



## ALASKA AND THE YUKON

August 15 - 30, 1997

- AUG Meals
- 15 FRIDAY: Juneau, Alaskan Hotel**
- 16 SATURDAY: Alaska Marine Highway:** Change in ferry time. Now check in at 9:15 am and arrive Skagway at 5:45 pm. Shuttle provided by the **Gold Rush Lodge**. Welcome Dinner tonight if everyone is not too tired.  
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- 17 SUNDAY:** Continental breakfast provided. Sleep in or to continue to sample the town. **White Pass & Yukon Route Railway-** The narrow gauge train departs Skagway at 12:40 pm and runs a spectacular 28 miles through White Pass, following the route of the stampeeders along the original Trail of '98 and the infamous Dead Horse Gulch to Fraser. There we transfer to a bus for the 87 mile trip to **Whitehorse**, arriving at 6 pm Yukon time (Yes, we are now in Canada!). Two nights in Whitehorse at the **Best Western Gold Rush Inn**.
- 18 MONDAY:** A full day on your own in **Whitehorse**, capital of the Yukon Territory. Try a self-guided walking tour of the town and several companies offer a variety of city tours, Yukon River cruises, hiking, nature walks, and raft trips. Several museums and an historic sternwheeler.
- 19 TUESDAY:** in our own van, with luggage trailing behind in a carrier. Will try for a visit to the **Yukon Wildlife Preserve**. At Dawson, we lodge at the **Midnight Sun Motel**. A Chinese restaurant with imported chef means it's a good time for a group dinner this first evening. **D**
- 20 WEDNESDAY: Dawson City,** on the Yukon River, is the center of the Yukon Gold Rush era. Two nights allows us time to adequately see gold rush history.
- 21 THURSDAY:** The big drive on the gravel road known as "**Top of the World**" highway. It is slow going, but that's fine as the scenery is said to be glorious. Overnight in **Tok**, village home to native Indians. Home is the **Cleft of the Rock B&B** with John and Jill.
- 22 FRIDAY:** A full breakfast provided. Then more Alaskan views surround us as we drive on to **Fairbanks** and three nights at the **AAAA B&B**. Pat, our hostess, wants to make our stay enjoyable and offers dinner with her family, which we include two evenings. This will be particularly welcomed tomorrow after the long day in the Arctic Circle. **B,D**
- 22 SATURDAY:** bring layers of clothes and be ready for a 4:30 am pick up for our special day to the **Arctic Circle** starting along the famous Dalton Highway. We see parts of the Trans-Alaskan Pipeline, visit the Arctic Circle Trading Post in Joy, Alaska, and again reach the shores of the Yukon River. There we will take a cruise on the Yukon and visit an Athabascan Indian summer fish camp. We will return to our tour coach and continue north, walking on the tundra, crossing the Arctic Circle, and arrive at the air strip outside the northern community of Prospect Creek Camp. Boarding our airplane, we fly farther north into the heart of the majestic Brooks Range, landing at the Nunamiut Eskimo village at Anaktuvuk Pass. **B,L,D**

Many millions of caribou have been funneled through this pass in their migrations, and the native peoples still honor this today. We learn about the Nunamiut culture before flying back to Fairbanks, enjoying a magnificent late-afternoon aerial view of the vast Alaska wilderness.

- 24 **SUNDAY:** A chance to sleep in if you want, and breakfast provided. We are renting two cars for touring in the vicinity. Possibly try the Discovery Sternwheeler Riverboat. Tonight is open. **B**
- 25 **MONDAY:** A new van takes us the two hours it takes by road to the **Denali River Cabins** **B, D**  
New cedar cabins overlooking the river near the entrance to the Park. Tonight we have 5:30 pm reservations for fun at the **Cabin Nite Dinner Theater**.
- 26 **TUESDAY:** Depart early for a great day trip into **Denali Park** with many opportunities to spot wildlife. Alaskan lunch is followed by a **gold panning** demonstration and a chance to pan for gold ourselves. Back through the Park and another chance to spot **wildlife**, arriving at our cabins about 7 pm. Early to bed, I'm sure. **L**
- 27 **WEDNESDAY:** The morning is free for individual choices before boarding the train for **Anchorage** at noon. While the miles are less than 300, the ride takes 8 hours. Special cars for dining and special viewing are available. Great scenery from our seats, though, and plenty of time to relax, read or catch up on our sleep. We stay at the **Caribou Inn** in downtown Anchorage, with easy access to the walking tour of Anchorage.
- 28 **THURSDAY:** Free morning for walking and sightseeing on your own. Our charter bus departs from the Inn at 1:30 pm and arriving in **Seward** at 4:30 pm. We have two nights at The Van Gilder Hotel, built in 1916. On the National Register of Historical Places, it is located downtown within walking distance of the docks. **D**
- 29 **FRIDAY:** An exciting boat trip in the **Kenai Fjords National Park**, checking in at 8:15 am. **L**  
Full day on board with lunch provided. Return to Seward at 6:30 pm. Dress warmly.  
Computer-control of the boat will enhance our comfort. This is the longest and best trip they have.
- 30 **SATURDAY:** depart 9:15 am for the Iditarod summer camp for our "Ididaride". Return by 11:30 am. Free time for lunch and shopping before our chartered bus picks us up at 1:30 pm. Will return to the Caribou Inn at 4:30 pm. We have three rooms for luggage and napping as needed. We enjoy an early Farewell Dinner tonight. Maybe at "Fletcher's in the Captain Cook Hotel??" Depart for the airport about 10 pm for our flight home that leaves just after midnight.

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