



Alaska Yukon Discovery Tours

Golden Circle Scenic

7 days from Whitehorse

Itinerary at a glance:

Day 0: Arrival in Whitehorse

Day 1: The Yukon - Miles Canyon, Emerald Lake, World's Smallest Desert, Carcross, Bennett Lake, Yukon Suspension Bridge, and International Falls

Day 2: Skagway - White Pass Railroad and Taiya River Scenic float

Day 3: Juneau - Whale Watching, Mendenhall Glacier, and Salmon Hatchery

Day 4: Haines - Kroeschel Wildlife Refuge, Klukwan Native Village, and Float through Bald Eagle Preserve

Day 5: Haines - Canoe on Chilkoot Lake, Raptor Center, and Distillery Tasting

Day 6: The Yukon - Chilkat Mountains, Kathleen Lake, Million Dollar Falls, Tatshenshini River, Kluane National Park Visitor Center, Yukon River, and Whitehorse

Day 7: Departure from Whitehorse

Day 0: Arrival Day

Upon your arrival into Whitehorse, your guide will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel. After you are settled, you will meet with your guide and travelling companions to discuss the itinerary. Time will be confirmed. On this arrival day, you will have free time to enjoy the Capitol of the Yukon. Your guide will let you know at what time to meet the next day to start your adventure through Alaska and the Yukon.

Meals on your own.

Day 1: The Yukon - Exploring Yukon, British Columbia, and Alaska en route to Skagway

After breakfast, we will stroll along the Yukon River Boardwalk and through downtown Whitehorse. Along the way, we will learn about the Athabaskan culture and this supply post's important role during the Gold Rush. Grab a latte or a smoothie and watch the might waters of the Yukon River rush past. From Whitehorse, we will drive to Miles Canyon for a wilder view of the river, then continue south on the Klondike Highway towards the town of Carcross. We will stop to visit one of the most photographed places in the Yukon — the spectacular turquoise-hued Emerald Lake. Next, we will explore the world's smallest desert — the Carcross Desert, just one square mile in all. Just down the road, we will enter the town of Carcross on the banks of Lake Bennett, where you will have free time to explore! Our next stop will be the Yukon Suspension Bridge, soaring 65 feet above the whitewater rapids of the Tutshi River. Then, we will leave Canada behind as we journey up to White Pass. We will make multiple stops throughout the scenic ride down the pass, ensuring ample photo opportunities of beautiful alpine lakes, hanging glaciers, towering snow-capped peaks, and a photo opportunity at the "Welcome to Alaska" sign. Our ride continues through the U.S. Border station, before arriving into Skagway, the Garden City of Alaska. Once we settle in the hotel, you will have free time to wander the charming streets of Skagway.

Included: B-L.

Day 2: Skagway - White Pass Railroad and Taiya River Scenic Float

Today we will embark on a train ride onboard the historic White Pass Yukon Route Railway narrow-gauge train. We will board vintage passenger coaches to retrace the original route to the White Pass Summit



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along a 40-mile round trip. The panorama of the mountains is breathtaking with glaciers, gorges, waterfalls, tunnels, trestles, and historic sites – including sights only visible from the railroad tracks! In the afternoon, meet your experienced raft guide for a Scenic Float down the Taiya River. We will enjoy a beautiful 10-mile drive along the rugged coast of the fjord to the Dyea Valley, a Gold Rush ghost town, and the starting point of the historic Chilkoot Trail. After the tour, we will return to your hotel, and the rest of the day is at your leisure to explore town.

