneau to shuttle us to our hotel. Night in Juneau, AK.

DAY TWO, TUESDAY, JUNE 16: (B) We'll tour the highlights of Juneau on board our coach, including a visit to landmark **Mendenhall Glacier** this morning. Then take some free time to explore Alaska's capital city. You may want to explore the capitol and/or museums, do some hiking, shop in the downtown district, or visit the **Red Dog Saloon**. Night in Juneau, AK.

DAY THREE, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17: (D) Early this morning we'll board our ferry on the **Alaskan Marine Highway**. On board, decks and observation lounges with picture windows will give us **magnificent views of the scenery** of the Inside Passage. A 6.5 hour cruise will bring us to the **Gold Rush town of Skagway**. We'll tour the highlights of Skagway, visit the historic cemetery and have time for a little exploration on our own before settling into our motel. An included dinner downtown will round out our day. Night in Skagway, AK.

DAY FOUR, THURSDAY, JUNE 18: (B) Keep your passports handy today--in your carry-on or purse—because we'll be crossing into Canada. This morning, we'll put our luggage on the coach then board the "scenic railway of the world," the **White Pass and Yukon Route**. Against all odds, this iron trail was born of the 1898 **Klondike Gold Rush** and built through some of the North's most ruggedly beautiful terrain. We'll reboard our coach at Fraser and continue on past **Carcross Desert** and **Emerald Lake**. In **Whitehorse** we'll visit **Miles Canyon** and the **S.S. Klondike**, one of the last of the Yukon River stern wheelers, then check into our hotel. Night in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

DAY FIVE, FRIDAY, JUNE 19: (B) Keep your passports handy again today because we'll be crossing back into the USA. At **Kluane National Park Center**, we will learn about this preserve and icefield. As we travel along Kluane Lake, not only will we be breathless from the **magnificent scenery**, we may also thrill to see Dall sheep, moose, or grizzly bears. Keep alert. Night in Tok.

DAY SIX, SATURDAY, JUNE 20: (B,D) Our drive to **Fairbanks** will include a stop at **Delta Junction**. We'll view an **oil pipeline** suspension bridge. We'll follow the Alaska Mountain Range and make a stop at **North Pole, AK**. Tonight we'll feast at **Pioneer Village** on baked salmon, fried cod, and prime rib with all the fixin's (*included in tour*). Afterwards, your toes will be tappin' and we'll be laughin' through "**The Golden Heart Review**" show. Night in Fairbanks.

DAY SEVEN, SUNDAY, JUNE 21: (B,L) This morning we'll board the **Discovery III** riverboat. Native guides will accompany us ashore for a tour of an **Athabaskan Indian camp**. Highlights include Indian fish wheels, a sled dog demonstration, and history of the Athabaskan lifestyle. We will enjoy a hearty lunch at the docks and then experience an authentic mining camp and pan for gold at the **El Dorado Gold Mine** and keep your findings. After our mining adventure we'll travel to Denali, AK, ready to visit Denali National Park with an early start tomorrow. Night in Denali.

DAY EIGHT, MONDAY, JUNE 22: (B,L) Early morning we'll board a **tundra wildlife tour bus** for an exciting journey into **Denali National Park**. Grizzly bears, caribou, wolves, moose, red foxes, mountain goats, and Dall sheep could surprise us any time. (Bring **binoculars** and pack warm clothes and rain gear because weather conditions can change rapidly.) Weather permitting, we'll see **Denali** tower above us during this day filled with magnificent views. A box lunch will be provided (*included in tour*). Thrill seekers could try white-water rafting here this evening (optional). Night in Denali, AK.

DAY NINE, TUESDAY, JUNE 23: (B,D) After a three-hour drive to **Talkeetna**, the following options are offered (at an additional cost): flight to Denali or a scenic jetboat ride. You may prefer not to take an optional tour and just enjoy the town of Talkeetna. This afternoon, we'll travel to **Wasilla** where we'll visit the **Iditarod Trail Headquarters** and learn about Alaska's famous sled dog race. Night in Wasilla, AK.

DAY TEN, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24: (B) This morning we're off to **Palmer** in the heart of Alaska's agricultural region to see how the extra hours of sunlight produce heavy-weight vegetables and monstrous flowers. Next we'll visit a **musk ox farm** and learn how the musk ox are making a come-back and providing income for the local people. In **Eklutna**, we'll stroll along unique Native American burial grounds. A drive will bring us to **Anchorage** where we'll have a city tour before settling in for two nights in a beautiful downtown hotel. Night in Anchorage.

DAY ELEVEN, THURSDAY, JUNE 25: (B,L) Once again, an **included breakfast** will start our day. Today our travels will take us along **Turnagain Arm** to **Whittier** via the traffic & train tunnel. On the way we will stop at the **Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center**. There, we will see many of the native Alaskan animals in an environment in which they can rehab and eventually be introduced back into the wild. Then it is off to Whittier. There a high-speed catamaran will take us on a thrilling five-hour, **26-gliacier cruise**. This vessel offers smooth sailing through **Prince William Sound where we will marvel at glacier-filled College and Harriman Fjords**. Watch for sea otters, seals, whales, and bird rookeries. **Lunch is included** on board the boat. Late afternoon we'll board our coach for a scenic ride back to Anchorage. Night in Anchorage.

DAY TWELVE, FRIDAY, JUNE 26: (B,D) Late morning will be check out time. There will be many choices for lunch and some final souvenir shopping in downtown Anchorage. Then it is time to visit the **Alaska Native Heritage Center**. Tonight we will enjoy an **included dinner** at a popular Anchorage restaurant. Late evening we'll depart Anchorage on an over-night flight.

DAY THIRTEEN, SATURDAY, JUNE 27: The group will land in **Chicago early morning** and a deluxe coach will be waiting to carry us home. We may come home tired, yet filled with memories of new friends and amazing Alaskan adventures.

Includes meals—(B)—Breakfast (L)—Lunch (D)—Dinner

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE: All lodging, all entrance fees, all transportation (land, water, air), tip for airport shuttle driver, and main meals (listed in itinerary) are included in the low price of **\$4,450 per person with double occupancy; \$4,050 pp triple, \$3,850 pp quad, and \$5,750 pp single**. TCT reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary if it serves the best interest of the participants and/or if there are changes in public transportation.

NOT INCLUDED: Meals not listed, optional activities, tips for Alaska driver, and tips for TCT tour directors.