

CLIA ITINERARY EXPERIENCE FACTSHEET

ALASKA

ITINERARY - 7 NIGHTS



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| • Day 1: Depart Seattle | USA |
| • Day 2: At Sea | |
| • Day 3: Ketchikan | USA |
| • Day 4: Scenic Cruising - Endicott Arm Fjord and Dawes Glacier
Juneau | USA |
| • Day 5: Skagway | USA |
| • Day 6: At Sea | |
| • Day 7: At sea/Victoria (British Columbia) | Canada |
| • Day 8: Disembark Seattle | USA |

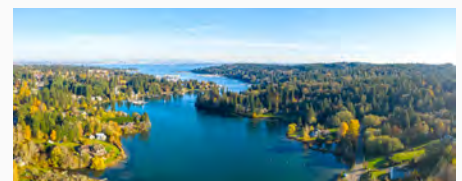
Key port:

SEATTLE, USA

Embark (Day 1) and Disembark (Day 8)

Docking: At Pier

Seattle has been growing steadily as a key entry port for Alaska for several years and is expected to end 2023 with a record 1.4 million passengers. This summer, 13 ships operated by seven cruise lines are homeporting in the city and offering a total 289 sailings to the 49th state. The season starts in mid-April and runs until the end of October.



Day One & Eight

SEATTLE, USA

Docking: At pier

In a nutshell

Seattle has two cruise terminals - Pier 66 (Bell Street) on the waterfront, an easy walk from downtown, and Pier 91 (Smith Cove), a 15-20 minute drive from the city centre. Whichever they sail from, clients will enjoy one of the world's most spectacular sailaways, with panoramic views of Seattle and the Space Needle, panning across to snow-capped Mount Rainier rising majestically into the clouds in the distance.

Arrive early

Seattle is known for its landmark Space Needle and the TV series Frasier, which was set (but not filmed) in the city, but there are plenty more reasons to hang around for a few days, or even a week, from museums dedicated to art and pop music to trips to Mount Rainier, wine-tasting trips in Washington State, tours of the Boeing factory and even one-week cruises on the Columbia and Snake Rivers that follow in the footsteps of America's pioneers.



Getting there

British Airways, American Airlines and Delta have direct flights from the UK to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Flight time from London is 10 hours. A Light Rail train connects the airport to downtown every 8-10 minutes. Travel time is 38 minutes. Cost is \$3 one-way. A taxi from the airport to downtown takes about 15 minutes and costs a flat-rate \$40.

Visas

British passport holders need an ESTA to enter the US. Cost is \$21. Apply online at esta.cbp.dhs.gov

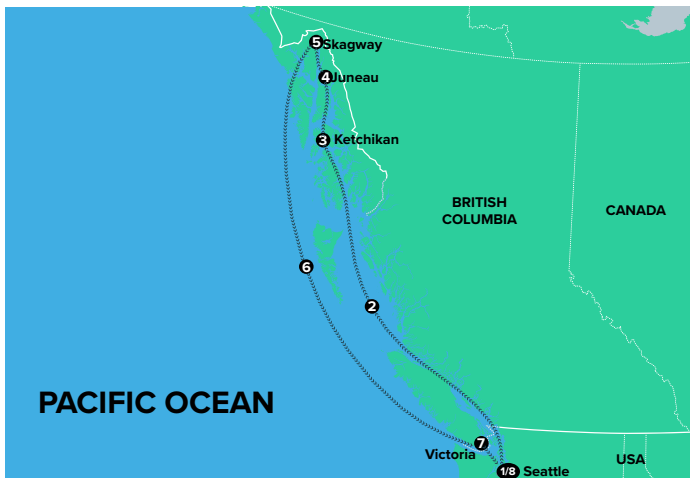
Climate

Seattle is famous for its rain, but it enjoys lovely sunny days in summer, which just happens to coincide with the cruise ships' Alaska season. Temperatures average 14-17C in April and May and 22C in July and August, when generally there are just three or four days of rain.

