

Alaska Explorer



July 14 – 26, 2026

Airfare Included!

Starting from: \$6,389 per person

13 Days, 2 Countries

Booking Deadline: April 1, 2026

Low booking deposit of: \$600



Enjoy a land and cruise journey to Alaska as you explore Alaska's history, wildlife, glaciers and the natural beauty of this state.

Daily Itinerary

Tuesday, July 14: Depart Central PA for Anchorage, AK

Transfer by motorcoach to a local airport for your flight to Anchorage. Upon arrival, transfer to your downtown hotel and enjoy this great city.

Group air schedule is in economy class. Seat assignments are controlled by the airline. Specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Air upgrades may be available and are by request only and are not guaranteed. Any air upgrades or deviations must be requested at the time of the initial deposit.

Wednesday, July 15: Anchorage

This morning enjoy a tour of the greater Anchorage area including a narrated small ship cruise to see the Portage Glacier. This afternoon spend time at your leisure exploring all that Anchorage has to offer. (Breakfast)

Thursday, July 16: Anchorage - Talkeetna - Denali

Board your coach for a scenic drive to Denali. A stop will be made in Talkeetna for lunch on your own and time to explore the town before completing the ride to Denali for a three-night stay at this national treasure. During your stay at the McKinley

Chalet, your accommodation has been upgraded to a Denali Suite. Each suite features a private balcony overlooking the mountains and the beauty of the area. (Breakfast)

Friday, July 17: Denali National Park

Venture deep into Denali National Park on the **Tundra Wilderness Tour**. This excursion is a favorite among travelers. This 5-6 hour fully narrated sightseeing excursion takes you into the heart of Denali National Park to mile 43. It's the best way to see wildlife and the majestic peaks of Denali. (weather permitting). (Breakfast, Snack Box, Boxed Lunch)

Saturday, July 18: Denali National Park

Today is an entire free day to explore Denali on your own or take optional excursions. Ride the complimentary shuttle to the park's Visitor's Center or explore on a self-guided hike. Don't miss the chance to visit Denali Square and immerse yourself in the Denali experience. (Breakfast)

Sunday, July 19: Cruisetrain to Whittier

Enjoy some of Alaska's most spectacular scenery via a luxurious domed rail car as you travel to Whittier where you will embark on your ship, the *Nieuw Amsterdam*, setting sail this evening for a 7-night cruise. Lunch is included on the train. (Breakfast; Lunch)

Monday, July 20: Hubbard Glacier (scenic cruising)

Enjoy a leisurely day of cruising, highlighted by an afternoon scenic cruise to Hubbard Glacier, North America's longest tidewater glacier.

Tuesday, July 21: Glacier Bay National Park (scenic cruising)

Cruise the ice-studded fjords of this national treasure for a full eight hours as a Park Service Ranger narrates.

Wednesday, July 22: Skagway

Explore Alaska's colorful history, pristine wildlife and unrivaled natural beauty today in Skagway where at every turn, you'll find yourself immersed in gold rush lore.

Thursday, July 23: Juneau

No roads lead to Juneau, which gives the Alaskan capital a misty inscrutability. You need to come by air or water, but when you arrive, the place will delight you with its bounty of water, forests, and mountains.

Friday, July 24: Ketchikan

Explore this uniquely Alaskan port, famous for its rich native culture, salmon fishing, and scenic Misty Fjords.

Saturday, July 25: Inside Passage (scenic cruising)

Relax and enjoy a full day of scenic Inside Passage cruising and immerse yourself in the beauty and elegance of your surroundings.

Sunday, July 26: Vancouver, British Columbia - Central PA

Disembark the ship today in Vancouver and transfer by motorcoach to the airport for your flight and transportation back to Central PA. (Breakfast)

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*Itinerary is subject to change at any time without notification and/or compensation



Included Benefits

- Roundtrip transportation from Central PA to a local international airport
- Roundtrip airfare to Anchorage, AK with return from Vancouver, British Columbia
- Transfers and sightseeing via deluxe motorcoach, train and ship, as specified in itinerary
- Accommodations in best available hotels/lodges including Denali Suites at the McKinley Chalet
- Holland America driver and guides' gratuities (on land portion)
- Seven-night cruise aboard the ***Nieuw Amsterdam*** in selected category
- All onboard meals and entertainment (specialty restaurants may have nominal fees)
- Onboard gratuities
- AAA Cocktail Reception
- Breakfast plan while on land tour
- Baggage handling
- Services of a Discoveries Journey Manager

General Info

Payment

Rates Per Person:

SS – Signature Suite: \$8,449

V – Verandah: \$7,719

VA – Verandah: \$7,669

VB – Verandah: \$7,619

VC – Verandah: \$7,569

VD – Verandah: \$7,519

C – Oceanview: \$6,839

J – Interior: \$6,389

All non-members must add \$60 to the above rate. 3rd/4th rates available upon request. Rates are subject to availability at time of booking and include taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges which are subject to change. All pricing and included features are based on a minimum of 25 full-fare passengers. Desired pick-up location is not guaranteed until passenger minimums are met.

The rates listed above include the following which are subject to change: Required Cruise Fees, Expenses of \$324 per person double occupancy (\$648 single occupancy) and Government Taxes of \$415 per person double occupancy (\$485 single occupancy).

Deposit of \$600 per person/\$1200 per cabin will confirm your reservation. Final payment is due to AAA by **April 1, 2026**.

Cancellation/Penalties

From April 1 – 22, 2026 \$600 per person/\$1200 cabin, plus any additional suppliers' fees

From April 23 – May 29, 2026 50% per person, plus any additional suppliers' fees

After May 29, 2026 NON-REFUNDABLE

***Airfare is non-refundable after final payment.**

Flight

Air arrangements are handled by the tour operator. Seat assignments cannot be confirmed until the tour operator releases names to the airline(s) 30 days prior to departure. Specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Some flight schedules may contain code share agreements.

Clothing/Climate

Alaska is not a frigid land of ice and snow! Pack for a variety of temperatures; layers work best. Daytime, casual clothes and comfortable walking shoes are fine. For cruising, evenings require casual or semi-formal attire, with two formal nights.

Travel Assistance

For personal comfort, group participants who need assistance are required to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the needed assistance.

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Frequently Asked Questions

When should I book shore excursions?

Your AAA Travel Advisor is happy to help reserve your choice of shore excursions. It's best to book them as soon as possible as they can sell out.

What is a Discoveries Journey Manager?

A Discoveries Journey Manager travels with you on your entire journey. They are there to ensure your trip runs smoothly so you can sit back and relax. They are constantly working behind the scenes, whether it be at airport check-in or cruise disembarkation, they have you covered!

Do I need a passport?

U.S. citizens on homeport cruises (cruises that begin and end at the same U.S. port) are currently able to enter or depart the country with a state issued birth certificate with a raised seal and government-issued photo ID. While not required, AAA recommends traveling with an original, signed passport valid for 6 months beyond stay, and with at least one blank visa page for visa stamp(s).

Do I need travel insurance?

For your protection AAA highly recommends travel insurance. Pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with proper coverage only if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit. Other conditions may apply; ask your Travel Advisor. AAA recommends Allianz Insurance.

How many bags can I bring?

Two suitcases per person will be allowed by the cruise line. You may also bring a small carry-on bag.

For reservations or more information please contact your AAA Central Penn Travel Advisor at 1-888-743-2844 or visit AAA.com.