

Teresa Beall Expeditions presents

# "Ahoy Mates... North to Alaska"



**July 15–22, 2007**

(with an optional land tour extension including **Double Denali** through July 28)

**Special discounted group prices starting as low as \$1099 per person**

Alaska is a huge, booming convergence of natural superlatives. Leaping up from the Gulf of Alaska are the planet's highest coastal mountains. Prince William Sound is simply the world's most dramatic and gorgeous meeting of land and sea. And towering grandly above it all is Denali, one of the earth's largest and most imposing mountains.

Join us on this "boatload of a cruise deal" on an amazing voyage aboard Holland America's MS Statendam. It is not just the mountains, sparkling lakes or glaciers that draw travelers to Alaska but the magic in the land, its mystical boreal pull. No other region in North America possesses the mythical aura of Alaska; even the name – a derivation of Alayeska, an Athabascan word meaning "great land of the west" – fires the imagination. It is a place that ignites the imaginations of people who live in the city but long to wander in the woods. Few who see this land of gargantuan ice fields, sweeping tundra, glacially excavated valleys, lush rainforests, towering mountains, deep fjords and occasionally smoking volcanoes leave unimpressed. The expansive grandeur of the state will help you put the size of your snowshoes in perspective as you marvel at Kodiak bears standing twelve feet tall, moose stopping traffic in isolated small villages, wolves prowling through national parks, bald eagles circling over the trees, rivers solid with fifty-plus-pound salmon, and the ocean waters abundant with whales, dolphins and other marine life. Wildlife may be under threat elsewhere, but in Alaska it is abundant!

A cruise is one of the most popular ways to visit Alaska - offering great accommodations, gourmet meals, entertainment, interesting ports of call, fascinating tours ... and you only have to unpack once!

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The journey begins in **Vancouver** where you'll meet up on your own before the embarkation scheduled for Sunday, July 15, 2007. You're on your own to explore Vancouver. If you really want to understand Vancouver, stand at the edge of the Inner Harbor (the Canada Place cruise-ship terminal makes one of the best vantage points) and look around you. To the west you'll see Stanley Park, one of the world's largest urban parks, jutting out into the waters of Burrard Inlet. To the north, just across the inlet, rise snow-capped mountains. To the east, right along the water, is the low-rise brick-faced Old Town. And almost everything else you see lining the water's edge will be a new glass-and-steel high-rise tower. Vancouver is majestic and intimate, sophisticated and completely laid back, a bustling, prosperous, World-class city that somehow, almost miraculously, manages to combine its contemporary, urban-centered consciousness with the free-spirited magnificence of nature on a grand scale.

**Next Stop: Inside Passage.** The coast of Southeast Alaska and British Columbia is a majestic maze of fjords, channels, rivers and glaciers gliding towards the sea. This part of Alaska is an impossibly pristine land where you can see the effects of glaciers advancing and retreating. It is hard to describe the deep attachment many have to Alaska, but the sight of a humpback defying gravity in crystalline waters comes closest. The Naturalists onboard are among the best sharp-eyed spotters for finding and observing whales.

Then onto **Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway and Seward.** Along the way, experience the magnificent beauty of Alaska, all the way up to Seward. Towering spruce and hemlock. Bald eagles gliding to treetops, passing so low over the flat, still waters that you can see the heraldic yellow of his markings glow in the late afternoon sun. Alaska is where myth and history meet against a backdrop of Nature that's larger and grander than most things in the "lower 48." Of course you'll experience **Glacier Bay National Park** and **College Fjord**, two of the most spectacular areas of the entire cruise. But, also expect surprises throughout your trip. Some of the best experiences - like orca sightings and glacier calvings - just can't be predicted. The Statendam will show Alaska at her unrehearsed best. Wildlife can sometimes be viewed with binoculars (this is the "wild" after all, not Disneyland or the local zoo). It is an awe-inspiring experience to chance upon a bear or a deer, approaching carefully, quietly, or to hear the low roar of a colony of sea lions. When humpbacks or orcas appear, stop to enjoy the show. The Captain makes conscious efforts to maximize glacier and wildlife viewing, though always with respect and restraint.