Opening times

Attractions are open daily from around 9.30am until 6pm. In summer the Space Needle stays open until 10 or 11pm. Shops are generally open seven days a week. Big shopping malls tend to open 10am to 7pm Monday to Saturday and have slightly shorter hours on Sundays. Most shops in Pike Place Market are open seven days a week (closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day) from 9am to 6pm, although some restaurants there stay open until late.

Day Two SEA DAY



Day Three

KETCHIKAN, Alaska

Docking: At pier

Walking ashore? Most ships dock right in town so it's an easy stroll to the shops and restaurants. Alternative docking at Ward Cove has been used since 2019. A shuttle takes passengers into Ketchikan (about 20 minutes).



Gateway to: Ketchikan

Hero excursion: Watch and cheer (and learn a little about Alaskan logging) during an all-action lumberjack show.

Active excursion: Set off on a nature hike in Tongass National Park, part of the world's largest temperate rainforest and home to bears, wolves, deer and bald eagles.

Day Four

SCENIC CRUISING:

Set the alarm for early o'clock to enjoy the views as the ship sails through the Endicott Arm Fjord to its end point, the Dawes Glacier.

Hero excursion: Whale-watching in Auks Bay, a favourite summer hang out for cetaceans.

Active excursion: Paddles at the ready for a sea-kayak tour that promises views of the Mendenhall Glacier and hopefully seals, sea lions and eagles.

JUNEAU, Alaska

Docking: At pier or tender

Walking ashore? Ships dock close to the town

Gateway to: Juneau

Day Seven

VICTORIA, British Columbia

Docking: At pier

Walking ashore? Cruise ships dock at Ogden Point, a 35-minute walk from downtown. Maps at the port show the way. Shuttles are available (US\$13 for a day pass/US\$8 for a one-way ticket). Taxis are about CAD\$10 one-way.

Gateway to: Victoria

Hero excursion: Relax on a guided tour of Victoria that visits Mount Tolmie and passes landmarks including Beacon Hill and the historic Empress Hotel.

Active excursion: Channel your inner Tarzan on a zipline excursion into the rainforest that will have you gliding between the trees at speeds of up to 37 mph.

Day Six SEA DAY



Day Five

SKAGWAY, Alaska

Docking: At pier or tender

Walking ashore? The pier is close enough for passengers to walk into town but due to rock falls last year, those on ships at the Railroad dock currently have to take a shuttle into town.



Gateway to: Skagway

Hero excursion: Be transported back to the days of the 1898 goldrush on a journey on the narrow-gauge White Pass and Yukon Railway to the Klondike.

Active excursion: Harness up for a rock-climbing adventure with great views of the mountains for those who dare to look down.

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SELLING TIPS AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Sell to first-timers or more experienced cruisers?

This is one for singles, couples and families who have got their sea legs in the Med or Caribbean and are happy to forgo beaches and sunbathing for somewhere very different.

When to go?

Cruises to Alaska operate between the end of April and early September.
April and May will be cold. Rain can occur anytime.

At sea to port ratio?

Seven-night cruises include the equivalent of at least 2.5 sea days. Itineraries also include a half or full-day of scenic cruising between the islands in the Inside Passage and glacier spotting in the narrow fjords.

Currency?

US\$ for Alaska and Seattle, CAN\$ for Victoria.



Anything for Children?

- Keep youngsters active with whale-watching, kayaking, hikes in search of bears and zip-wiring.
- Who wouldn't love the chance to hug a husky?

Opportunities for exercise

- With hiking, kayaking and biking on offer, there is no excuse for being idle.
- Be out doing laps on the sundeck and enjoying the views while cruising through the Inside Passage and fjords.

Food & souvenirs

- Salmon is king in Alaska so you can't cruise here without trying it. Chances are you'll be hooked so that's the souvenir sorted out as well (get it shipped rather than trying to carry some home).
- Buy salad tongs shaped as bear claws
- Strike lucky on a gold-panning trip (you get to keep what you find).

Photo Moments Of The Cruise!



Capture a whale's fluke just as it dives.



Get a friend to snap you playing Tarzan on a zipwire.



Take a panorama of the Space Needle and Mount Rainier on the Seattle sailway.