

# ALASKA INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISE



**Departing Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 for 9 Days / 8 nights**

Royal Caribbean's Radiance of the Seas offers the ultimate "at sea" experience by combining speed, added comfort, greater open spaces, sweeping ocean vistas and an exceptional cruise staff committed to serving your every whim. Among her spectacular features are the 10-story glass-constructed Centrum, glass elevators facing the sea, and the highest percentage of outside staterooms in the Royal Caribbean fleet.

The Radiance class of ships offers the ultimate in sightseeing with more glass, open space and balconies than any other cruise ship of its size. In fact, you'll find amazing views everywhere you go, from the Sports Court to the Day Spa to the glass elevators in the nine-story Centrum. Want to see for yourself? Book now for this fabulous vacation.





## Day to Day Itinerary:

### Day 1 - Home to Anchorage

Today, please follow your personalized travel itinerary. Remember when connecting (if applicable), to keep double checking flight monitors for any last minute Gate Changes for your flight. Please use your connection airports for meals today. When you arrive in Anchorage, proceed to the relevant baggage re-claim area and your Tour Escort will meet you there! After all bags have been re-claimed, we will transfer to our hotel in Anchorage for overnight.

***Overnight Anchorage – no meals included***

### Day 2 Anchorage to Seward & board The Radiance of The Seas

After breakfast we head downtown Anchorage for a little free time to explore and shop. After our free time downtown, we begin our journey south towards Seward we stop just outside of Portage Glacier for lunch. The scenic journey to Seward will take around 3 hours by bus with the opportunity for picture stops. Watch for Dahl Sheep and Beluga Whales...we will then arrive at the Port of Seward and Cruise Ship Terminal and it's time to board our magnificent floating resort. It is here where you are issued with your Seapass Card – this card is just like a plastic credit card and acts as your room key, your charge card aboard ship and your personal ID Card for getting on and off the ship. Now you are onboard and it's time to familiarize yourself with this amazing vessel. In your cabin you will find information concerning the ship together with your daily cruise information sheet. This is very important so you know what's going on at all times. The Emergency Lifeboat Drill is mandatory for all guests prior to the ship leaving port and details of the assembly time will be printed on this sheet. Remember, there are some 5,000 plus pieces of baggage to be delivered to staterooms so please be patient, you may not receive your bags until after supper so as always, the first evening is pretty casual - normally what you have traveled in that day. Supper is served in the main dining room each evening and the time and place is noted on your Seapass Card. Tables are assigned as a group and friends/families will be allocated accordingly – our dining is allocated as 5.30pm each evening...The beautiful Radiance of The Seas is your home for the next 7 nights. All meals aboard ship are included and for those who have never cruised before, you are in for a treat.... Sail at 8pm.





### **Day 3 Hubbard Glacier (Cruising) - 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

You can have breakfast in your cabin, followed by breakfast in the main dining room, followed by a breakfast buffet up on deck if you like... do some more exploring or just relax watching the majestic scenery go by. At 3pm we arrive at the Hubbard Glacier and dependent on the ice flow, the ship gets pretty close to the face of this huge glacier. Hubbard Glacier is 76 miles long, 7 miles wide and 350 feet above the water line where it meets the bay. Watch as massive chunks of ice crash into the bay, a process known as calving that the Tlingit people call "White Thunder."



### **Day 4 Juneau, Alaska – 11.30am to 9.00 pm**

This morning, we arrive in Juneau, the capital of Alaska. Juneau was founded during a gold rush in 1880. Today, the former gold-mining town counts among its riches some of Alaska's most spectacular scenery. Nestled at the foot of Mt. Juneau in the Alaskan Panhandle, it faces the water from the mainland side of Gastineau Channel. Several magnificent fjords are located along the channel coast, and the majestic Mendenhall Glacier, a favorite of visitors, is nearby. Surrounded by fjords, forest and snow-capped mountains, Juneau is one gorgeous state capital. Its historic downtown harkens back to its gold-rush origins and you can still pan for gold. But nature is the priceless treasure.



**Day 5 Skagway, Alaska - 7:00 am to 8.30 pm**

The great Klondike Rush lives on in Skagway's charming downtown of restored 19th-century buildings and its historic railway. From the vintage train, admire the mountains and see the 1898 trail that fortune seekers traveled on foot. When gold was discovered in the Klondike region of the Yukon Territory, (just across the border from Alaska), it resulted in the historic Gold Rush of 1898. As thousands of gold-crazed adventurers sought the best jumping-off spot for their arduous trek, they found the deepest penetration by boat was at the northern tip of the Lynn Canal. That is how Skagway was born.

**Day 5 Haines, Alaska – 7pm to 11pm****Day 6 Icy Strait, Alaska – 6:30 am to 3:00 pm**

The Huna Tlingit welcome visitors to Chichagof Island, where you can experience their rich culture, unspoiled wilderness and the wonders of Glacier Bay National Park. Inside the 1912 cannery complex visit the free museum. Icy Strait Point is located near the city of Hoonah, the largest native Tlingit Indian settlement in Alaska, and very near Glacier Bay National Park. Home to a historic cannery, the port's connection to the sea is strong. Locals share the sea with humpback whales, orcas, Dall porpoises, seals, sea otters, halibut and all five species of Pacific salmon. It is not uncommon to spot a humpback or an orca while walking along the shore.