Then it is onward-bound for those continuing to **Kenai, Denali** and **Fairbanks**, and homeward-bound for those on the cruise only - your life infinitely richer; Darwin's was. Intrigued? Of course you are. Contact us right away!

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### *Discovery Glacier Cruise Ports of Call* *8-day "Cruise" Tentative Itinerary*

➤ Sunday	July 15	Vancouver Embarkation @ 5:00 pm
➤ Monday	July 16	Inside Passage Scenic Cruising
➤ Tuesday	July 17	Ketchikan (7:00 am - 3:00 pm)
➤ Wednesday	July 18	Juneau (7:00 pm - 10:30 pm)
➤ Thursday	July 19	Skagway (7:00 am - 9:00 pm)
➤ Friday	July 20	Glacier Bay National Park Scenic Cruising (7:00 pm - 4:00 pm)
➤ Saturday	July 21	College Fjord Scenic Cruising (5:00 pm - 8:00 pm)
➤ Sunday	July 22	Disembarkation after 7:00 am

### *Reduced "Cruise Only" Prices*

Category C (Outside)	\$1649 pp	<b>Savings of \$422/cabin</b> (Reg price \$1860 pp)
Category DA (Outside)	\$1619 pp	<b>Savings of \$422/cabin</b> (Reg price \$1830 pp)
Category DD (Outside)	\$1599 pp	<b>Savings of \$422/cabin</b> (Reg price \$1810 pp)
Category E (Outside)	\$1579 pp	<b>Savings of \$422/cabin</b> (Reg price \$1790 pp)
Category K (Inside)	\$1099 pp	<b>Savings of \$422/cabin</b> (Reg price \$1310 pp)

(\*) Single Supplement \$550 - \$825 additional (depending on cabin)

(\*) 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Passengers cruise for \$599 per person

## *Discovery Glacier Cruise and Kenai & Double/Double Tour # 17*

### *14-day "Cruise and Tour" Itinerary*

➤ Sunday	July 15	Vancouver Embarkation @ 5:00 pm
➤ Monday	July 16	Inside Passage Scenic Cruising
➤ Tuesday	July 17	Ketchikan (7:00 am – 3:00 pm)
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➤ Sunday	July 22	Disembarkation after 7:00 am
➤ Sunday	July 22	Kenai Fjords National Park Cruise
➤ Monday	July 23	Luxury Motor Coach to Anchorage
➤ Tuesday	July 24	McKinley Explorer Luxury Rail to Denali National Park
➤ Wednesday	July 25	Extra day in Denali for Tundra Wilderness Tour
➤ Thursday	July 26	McKinley Explorer Luxury Rail to Fairbanks
➤ Friday	July 27	Extra day for riverboat Discovery cruise; Gold Dredge No. 8
➤ Saturday	July 28	Transfer to Fairbanks Airport

### *Reduced "Cruise and Tour" Prices*

Category A (Verandah)	\$4066 pp	<b>Savings of \$446/cabin</b> (Reg price \$4289 pp)
Category B (Verandah)	\$3966 pp	<b>Savings of \$446/cabin</b> (Reg price \$4189 pp)
Category D (Outside)	\$3206 pp	<b>Savings of \$446/cabin</b> (Reg price \$3429 pp)
Category DA (Outside)	\$3186 pp	<b>Savings of \$446/cabin</b> (Reg price \$3409 pp)
Category DD (Outside)	\$3166 pp	<b>Savings of \$446/cabin</b> (Reg price \$3389 pp)
Category E (Outside)	\$3146 pp	<b>Savings of \$446/cabin</b> (Reg price \$3369 pp)
Category MM (Inside)	\$2616 pp	<b>Savings of \$446/cabin</b> (Reg price \$2839 pp)

