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ALASKA 2018 ADVENTURE

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Price: \$4150 per person double

DAY ONE, SUNDAY, JUNE 17– Welcome to the trip of a lifetime! Today a tour director from Tom's Christian Tours will accompany the deluxe coach shuttle of participants to Chicago and then on to Alaska via an Alaska Air flight. Remember your passports. Our Riley's Motor Coach and skilled driver will be waiting in Anchorage to shuttle us to our beautiful downtown hotel. Night in Anchorage, AK.

DAY TWO, MONDAY, JUNE 18 – (B,L) This morning the group will begin their views of Alaska by seeing the sights of **Anchorage**. After an included lunch, the group will have **free time** in downtown Anchorage for shopping and make a visit to the **Alaska Native Cultural Center**. The evening is yours to enjoy. Night in Anchorage.

DAY THREE, TUESDAY, JUNE 19: (B,L) Once again, an **included breakfast** will start our day. Today our travels will take us along **Turnagain Arm to Whittier** via the traffic & train tunnel. On the way we will stop at the **Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center**. There, we will see many of the native Alaskan animals in an environment in which they can rehab and eventually be introduced back into the wild. Then it is off to Whittier. There a high-speed catamaran will take us on a thrilling five-hour, **26-glacier cruise**. This vessel offers smooth sailing through **Prince William Sound where we will marvel at glacier-filled College and Harriman Fjords**. Watch for sea otters, seals, whales, and bird rookeries. **Lunch is included** on board the boat. Late afternoon we'll board our coach for a scenic ride back to Anchorage. Night in Anchorage.

DAY FOUR, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20 - (B,D) First stop this morning is **Eklutna** to view unique Native American burial grounds. Next we'll visit a **musk ox farm**, wandering among the pens of these amazing creatures and learning how they are making a come-back and providing income for the local people. In **Palmer**, in the heart of Alaska's agricultural region, we'll see how the extra hours of sunlight produce heavy-weight vegetables and monstrous flowers. One more exciting stop in **Wasilla** will show us the **Iditarod Trail Headquarters** where we'll learn about the famous sled dog race. Night in Wasilla, AK.

DAY FIVE, THURSDAY, JUNE 21 - (B) Today we'll head to **Talkeetna**, keeping alert for glimpses of the highest mountain in North America, Mt. McKinley. In **Talkeetna, the following options are offered** (at an additional cost): flight to Denali or a scenic riverboat ride. You may prefer not to take an optional tour and just enjoy the beautiful town of Talkeetna. This evening, thrill seekers could try white water rafting! Night in Denali, AK

DAY SIX, FRIDAY, JUNE 22 – (B,L,D) Early morning we'll board a **tundra wildlife tour bus** for an exciting journey into **Denali National Park**. Grizzly bears, caribou, wolves, moose, red foxes, mountain goats, and Dall sheep could be anywhere. (Bring **binoculars** and pack warm clothes and rain gear because weather

conditions can change rapidly from one side of the park to the other.) Weather permitting, we'll see **Denali** tower above us during this day filled with magnificent views. A box lunch will be provided (*included*). Late afternoon, a couple hour drive will bring us to Fairbanks where we'll help ourselves to baked salmon, cod, prime rib and all the fixin's at **Pioneer Park** (*included*). Afterwards, our toes will be tappin' and we'll be laughin' through "**The Golden Hearts Review**" show. Night in Fairbanks, AK.

DAY SEVEN, SATURDAY, JUNE 23 – (B,L) This morning, we'll board the **Discovery III Riverboat**. Native guides will accompany us ashore for a tour of a recreated **Athabascan Indian fishing and trapping camp**. We'll see Indian fish wheels and enjoy a sled dog demonstration. After a hearty lunch at the docks, we'll experience an authentic mining camp and pan for gold at the **El Dorado Gold Mine**. Keep what you find. Night in Fairbanks, AK.

DAY EIGHT, SUNDAY, JUNE 24 – (B) Keep your passports handy today--in your carry-on or purse—because we'll be crossing into Canada. First stop today will be **North Pole, AK**, for some shopping and post card sending. As we follow the **Alaska Mountain Range**, an **oil pipeline** suspension bridge and **Delta Junction** will be highlights. Night in Tok, AK.

DAY NINE, MONDAY, JUNE 25 – (B) Today we'll enjoy the vast wilderness along the **Alaska Highway**. Stops are planned at **Kluane Lake and Kluane National Park Center**, where we will learn about this preserve. The scenery will leave us breathless. Keep alert also for wildlife--grizzlies, moose, and Dall sheep are common sights. Night in Whitehorse, Yukon.

DAY TEN, TUESDAY, JUNE 26 – (B,D) Keep your passports handy today because we'll be crossing back into the USA. Before leaving **Whitehorse**, we'll visit **Miles Canyon** and the **S.S. Klondike**, one of the last of the Yukon River sternwheelers. From Whitehorse, our coach will take us past **Emerald Lake** and **Carcross Desert** to **Fraser**, where we'll board the "scenic railway of the world," the **White Pass and Yukon Route**. Against all odds, this iron trail was born of the 1898 Klondike Gold Rush and built through some of the North's most ruggedly beautiful terrain. In **Skagway**, we'll have time to explore this **Gold Rush town** after watching the movie at the Visitors' Center. Visits to the historic cemetery and **Reid Falls** are included. An **included dinner** will round out our day. Night in Skagway, AK.

DAY ELEVEN, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27– (B) This afternoon we'll board a **ferry for a scenic cruise to Juneau**. On board, we'll enjoy decks and observation lounges with picture window views of the **magnificent scenery** of the **Inside Passage**. Night in Juneau.

DAY TWELVE, THURSDAY JUNE 28 – (B) Today, we'll visit **Mendenhall Glacier** and tour **Juneau**. Free time downtown can be spent shopping, taking the tram up **Robert's Mountain**, or visiting the **Red Dog Saloon**. Night in Juneau, AK.

DAY THIRTEEN, FRIDAY, JUNE 29 - Early morning we'll say good-bye to Alaska and fly via Seattle to Chicago **on Alaska Air**. A deluxe coach will be waiting to carry us home. We may come home tired, yet filled with memories of new friends and amazing Alaskan adventures. Drop-off locations will be the same as pick-up.

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE: All lodging, all entrance fees, all transportation (land, water, air), tip for airport shuttle driver, and main meals (listed in itinerary) are included in the low price of **\$4150 per person with double occupancy; \$3830 pp triple, \$3690 pp quad, and \$5300 pp single**. TCT reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary if it serves the best interest of the participants and/or if there are changes in public transportation.

NOT INCLUDED: Meals not listed, optional activities, tips for Alaska driver, and tips for TCT tour directors.