

# Alaska Discovery Land & Cruise

June 5 - 16, 2024



*Travel with OLLI - a lifetime of learning and exploring!*

## *Alaska Bucket List*

- ✓ National Park
- ✓ Cruise
- ✓ Nature
- ✓ Popular US Destination
- ✓ Moderate Activity Level **2**  
*See tour activity level page two*

## **Travel Preview & Registration**

*OLLI members are invited to learn about this trip during a Zoom preview with our travel provider - Collette.*

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

**8:30 a.m. Registration Begins**

**9:30 a.m. Travel Preview**

**Location: Curtiss Hall Room 100**

*\*Registration for this trip will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue directly following the travel preview on a first come, first served basis. Find more details about the travel preview & registration day on the last page.*



**SVSU - Osher Lifelong Learning Institute**

**Travel to the United States' largest state and experience Alaska on a land and cruise adventure!!**



Traverse the Pacific coast by land and sea aboard one of Holland America Cruise Lines' lovely ships on a breathtaking journey that takes you from Alaska to Vancouver, British Columbia. Cruise the Sternwheeler Discovery and encounter Alaska's diverse culture and rich history. Ride a luxury domed railcar from Denali to Talkeetna, soak in views of the incredible landscapes from glass-ceiling railcars and open-air observation platforms as guides provide expert commentary. Travel deep into Denali National Park for the best opportunities to view the region's wildlife. Then cruise through Glacier Bay and the Inside Passage, taking in rugged natural wonders. Explore Alaska's gorgeous capital, Juneau. Visit Ketchikan, the "Salmon Capital of the World."

**General Information:**

**Travel Provider**

This educational travel experience is offered by the SVSU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in conjunction with Collette Tours.



**Registrations:**

Please fill out the registration form and bring it to the OLLI office on the day of registration. Trip reservations are on first come, first served basis. A passport and Covid vaccination card are required at time of registration and your passport must be valid through six months following the end date of the tour December 16, 2024.

**Tour Activity Level 2**

This tour has a moderate activity rating. Travelers should be in good health with the ability to climb at least one flight of stairs, board a coach and walk unassisted at a relaxed pace for up to 60 minutes without difficulty covering up to one mile. Additionally, altitudes may be up to 5,000 feet. Adding optional excursions may increase the total amount of walking on your tour. You should feel comfortable managing your own baggage at all times. If you have any mobility concerns or physical restrictions, please contact our OLLI office for additional information.

**About Our Lodging**

Day 1-Day 4 we'll be staying in hotels in Fairbanks, Denali National Park, and Talkeetna. Day 5-11 you'll be aboard the Holland America Cruise Ship.

**Travel Protection:\***

Travel protection will be included in the price of this trip and must be paid at the time of deposit upon registration and will be provided by Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan. Details may be found at: <https://gocollette.com/en/about-collette/terms-and-conditions>. It is the traveler's responsibility to review insurance coverage to make sure it meets your needs prior to purchase. \* If you choose not to take travel protection for your trip - your registration/ situation will be reviewed.

**Air Details:**

Our package includes round-trip air from Detroit airport, air taxes & fees/ surcharges. Specific flight information will be provided at a later date. If our flight is scheduled early, we may stay the night prior to departure. If this is the case, there will be an added cost per person and these details will be forwarded to you closer to departure. Requests for seat upgrades/requests must be made at the time of registration.

**Roommates Needed:**

If you are looking for a roommate please contact our office prior to registration, and we can share names of others looking for roommates. Our office will also maintain a wait-list if this trip fills to capacity (48) with travelers.

**Included in Your 12-Days:**

- \* 4 nights in hand-selected hotels
- \* 7 nights aboard Holland America cruise boat
- \* 26 Meals: 11 breakfasts, 7 lunches, & 8 dinners

**Highlights:**

- \* Fairbanks, Sternwheeler Discovery
- \* Music of Denali Dinner Theater
- \* Denali National Park, Tundra Wilderness Tour
- \* Luxury Domed Rail, Anchorage
- \* Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, Inside Passage
- \* (3) Hand-Selected Optional Excursions: Misty Fjords Flightseeing, Skagway Tour and Summit Overlook, and Jet Boat Whale Watching

**Included Features:**

- \* Professional Program Director
- \* 7-night Holland America Cruise
- \* Round-trip air transportation from DTW airport, and ground transportation to/from SVSU to the Detroit airport.
- \* Private motorcoach land travel at destination
- \* Pre-trip dinner & Post-trip gathering at SVSU

**Passport & Travel Requirements:**

Please note that although this is a domestic trip, passports are required as the cruise ship stops in Canadian ports, and flight departs from Vancouver. Currently requirements include proof of vaccination, & masks may be required for multiple day travel with SVSU-OLLI & Collette. We will provide any known updates closer to departure dates.