(\*) *Cruise and Tour includes 7 day cruise plus 6-hour Kenai Fjord wildlife cruise paired with Double-Double Denali and Fairbanks.*

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### *General Package Inclusions*

- All inclusive accommodations and meals throughout cruise itinerary.
- All accommodations and hotel taxes throughout land tour and included cruise/tours as indicated in the itinerary. *Note: No meals included on the land tour other than lunch on the Riverboat Discovery Cruise.*
- Daily onboard activities and evening entertainment.
- Complimentary special group amenities – TBA

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- International Airfare to Vancouver and back from Anchorage or Fairbanks (prices vary - ask for assistance).
- Airport to boat ground transportation shuttle (ask for details)
- Optional pre-cruise Vancouver hotel accommodations (recommend arriving one night prior to cruise).
- Port Charges and Taxes (estimated at \$140 pp for tour/cruise and \$61 pp for tour only passengers).
- Discretionary Gratuities (recommended at \$10 per person per day). This covers all staff from the captain to the wait staff to the entertainers and housekeeping personnel.
- Alcoholic or carbonated beverages of any kind on board ship or land. In room mini-bar purchases.
- Optional onboard services (spa treatments, etc), shore excursions or tours.
- Optional Travelers' Insurance (based on a percentage of the total package cost – ask for details).

## *Fine Print*

Discounted group prices are based on double-occupancy.

Single supplements are 175% of shared double rates.

Discounts are available for third and fourth passengers in each cabin.

**Reservations require a \$350 pp deposit (cruise only) and \$600 pp deposit (cruise and tour).**

Final payment due 05/01/07. Deposits are fully refundable up until 76 days prior to sailing, then penalties apply.

IMPORTANT: You must possess a valid passport (or original birth certificate and valid picture ID)

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## *About the MS Statendam*



The 1266 passenger [ms Statendam](#) is the fifth ship to bear the name in Holland America Line's 133-year history. With more than \$2 million worth of art and artifacts, the ms Statendam features a theme of Dutch life and exploration. The Van Gogh Theater is a work of art in itself. Themed to Dutch artist Vincent Van Gogh's paintings "The Starry Night" and "Irises," the room features computerized fiber optic lighting as well as a state-of-the-art sound system. You can expect more of the same aboard this signature Holland America ship; fine dining, spacious staterooms (149 of which feature private verandahs), the best in cruise entertainment, relaxing nooks and beautiful art displayed throughout the ship. In the center of the ship, a soaring three-story atrium showcases an elaborate 26-foot-high "Fountain of the Siren" sculpture, which extends from the Lower Promenade Deck to the Upper Promenade. The ms Statendam recently completed all Signature of Excellence enhancements to her public rooms in Spring 2005. Traveling aboard the ms Statendam is world-class cruising at its finest. Signature features include:

- The two-tier [Rotterdam Dining Room](#) – impeccable service of a myriad of five-course menus
- [Pinnacle Grill](#) – elegant, sophisticated dining experience with premium hand-selected cuts of Sterling Silver beef, inspired seafood dishes and "Excellent" wines rated by Wine Spectator
- [Lido Restaurant](#) – relaxed ambiance for all three meals and features a variety of fresh, cooked-to-order specialties
- [The Culinary Arts Center](#), - Food & Wine magazine's setting for gourmet cooking demonstrations and classes
- [Explorations Café](#), - powered by The New York Times, largest library at sea with music listening stations and Internet access
- [The Greenhouse Spa & Salon](#) – thermal suites, hydrotherapy, thalassotherapy pool, heated ceramic lounges and more
- Van Gogh Show Lounge – Vegas-style productions, talented vocalists, illusionists, comedians and variety acts
- [The Crow's Nest](#), - observation lounge for relaxing during the day and fashionable nightclub ambiance at night
- [Club HAL®](#), dedicated youth facilities and activities for kids ages 3 to 12
- [The Loft](#) and [The Oasis](#), designed exclusively for teens to have fun, socialize and hang out with people their own age

