

Alaska Discovery Land & Cruise

August 20 - September 1, 2019

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Registration Begins

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

* Walk-in registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

* Phone registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

(On-line registration is NOT available for multiple day trips)

Trip Preview

Monday, October 8, 1:00 p.m. in C-129

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Join SVSU-OLLI on Collette's 13-Day Alaska Discovery Land & Cruise!

Relax for seven nights and enjoy the epic Alaskan scenery from aboard one of Princess Cruise Lines' lovely ships. Cruise through the Inside Passage and Glacier Bay, taking in rugged natural wonders. Cruise the Sternwheeler Discovery and encounter Alaska's diverse culture and rich history. Enjoy three nights at stunning Princess' Lodges and Hotels. Ride a Luxury Domed Rail from Denali to Talkeetna viewing 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. Explore Alaska's gorgeous capital, Juneau. Visit Ketchikan, the 'Salmon Capital of the World.' Enjoy lively entertainment and a hearty feast at the Music of Denali Dinner Theater. End in vibrant Vancouver.



About Our Lodging

The lodging will be at the hotels listed below, or similar.

- Day 1 Fairbanks Hotel, Fairbanks Alaska
- Day 2-3 Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge
Denali National Park, Alaska
- Day 4 Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Hotel
Denali, Alaska
- Day 5-11 Princess Cruise Line, Seattle Washington
- Day 12 Crowne Plaza Seattle Airport, Seattle,
Washington

About Our Cruise Ship

The Princess fleet of cruise ships boasts the opportunity to connect with friends over world-class cuisine as you gaze over the sea, as well as a chance to enjoy several entertainment and relaxation options to renew your body and soul. You will be cruising on the Royal Princess, Christened by Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cambridge on June 13, 2013. Royal Princess offers an even larger and expanded atrium with additional entertainment and casual dining options; the largest top deck pool ever with Princess®: an enhanced Movies Under the Stars® screen; and the new SeaWalk with views 128 feet straight down!

This 13-Day Trip Includes:

- Twelve nights lodging at strategically located hotels (4 stars and above).
- (27) Meals included: (12)breakfasts, (6) lunches & (9) dinners.
- A professionally planned itinerary.
- The services of a professional tour manager and expert local guides who provide insider knowledge about the region.
- Destinations Include: Denali National Park, Anchorage, Whittier, Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan and Inside Passage.
- Some of your unique experiences will include:
 - An unforgettable rail journey from Denali to Talkeetna in a luxury domed railcar.
 - Expert guided Tundra Wilderness tour in Denali National Park.
 - Relive Alaska's Gold Rush days in historic Skagway.
- Attraction & museum entrance fees with preferential access.
- Ground transportation from SVSU to Detroit airport and from the airport back to SVSU on the return trip.
- Pre-trip dinner at SVSU*

* We will offer a pre-trip dinner about two weeks prior to departure where you will meet fellow OLLI travelers and receive your travel documents. We will cover trip logistics and questions you may have about your upcoming trip.



Alaska Discovery Land & Cruise: Trip Itinerary

■ Day 1: Tuesday, August 20 (*Fairbanks*)

We will depart SVSU as a group by motorcoach to Detroit airport for our flight to Alaska. Your tour opens in Fairbanks, in the great state of Alaska. On this adventure we bring together the best of both land and sea. Travel details will be given at a later date.

■ **Day 2: Wednesday, August 21, (*Fairbanks/Denali National Park*)** Step aboard an amazing cruise on the popular Sternwheeler Discovery, an unforgettable journey showcasing Alaska's diverse culture and rich history. Make stops along the way to meet the people and get a taste of local life. Take a scenic motorcoach ride to Denali National Park. Tonight, enjoy an entertaining evening at the Music of Denali Dinner Theater which tells the story of the first ascent of Denali. *Lodging: Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge, two nights* (B/D)

■ **Day 3: Thursday, August 22 (*Denali National Park*)** This morning, travel deep into Denali National Park on the Tundra Wilderness 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 is at leisure. (B)

■ **Day 4: Friday, August 23 (*Talkeetna/Denali*)** 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. Head to Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge where, from the moment you arrive, you'll know you are somewhere special. This comfy Alaskan lodge invites the ultimate experience, overlooking Denali and the Alaskan Range with one of the most inspirational views of the mountain found anywhere. There will be plenty of time to explore the area or enjoy a host of recreational activities. *Lodging: Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge* (B)

■ **Day 5: Saturday, August 24 (*Whittier/Board Cruise Ship*)** Depart for your ship, stopping en route in Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. Continue with a scenic drive along the Alaska Range. Pass the amazing Turnagain Arm, a deep glacial fjord, and arrive in the port of Whittier where you'll embark the ship to begin your 7-night Princess 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, lunch, dinner and nightly entertainment are included. *Lodging: Royal Princess, seven nights* (B/D)