**Cancellations:**

All cancellations must be in writing to the OLLI office and are subject to a cancellation fee of \$50. Collette's Travel cancellation policies will prevail.

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Travel Date: June 5-16, 2024

Please provide accurate information. This will eliminate any change fees or document delays.

Res#: 1117225

## Traveler 1

Please ensure that your name matches what appears on your passport:

Title: Mr./Ms./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female  
First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YEAR)  
Passport Country of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_  
Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Passport Issue Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (DD/MM/Year)  
Passport Expiration Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (DD/MM/Year)  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
• Are you requesting a seat upgrade/preference? If yes, what is your budget/preference:  No  Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
• Select: 1 large bed  or 2-smaller beds

**Emergency Contact Information:**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

## Traveler 2 (only if at the same address)

Please ensure that your name matches what appears on your passport:

Title: Mr./Ms./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female  
First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YEAR)  
Passport Country of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_  
Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Passport Issue Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (DD/MM/Year)  
Passport Expiration Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (DD/MM/Year)  
**Address: Same as Traveler 1  
OR Fill out separate registration form**  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
• Are you requesting a seat upgrade/preference? If yes, what is your budget/preference:  No  Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
• Select: 1 large bed  or 2-smaller beds

**Emergency Contact Information:**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Information:** Please note that non members will pay an additional \$30 (payable to SVSU and receive a 2022-23 OLLI Membership)

### Trip Insurance:

Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection, \$599  No, I decline  
Traveler #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection, \$599  No, I decline  
Traveler #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

### Payment #1

I authorize:  Only Deposit & Insurance (\$898+\$599)

**Total \$1,497 per person** \_\_\_\_\_

**The final balance is due by December 5, 2023.**

### Payment #2

I authorize:  Only Deposit & Insurance (\$898+\$599)

**Total \$1,497 per person** \_\_\_\_\_

**The final balance is due by December 5, 2023.**

### Payment Method:

Check: Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to Collette Tours)

Credit Card Type:  American Express  Discover  MasterCard  Visa

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CVV Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

By signing above I have read and understand all the terms and conditions and accept them on behalf of myself and my party.

\*\* All information included in brochure is deemed reliable at time of print. All trip updates and announcements will take precedence over information included in brochure.

**OLLI—In Office Checklist:** Registration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_  Copy of Registration Returned to Traveler

**Checklist:**  Covid-19 Vaccination Copy  Emergency Form  Travel Protection  Passport (good through December 18, 2024)

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## Description of Cabin Categories:

**Inside Room** - No Window  
**Ocean View** - Window  
**Veranda** - Balcony

Limited space on each cabin category, all cabins and singles are on a first come first served basis. To view the ships decks visit Holland America Website: [hollandamerica.com/en\\_US/cruise-ships/ms-nieuw-amsterdam/4.html](http://hollandamerica.com/en_US/cruise-ships/ms-nieuw-amsterdam/4.html) to learn more about the ship. There is a PDF called "PDF All Decks" about 3/4 down the page that gives details of the categories listed above.



### Trip Cost:

Cabin Categories	Base w/Air	Travel Protection	Total Cost
Inside Room (Double)	\$ 5,829.00	\$ 599.00	\$ 6,428.00
Inside Room (Single)	\$ 8,729.00	\$ 599.00	\$ 9,328.00
Ocean View (Double)	\$ 6,329.00	\$ 599.00	\$ 6,928.00
Ocean View (Single)	\$ 9,629.00	\$ 599.00	\$ 10,228.00
Veranda (Double)	\$ 7,329.00	\$ 599.00	\$ 7,928.00
Veranda (Single)	\$ 11,229.00	\$ 599.00	\$ 11,828.00

\* Non-Members will pay additional \$30 to SVSU-OLLI for Membership good through 8/31/2023

*Please Rank Your Cabin Preference from 1 - 3*

**Inside**  
(No window)

**Ocean View**  
(Window)

**Veranda**  
(Balcony)

**Single Request**  
(Limited)

**Roommates Needed:** If you are looking for a roommate please contact our office prior to registration, and we can share names of others looking for roommates. Our office will also maintain a wait-list if this trip fills to capacity of travelers.

## Available Prepaid Optional Excursions

Port Information: When visiting the cruise ports of Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan no transportation or activities have been included. You are free to explore independently, or purchase an optional shore excursion from Collette or directly from Holland America.

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options. Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. After this Prices are subject to change.