**Day 7 Ketchikan, Alaska – 10.00 am to 7:00 pm**

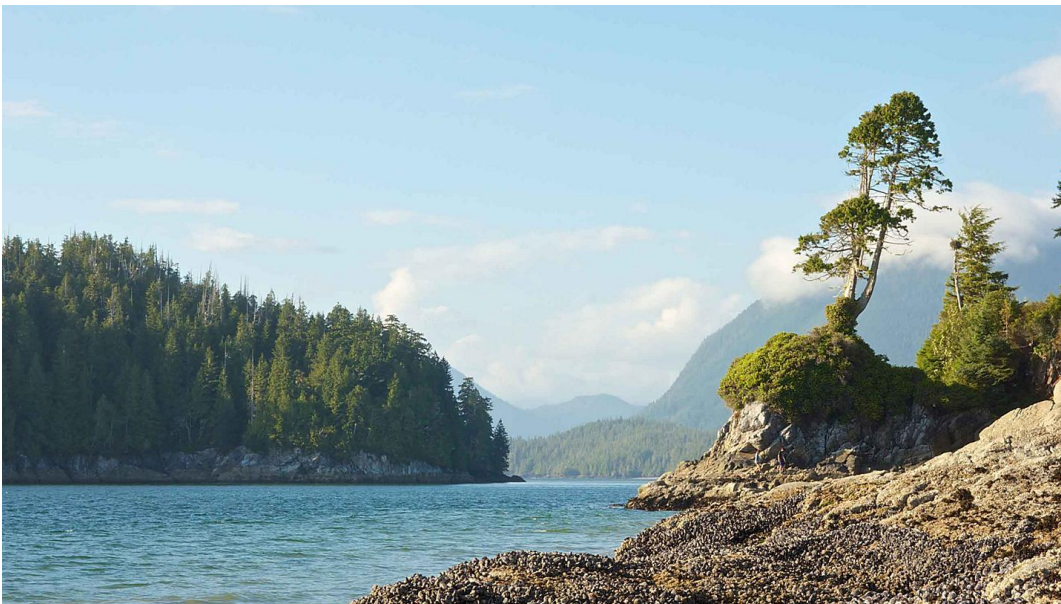
Ketchikan is the gateway to Misty Fjords National Monument, whose landscapes and dramatic seascapes can only be reached by plane or boat. The Salmon Capital is a hub for sports fishing and home to a collection of totem poles. Ketchikan originated as an Indian fish saltery, but the town's growth began when it became a supply base and entry port for miners during the 1898 gold rush to the Klondike. Much of the town's colorful past is still in evident, especially in the nearby Indian villages where you'll see colorfully carved totem poles and hear the fascinating legends that surround them.





### Day 8 Cruising Inside Passage

A full day at sea cruising the Inside passage...The Inside Passage embodies the best of Alaska's pristine nature and rugged beauty. The wildlife, rainforest shrouded in mist and magnificent fjords are among the many photo ops.





**Day 9 Vancouver, British Columbia - 7:00 am**

This morning, we arrive in Vancouver where we will say good-bye to our floating Five Star Resort. During the cruise you will be given instructions about how we get off the ship, transfer to Vancouver & meet our transportation for the journey back home.

## Staterooms & Pricing:

**\$3,795 per person based on double occupancy of an Inside Stateroom**



**\$3,995 per person based on double occupancy of an Oceanview Stateroom**



**\$4,495 per person based on double occupancy of an Oceanview with Private Balcony Stateroom**





## Itinerary at a glance

**Price:** from \$3,795 (pp based on double occupancy) - see main itinerary

**Starts:** Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**Ends:** Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> 2023

### What's included?

- Flights from most US Airports including Rapid City to Anchorage & Overnight
- Transfer to Seward – scenic driving then 7 nights aboard the beautiful Radiance of the Seas
- 5 Ports of Call including Juneau, Ketchikan, Icy Strait & Skagway & 'Up Close' at the face of the Hubbard Glacier
- Transfer from Vancouver & Return flight to Rapid City from either Vancouver, BC or Seattle, WA
- All meals and entertainment onboard plus Gratuities for Stateroom & Dining Room Attendants

### How to book

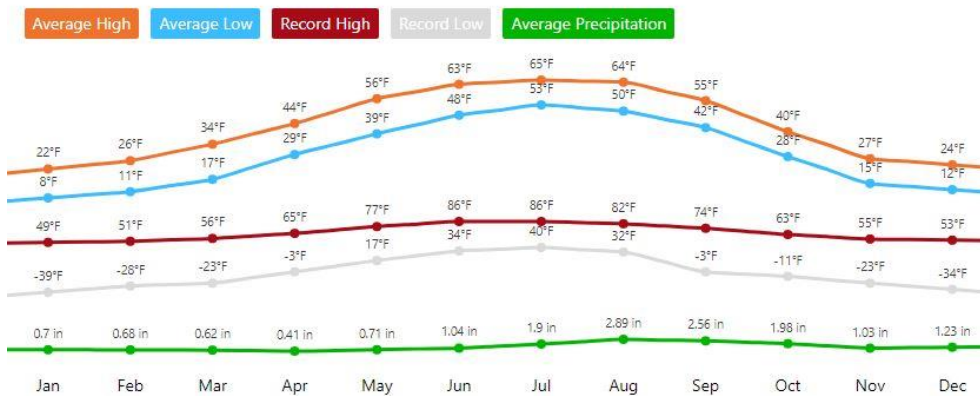
- Holding deposit due of \$1,000 per person. Further deposit of \$750 by February 15<sup>th</sup> 2023
- Final balance due by May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023

### What you'll need

- A Full Passport is required for this tour. Note – a Passport Card is NOT sufficient.
- Warm clothing, a camera & Binoculars if you have them

### Weather

The weather in Alaska is typically mild at this time of year, but it can get cold in the evenings. Refer to weather.com for average temperatures.



July is on average the WARMEST month.

January is on average the COOLEST month.



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