

ALASKA'S IMAGES COME TO LIFE

Alaska conjures up all kinds of images. The mystique of the wilderness with its untamed glaciers and rugged mountains, eagles soaring through the open sky and oceans filled with marine life.

The beauty of Prince William Sound is indescribable and this is where Phillips Cruises & Tours operate the 26 Glacier Cruise every May through September. The Klondike Express winds along College and Harriman Fjords, where passengers will see all three types of glaciers: alpine (or hanging), piedmont and tidewater. Seen up close, some of these tidewater glaciers rise 300 feet above the waterline. Cannon-like thunder can be heard echoing off the walls of the fjords as pieces of glacial ice calve into the water.

Marine and bird life is abundant in these protected waters. You may see rafts of playful sea otters, harbor seals with their pups, Humpback or even Orca whales during the cruise. Visitors have seen bears roaming the low land and mountain goats climbing the steep slopes next to the tidewater glaciers. Eagles are spotted frequently and a daily visit is made to a Kittiwake Bird Rookery with its thousands of nesting birds.

Passengers aboard the Klondike Express will travel in ultimate comfort on this 137 foot, high-speed catamaran. Wide aisles provide easy mobility for passengers moving about the cabins, and large picture windows and video monitors allow unobstructed viewing of the amazing sights. A complimentary hot lunch is served to passengers at their booths during the cruise.

Professional narration is provided by US Forest Service Rangers. Their commentary is full of history and local sights during the leisurely cruise and they are available to answer questions from the guests. Passengers have often been quoted as saying the 26 Glacier Cruise was their "best single day in Alaska."

The cruise departs from the Port of Whittier just 60 miles southeast of Anchorage and can be reached by the Alaska Railroad, motor coach service or private vehicle.

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