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Bucket list trip highlighted by multiple journeys

Alaska's unrivaled allure radiates on land and sea

SURF AND TURF is synonymous with extravagant dining. It's succulent seafood combined with a tender filet served in a setting meant for royalty. It's a meal as memorable as it is delicious.

Now imagine that same scenario – but this time, it pertains to your next vacation. It's a trip that combines land and sea to create the ultimate travel experience. Wanderlust satisfied from all directions – whether it's on terra firma or blue waters.

Or in this case, both.

AAA is offering five packages that combine land and cruise tours of Alaska – aka *The Last Frontier*, *Land of the Midnight Sun* or *The Great Land*. It's a territory blessed with more nicknames than a famous celebrity. The trips range from 11 to 13 nights, with seven of those nights spent on Royal Caribbean's *Radiance of the Seas*.

The cost (per person double occupancy) of the trips varies. Grand Mountain Marvels (June 1-14) is \$3,369. Mountain Panorama Adventure (June 14-26) is \$2,990. Alaska Wilderness Spectacular (July 13-26) is \$3,260. Grand Mountain Marvels (August 9-22) is \$3,059. And Alaska Wilderness Spectacular (August 23-September 5) is \$2,970. Flights are not included. You can speak with a AAA Travel Advisor for pricing on flights.

Alaska ranks high on bucket lists among U.S. destinations. Its natural beauty creates a work of art from all directions. Snowcapped mountains rise from the landscapes. Varieties of wildlife roam unsettled lands dotted with lakes, streams and lush forests.



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Fjords, glaciers and unique villages comprise locations that only can be explained by personal experiences. Your legs may move you, but your eyes will guide you to witness some of the most beautiful sights worldwide.

"To the lover of wilderness, Alaska is one of the most wonderful countries in the world," once said renowned naturalist John Muir.

Alaska is a place of wonder. Our country's largest state has fewer than 700,000 citizens, making such a massive land seem intimately storytelling. A day in the wilderness provides a lifetime of satisfaction. And a lifetime of satisfaction delivers a day you'll never forget.

Visit a host of Alaska's hotspots via glass-domed Wilderness Express, riverboat, motor coach or just by taking a stroll. Hike rare terrains, raft down rough rivers or kayak in calmer waters.

Travel into the unspoiled wilderness of Denali National Park and Preserve. Keep alert for wildlife

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on the Denali Natural History Tour and stare in awe at Denali – the highest peak in North America, rising 20,310 feet.

Witness the Chena River by boat, stop by Talkeetna – considered one of Alaska’s “funkiest” small towns – to visit a main street inundated with roadhouse restaurants, cafes, brew pubs and shops.

Visit the acclaimed Anchorage Museum before taking a brief tour of Alaska’s largest city. See the Chugach Mountains. Discover Seward – one of the state’s oldest communities – or hike a trail that approaches a glacier. You can hear the ice crackling.

These places barely scratch the surface of Alaska’s dense personality. It’s one so deep, it cuts into the core of the earth.

Alyeska offers a rich variety of marine species. Stroll through the forest and along mountain trails abloom with wildflowers in Girdwood and enjoy water views of the Turnagain Arm and Cook Inlet. Dig deeper into the 49th state’s history and heritage in Fairbanks.

Alaska’s story is a chapter-filled masterpiece. Each one enlightens your curiosities and leaves you yearning to absorb its mystical traits.

That’s why cruising it by sea is considered just as satisfying as trekking it by land. Seven nights on *Radiance of the Seas* will enhance Alaska’s mysteries from different perspectives.

Your cruise embarks from Vancouver or Seward, depending on your itinerary. *Radiance of the Seas* is a floating resort that boasts myriad activities. Gaze at glaciers while unwinding in one of the Solarium’s whirlpools. Entertain yourself in its Casino Royale, see a Broadway show or visit a nightclub.



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Enjoy first-class dishes from its main dining rooms or signature restaurants. Take advantage of their eclectic menus that are sure to satisfy your tastebuds.

Sail to Alaskan destinations that will enhance your trip. See cities and small towns, glaciers and waterways, including Inside Passage. It stretches more than 500 miles from the Puget Sound into the Gulf of Alaska. Shaped by glaciers, the landscapes are comprised of mountains, crisp blue icebergs, deep fjords and more than 1,000 islands.

Few cruise ships visit Sitka, but it’s a stop well worth taking. The picturesque town has a rich-Russian heritage and a host of historical attractions.

Ketchikan is labeled the “Salmon Capital of the World”. Culture-hungry

cruisers can witness the largest collection of standing totem poles globally. See humpback whales off the coast during the summer.

Mountains coated with vibrant green landscapes surround Juneau. It’s home to the Alaska State Museum. Hike up Mount Roberts for panoramic views across the city or hop on the Mount Roberts Tramway and ride to its apex.

Witness Hubbard Glacier – the largest tidewater glacier in North America. It calves throughout the summer and towers over passing cruise ships.

Miners once flocked to Skagway. Its historic district houses 100 buildings from the gold-rush era, making it a fascinating stop.

Ice Strait Point is a tourist destination

Alaska by Land & Sea



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just outside the small village of Hoonah on Chichagof Island – home to the largest bear population in the world. Watch for whales and other wildlife. Take a vehicle expedition, brave the world’s largest ziprider or just absorb the surroundings.

Haines, meanwhile, is simply breathtaking. The sun peeks above beautiful mountains that rest above thick forests. Kayak in its calm lakes, spot the American Bald Eagle, as well as other species, fish or visit its art galleries.

Alaska moves our minds in ways we didn’t believe were possible. It nearly sits on top of the world, reminding us that it has few peers and even fewer blemishes.

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