### Registration for Optional Excursions:

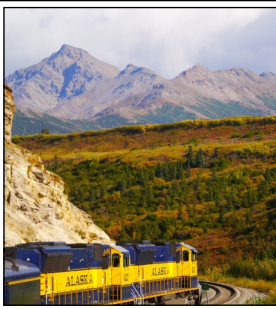
- Day 8: Skagway Tour and Summit Overlook, Skagway \$65 per person \_\_\_\_\_
- Day 9: Jet Boat Whale Watching, Juneau, \$160 per person \_\_\_\_\_  
*please note this is nonrefundable once you sign up*
- Day 10: Misty Fjords Flightseeing, Ketchikan \$375 per person \_\_\_\_\_
- I would not like to register for any excursions at this time
- Total Payment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger's Name (please print exactly as it appears on your passport:**

Full Name (First, Middle, Last) \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize payment to be made for the above excursions with my registration final payment.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_



### **Day 1: Wednesday, June 5: Depart SVSU**

We'll travel to the Detroit airport via motorcoach from SVSU, and fly to Fairbanks, Alaska, where your adventure begins. This Alaskan experience brings together the best of both land and water.

### **Day 2: Thursday, June 6, 2024**

#### ***Fairbanks - Denali National Park***

Today you'll step aboard the popular Sternwheeler Discovery, an unforgettable journey showcasing Alaska's diverse culture and rich history. We'll make stops along the way to meet the people and get a taste of local life. In the afternoon we'll take a scenic motor coach ride to Denali National Park. This evening we'll enjoy a musical performance that tells the story of the first brave men to reach the Denali Summit, followed by dinner. *(B/L/D)*

### **Day 3: Friday, June 7, 2024**

#### ***Denali National Park***

This morning we'll travel deep into Denali National Park on the Tundra Wilderness Tour. A five hour narrated tour which affords the best opportunities to view the region's wildlife. Learn about the history of the park and see why Denali is one of the top three reasons that people visit Alaska. The remainder of the day will be at your leisure. *(B)*

### **Day 4: Saturday, June 8, 2024**

#### ***Denali National Park - Talkeetna***

Your day begins with a scenic train ride to Talkeetna. Savor every moment inside your luxury domed railcar. View the incredible landscape from glass-ceiling railcars and open-air observation platforms as rail guides provide expert commentary. Check into the iconic Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, perched on a ridge offering unforgettable views of Denali. *(B)*

### **Day 5: Sunday, June 9, 2024**

#### ***Talkeetna/Anchorage/Whittier - Board Cruise Ship***

Today we depart for our ship, stopping en route in Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. We'll continue with a scenic drive along the Alaska Range, driving along the Turnagain Arm to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. With a local guide, we'll discover where orphaned or injured bears, wolves, porcupines, and moose are cared for in a 200-acre rehabilitation site. We'll arrive in the port of Whittier where you'll embark on your 7-night Holland America cruise aboard a fabulous floating resort designed to make your stay on board truly memorable. You will be dazzled by the entertainment in the state-of-the-art lounges and a myriad of dining options. While on board, breakfast, dinner and nightly entertainment are included. *(B/D)*

### **Day 6: Monday, June 10, 2024**

#### ***Cruising - Hubbard Glacier***

Your ship cruises past the mammoth Hubbard Glacier, one of Alaska's largest glaciers. Have your camera ready and take in the natural beauty of the glacier's stunning surface. *(B/L/D)*

### **Day 7: Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

#### ***Cruising - Glacier Bay***

Today you'll be cruising through Glacier Bay, a spectacular national park and preserve that is a treasure trove of tidewater glaciers and scenic coastal islands. You'll view the rich world of marine life and large concentration of tidewater glaciers - witnessing Alaska at its best. *(B/L/D)*

### **Day 8: Wednesday, June 12, 2024**

#### ***Cruising - Skagway***

In Skagway you'll relive Alaska's Gold Rush days in this "Gateway to the Klondike" and home of the famed Chilkoot Trail. In historic Skagway, Alaska's past lives on in a spectacular natural setting and cries of "gold in the Yukon!" can still be heard. *(B/L/D)*

### **Day 9: Thursday, June 13, 2024**

#### ***Cruising - Juneau***

From massive scenic mountains to historic buildings, there is so much to explore in Alaska's capital city of Juneau. *(B/L/D)*

### **Day 10: Friday, June 14, 2024**

#### ***Cruising - Ketchikan***

Your port of call today is Ketchikan, known as the "Salmon Capital of the World" and the "City of Totems." Located on the tranquil Revillagigedo Island, Ketchikan is home to the world's largest collection of totem poles. *(B/L/D)*