## *Pre-Cruise Hotel Arrangements*

NOTE: It is recommended that you overnight in Vancouver for one or more nights prior to embarkation so that there is no chance that you "miss the boat" due to plane delays and cancelled flights. There are many hotels to choice from (budget to luxurious) for your pre-cruise stay, but my favorites include the following:

**WEDGEWOOD HOTEL AND SPA** – [www.wedgewoodhotel.com](http://www.wedgewoodhotel.com) – Upwards of \$300 and up per night (5 star). Pure luxury. The Wedgewood has established itself as the city's favorite hotel, popular with Hollywood North types and comfort-loving business travelers alike. Its mother, the Greek-born owner Eleni Skalbania, did the decor herself and, as you'll quickly notice, she is fond of tradition. Inlaid parquet floors, Turkish rugs, leather armchairs, antiques, brocades, gilded this-and-thats are all over, which is kind of refreshing after all the Schragger-ization small hotels have undergone in the past decade. Of the 83 rooms, the newest are royal-blue-and-gold "deluxe executives"—though what manner of executive needs a wet bar and a soaking tub made for two in the room is not specified. The central downtown location is superb, as are the facilities and the very eager staff. If the spa and the small gym aren't hitting the spot, call on General Manager Philip Meyer. This former competitive cyclist leads guests on spins round the seawall or Gastown or even further afield. After that, exploring the new fancy chef Lee Parson's French menus at Bacchus Restaurant will be guilt-free.

**PACIFIC PALISADES HOTEL** – [www.pacificpalisadeshotel.com](http://www.pacificpalisadeshotel.com) – Approximately \$200 per night (4 star). One of my all time favorite properties. Walk into the Pacific Palisades lobby and you know right away that this is not just another standard-issue hotel. The designer's theme throughout this Kimpton Group property was "South Park (Florida, not the TV series) meets Stanley Park." Sherbet yellows and apple greens with pastel-colored fabrics, bright splashes of color, and whimsical touches make the hotel bright and welcoming to the young and the young at heart (the ubiquitous rock music playing in the lobby can be upbeat or annoying, depending on your mood and musical tastes). Guest rooms, spread out over two towers dating from 1969, are spacious, airy, and equipped with kitchenettes (with minibar items priced at corner-store prices). The one-bedroom suites boast large living/dining rooms and balconies. A few other perks that make this hotel a worthwhile choice are the complimentary afternoon wine tasting in the attached art gallery, the complimentary yoga program (free mat, strap, block, and instruction video), the kid-friendly atmosphere (you can buy yo-yos in the minibar), the large indoor pool and fitness rooms, and the fact that pets stay free (a rarity in Vancouver, where there's usually a cleaning charge). Plus, you're right on trendsetting Robson Street, minutes from beaches, shopping, cafes, and restaurants. Zin is a cool spot for a drink and dinner; the hotel staff is warm, friendly, and helpful. All in all, it's really hard not to like this place.

**SYLVIA HOTEL** – [www.sylviahotel.com](http://www.sylviahotel.com) – Approximately \$100 - \$150 per night (3 star). A less expensive option. Charming and blowsy, the Sylvia is the Blanche DuBois of hotels. A 1912 eight-story brick apartment building on the bayfront, it's been a hotel since 1954—when it also became the site of Vancouver's first-ever cocktail bar. The 120 old-fashioned rooms and suites have never met a decorator, but they're the best bargains in town, especially those with views—who's watching the salmon-pink nylon faux-patchwork bedspread when you can see the rollerblade parade along the seawall through the window? A sunset cocktail in the bar is a treat, '70s airport-lounge vibe notwithstanding—and you can keep the kids amused by reading them *Mr. Got To Go*, a book about the infamous hotel cat.

Call me for assistance with flight and accommodation arrangements (not included in the cruise/tour prices above) for any of the above or other hotel choices. Space is limited, don't wait...

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