■ **Day 6: Sunday, August 25 (*Cruising/Hubbard Glacier*)** Your ship cruises past the mammoth Hubbard Glacier, one of Alaska's advancing glaciers. Have your camera ready as today is filled with amazing natural sights as you linger along its shimmering surface. (B/L/D)

■ **Day 7: Monday, August 26 (*Cruising/Glacier Bay*)** Cruise through Glacier Bay, a spectacular national park and preserve that is a treasure trove of tidewater glaciers and scenic coastal islands. Its rich world of marine life and large concentration of tidewater glaciers is Alaska at its best. (B/L/D)

■ **Day 8: Tuesday, August 27 (*Cruising/Skagway*)** 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: Wednesday, August 28 (*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: Thursday, August 29 (*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: Friday, August 30 (*Cruising/Inside Passage*)** A wonderful day of sightseeing awaits as your ship sails along the amazing Inside Passage, an extensive stretch of land known for its natural beauty and abundant wildlife. You will be awestruck with this natural wonder. (B/L/D)

■ **Day 12: Saturday, August 31 (*Vancouver, B.C./Seattle WA*)** Your cruise ends in the vibrant city of Vancouver. Next, board your coach for the drive to the Seattle airport area for an overnight stay. *Lodging: Crowne Plaza Seattle Airport* (B/D)

■ **Day 13: Sunday, September 1 (*Seattle Airport Area*)** After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. Additional travel details will be given at a later date. (B)



Optional Activities - *Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below, availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. The optional activities below can be pre-booked & included in your trip quote. Due to the nature of these optional items, once purchased they will be nonrefundable & Collette's waiver does not cover cancellation fees after purchase.*

Skagway Tour and Summit Overlook (Day #8) - Location: Skagway, AK. Cost: \$60.

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. Duration approximately 2.5 hour(s). Transportation is included. A minimum of 2 passenger(s) is required to operate this option.

Jet Boat Whale Watching (Day #9) - Location: Juneau, AK. Cost: \$150. *(While in Juneau, only one option may be selected)*

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. Duration approximately 3 hour(s). Transportation is included. A minimum of 2 passenger(s) is required to operate this option. Please Note: Individuals must have the ability to board the vessel. There is a short walk from the ship to this option.

Dog Sled and Helicopter Flight (Day #9)- Location: Juneau, AK. Cost: \$599. *(While in Juneau, only one option may be selected)*

Experience Alaska's most famous mode of travel during this "once in a lifetime" excursion operated by qualified Iditarod Musher's. Your very special adventure begins as you board your helicopter. The helicopter flight is only one part of this legendary experience, which includes flying over the Juneau Icefield to the dog camp, the kennel tour and the dogsled ride. When you take off, glaciers are seemingly within arm's reach. Glacier-carved mountains will unfold in front of your eyes as you embark on your flight to the camp. When you arrive at your destination, you will share this adventure with 80 Alaskan huskies and hear unique personal accounts of the Iditarod and backcountry experiences, and have the opportunity to ask questions. You'll have ample photo opportunities and can dress up in original Iditarod trail gear and finishing bibs. Duration approximately 3 hour(s). Transportation is included. There will be limited availability on board. Depending on snow conditions this option may stop operating the third week in August. Passengers weighing over 280 lbs (with clothes) will be charged an additional 100 USD for this option. All passengers are required to provide their weight at time of booking. Please Note: Dress warmly, in layers, and wear rubber soled shoes. There is a "no bag" policy, all bags brought will be stored in the tour office until the return of your flight.

Helicopter & Glacier Walk (Day #9)- Location: Juneau, AK. Cost: \$379. *(While in Juneau, only one option may be selected)*

Nothing compares to the total exhilaration of soaring above some of the most incredible scenery the world offers. Step aboard a helicopter for the adventure of a lifetime as you fly over Mendenhall Glacier, Juneau's Ice Field, and breathtaking mountains. Then your helicopter will land on a glacier and your pilot will guide you on an interpretive walk on its surface! Glacier boots are provided. Book early to ensure confirmation of this truly memorable experience. Don't forget your camera and binoculars! Duration approximately 2.5 hour(s). Transportation is included. A minimum of 2 passenger(s) is required to operate this option. All passengers are required to provide their weight at time of booking. Passengers weighing over 280 lbs (with clothes) will be charged an additional \$100 for this option. Please note: Dress warmly, in layers, and wear rubber soled shoes. There is a "no bag" policy, all bags brought will be stored in the tour office until the return of your flight. Actual flight time is 25 minutes. There is a short walk from the ship to this option.

Misty Fjords Flightseeing (Day #10)- Location: Ketchikan, AK. Cost: \$275.

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 hour(s). Transportation is included. A minimum of 1 passenger(s) is required to operate this option. Please note: 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.