### **Day 11: Saturday, June 15, 2024**

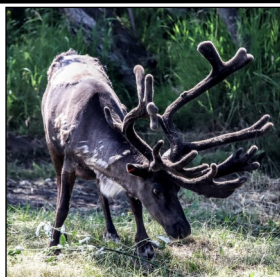
#### ***Cruising - Inside Passage***

A wonderful day of sightseeing awaits as your ship sails along the amazing Inside Passage. *(B/L/D)*

### **Day 12: Sunday, June 16, 2024**

#### ***Vancouver, B.C. - Disembark Cruise - Tour Ends***

Our cruise ends this morning in the vibrant Canadian city of Vancouver, leaving you with many wonderful memories of your tour to the last of the great frontiers. *(B)*



## Trip Optional Excursions

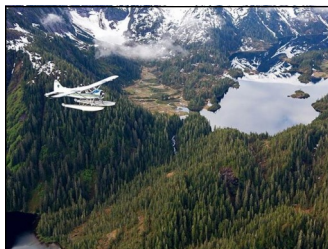
*Customize your experience on tour by adding an optional excursion.*

### Misty Fjords Flightseeing

**Ketchikan, AK \$375**

Experience the magnificent beauty of Misty Fjord National Monument, a 2.1 million acre park covered by glaciers ages ago. Your pilot will narrate as you soar over majestic fjords, cascading waterfalls, and jewel-like lakes to discover some of Alaska's most spectacular scenery. Sheer walls of granite rise over 3,000 feet comprising a truly awe-inspiring sight. Get a different perspective when you land on a wilderness lake to experience the tranquility of the Alaskan wilderness in a truly remote setting. Just don't forget your camera for this amazing experience!

*Duration: Approximately 2 hours.* Actual flight time is approximately 90 minutes. Passengers weighing over 280 lbs will be charged a 50% surcharge for this option. All passengers are required to provide their weight at time of booking. Transportation is included.



### Skagway Tour and Summit Overlook

**Skagway, AK \$65**

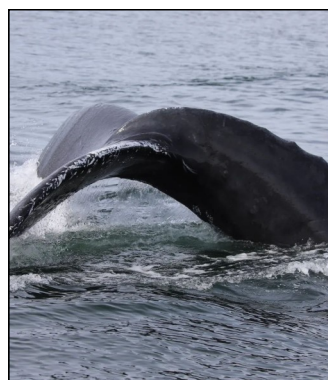
This is the ideal tour for the traveler seeking a short but in-depth look at Skagway's natural and historical wonders. This tour showcases the best of everything that has made Skagway famous and parallels much of the train route to the White Pass Summit and beyond. Historical highlights include Brackett's Toll Road, Dead Horse Gulch, and spectacular views of the White Pass Rail. Also included is a visit to the Gold Rush Cemetery where the legendary Soapy Smith was laid to rest. There will be plenty of photo opportunities, so be sure to bring along your camera. Please note: A passport is required. *Duration: Approximately 2.5 hours.* Transportation is included.



### Jet Boat Whale Watching

**Juneau, AK \$160**

Climb aboard your Jet Boat – a marine mammal-friendly mode of transportation – and set sail for an incredible experience! Discover the Alaskan wildlife during an expedition that takes you up close to the whales, porpoises, sea lions, seals, eagles and other wildlife abundant in this area. Marvel at the sounds of nature and the sea – your tranquil soundtrack while a local expert narrates. Due to the nature of this optional item, once purchased it will be nonrefundable. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Transportation is included.



## Registration and Preview Details

*Tuesday, June 13, 2023*

- **8:30 a.m.** - Registration begins. Registration is done on a first come, first served basis. Bring a completed registration form, cabin preferences selected, your passport, Covid vaccination card, and form of payment. Register early to confirm your spot!
- **9:30 a.m.** - Preview begins. Learn what to expect when traveling with OLLI. Learn about travel enhancements when traveling with OLLI, including classes, motorcoach transfers to and from airport and more!
- **10 a.m.** - Travel Preview with our provider, Collette Tours. Join us in C-100, with Ed McKenna via Zoom to hear more about this adventure and to ask questions about the trip.



## Denali National Park

In 1917, Alaska named its first national park Mount McKinley National Park and nearly 70 years later the park was expanded and renamed Denali National Park. This vast land has a fascinating ecosystem and is more than a park — it is a wildlife reserve. And perhaps its biggest claim to fame is being the home to North America's highest peak, Denali, ascending more than 20,000 feet. This massive park is now more than 6 million acres, an area that can be compared to the size of Massachusetts. The park is home to nearly forty different varieties of mammals, but the most popular residents are moose, caribou, wolves, plus brown and grizzly bears. Denali is Alaska's heartland and brings you up close to its majestic beauty and natural wonders.