Alaska Discovery Land & Cruise: Registration

IMPORTANT: Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your passport. In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the your passport including middle names or suffixes (Jr, Sr). A copy of your passport is required at time of registration.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Passport #: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Date of Issuance _____

City, State, Country of Issuance: _____ Citizenship _____

Traveler Status:

Single Passenger _____ Or Double Passenger/Rooming With: _____ Phone #: _____

Travel Protection: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$385 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. *(There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons. See travel protection details at <http://www.tripmate.com/wpF430C>)*

Cabin Preference: Please number your choices from 1 to 3. *(1 being your top choice)* Inside () Outside** () Balcony ()
 Collette will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking. Please indicate your first, second and third choice of cabin categories. If requested category is not available, the next available category will be offered and the supplemental amount will be added or deducted. ** *Book an Outside Cabin and receive an upgrade to a balcony cabin FREE! (available on a first come first served basis as space is available at time of reservations)*

Cost & Payment Details: A deposit of \$750 per person is due upon registration. Registrations are made on a first come, first served basis. **Final payment is due by April 1, 2019.**

Please make checks payable to Collette () Check () Credit Card

** Book now and save \$100! Price reflects this savings. Price increases \$100 after Feb. 20, 2019. Please note that Non-members will pay an additional \$60 and will receive 2018/19 OLLI membership. ** Book an Outside Cabin and receive an upgrade to a balcony cabin FREE!*

<u>Circle Cabin Choice</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Options:</u>	<u>Payment:</u> (per person)
Inside Double Rate	\$4,974*	<input type="checkbox"/> 1) Skagway Tour and Summit Overlook \$ 60.	Deposit \$ 750.00
Inside Single Rate	\$7,574*	<input type="checkbox"/> 2) Jet Boat Whale Watching (Juneau) \$150.	Travel Protection \$ _____
Outside Double Rate	\$6,024**	<input type="checkbox"/> 3) Dog Sled and Helicopter Flight (Juneau)* \$599.	OLLI Membership \$ _____
Outside Single Rate	\$9,424**	<input type="checkbox"/> 4) Helicopter & Glacier Walk (Juneau)* \$379.	Options Total \$ _____
Balcony Double Rate	\$6,324*	<input type="checkbox"/> 5) Misty Fjords Flightseeing (Ketchikan)* \$275.	
Balcony Single Rate	\$9,924*	<i>(* weight restrictions apply to this option. Please refer to description. While in Juneau, only one option may be selected)</i>	
		Total Options	Total
		\$ _____	\$ _____

Card Holder Name: _____

Credit Card Type: ___ American Express ___ Discover ___ Mastercard ___ Visa

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date: _____ Amount Charged: _____

SIGNATURE REQUIRED for acceptance of the below conditions and agreement to credit card use:

Name _____ Date: _____

I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept the cancellation policy, terms and conditions. Important Conditions: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees.

Important Participant Information



Registrations:

Please fill out the enclosed registration form and bring it to the OLLI office on the day of registration. Double occupancy reservations are on first-come, first-served basis. A passport is required for this trip and must be valid through six months following the end date of the tour. A copy of your passport is required at time of registration. If you are looking for a roommate please let us know prior to October 8. Our office will maintain a wait-list if this trip fills to capacity.

Trip Activity Level:

Please note that on this guided tour you can expect to walk up to two miles unassisted and participate in 1.5-2.5 hours of physical activities daily, including stairs and a variety of terrains including uneven walking surfaces, unpaved paths, hills, stairs, and cobblestones. Travelers should be healthy enough to participate in all included walks without assistance. Adding optional excursions may increase the total amount of walking on your tour. You should be able to get off and on motorcoaches, carriages, ferries and boats, without assistance.

Travelers Needing Special Assistance*

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. *Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining or other routine activities.

**To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom.*

Cancellation Fees:

All cancellations must be made in writing to the OLLI office by the traveler. You will be subject to a \$50 change of reservation fee payable to SVSU-OLLI, and any other charges imposed by the airlines or trip provider depending on the date the cancellation takes place. Collette's cancellation policies will prevail. *(Please note that insurance fees are not refundable).*

Trip Insurance:

We highly recommend trip insurance. You may elect to purchase Collette's Travel Protection Plan. The cost is \$385 per person. You must pay for insurance at the time of registration & deposit. To review full plan details online, go to: <http://www.tripmate.com/wpF430C>. It is the traveler's responsibility to review insurance coverage to make sure it meets your needs prior to purchase.

Weather Projection:

You'll find Alaska's summer temperatures surprisingly pleasant. Daytime highs range from 60°F - 80°F. Nighttime lows are refreshingly cool, dipping into the 40's - 50's.

Roommates:

Contact the OLLI office if you are looking for a roommate for this trip. The office will maintain a list of names and contact information.

Trip Providers:

Collette Vacations is a third generation, family-owned company headquartered in Pawtucket, Rhode Island with offices in Toronto and Vancouver, Canada; and London, England. Collette's employees are travel experts who are passionate about travel and who strive daily to make your vacation worry-free, fun, and memorable. They offer more than 150 expertly designed, escorted tours spanning 50-plus countries on all seven continents. Founded in 1918, they are the oldest major U.S. tour operator.