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Day 3: Juneau - Whale Watching, Mendenhall Glacier, and Salmon Hatchery

We will have an early start as we board the Fjordlands ferry for a very scenic transfer to Juneau. Not only is this a beautiful boat ride – we will whale watch along the way! The waters around Juneau are known for pods of humpback whales and orcas; keep your eyes peeled! This is great way to see Alaska's Inside Passage: some of the wildlife you may encounter are whales, a stellar sea lion rookery, harbor seals, nesting bald eagles, and porpoises. You will also get the chance to snap some pictures of Eldred Rock Lighthouse, the oldest original lighthouse in Alaska. Upon our arrival at the dock in Yankee Cove, a motor coach will be waiting to take us to downtown Juneau. We will provide you with a walking tour map to see the city's many historic buildings and attractions. Explore as you wish! In the afternoon, we will board a catamaran boat to journey on to Haines. Sit back and relax in the heated cabin, or head out to the top deck to enjoy all the majestic mountains of the Lynn Canal and the amazing wildlife that Alaska has to offer. Once the catamaran docks in Haines, a motor coach will be waiting to transfer us to the hotel. Once, there you will be at your leisure to explore the beautiful fishing town of Haines for the rest of the day.

Included: B - L

Day 4: Haines - Wildlife viewing, Klukwan Native Village, and Float on Chilkat River

We will start our adventure-packed day with a narrated tour of historic Fort Seward. Continuing to the Kroschel Wildlife Center, we will experience a hands-on visit and face-to-face encounters with Alaskan wildlife. Afterwards, we will drive south and stop for lunch at the classic 33 Mile Roadhouse, a favorite of Haines locals. Next, we will head to the native village of Klukwan, the mother village of the Tlingit nation. We will have opportunities to experience the fascinating cultural history of the Tlingit people firsthand, including a native cultural performance. With a beautiful back drop of towering peaks, we will enjoy a riverside picnic lunch before our afternoon float adventure. We will float down a calm section of river aboard 18' inflatable rafts — the best way to observe eagles drawn to feed on the plentiful salmon! Your guide will enthrall you with natural history and river-specific facts. After your float, we will head back to downtown Haines, where you will enjoy free time for the rest of the day.

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Day 5: Haines - Canoe on Chilkoot Lake, Raptor Center visit and Distillery tasting

Our day will start with a drive to the Lutak Inlet and the Chilkoot River Valley. The Chilkoot River corridor offers incredible wildlife viewing: brown bears, eagles, mountain goats, and spawning salmon are all commons sights. Once at the lake, we will board our outboard canoes and explore the serenity of Chilkoot Lake. We will discover the inlets, coves, salmon spawning streams, and numerous waterfalls that spill from the mountains into this pristine lake. After our canoe adventure, we will return to the town of Haines and



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enjoy a picnic-style lunch at a private oceanside beach. After lunch, we will visit the American Bald Eagle Foundation's Raptor Center, an interpretive wildlife education center, where we will watch a training session with the beautiful bird that is the symbol of America and learn about other native wildlife. Before the day ends, we will pay a visit to the Port Chilkoot Distillery! Renowned for their nationally award-winning spirits and local ambiance, the distillery is a favorite spot for locals and visitors alike. We will sample their fine spirits and munch on gourmet local fare. After this, we will return to the hotel, where you will be at your leisure for the remainder of the day.

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Day 6: The Yukon - Kathleen Lake and Kluane National Park Visitor Center visit

Today we will drive up the Haines Highway towards Canada, through the heart of the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve and into the alpine. We will stop by the Three Guardsmen, Million Dollar Falls, the Tatshenshini River Overlook, Rock Glacier Trail, and more. We will stop at Kathleen Lake for a picnic-style lunch by the crystal-clear waters rimmed by snow-capped mountains. In the village of Haines Junction, we will visit Kluane National Park Visitors Center for the natural and cultural history of this beautiful land. We will continue our 2-hour picturesque drive to Whitehorse. Along the way, there are fantastic views of glaciers, cascading waterfalls, and wide expanses of alpine tundra. Once we reach the capitol of the Yukon, you will have time to enjoy and explore Whitehorse.

Included: B-L.

Day 7: Departure from Whitehorse

Our guide will let you know of the time for your transfer to the airport. If time allows, you are free to visit Whitehorse at your leisure.

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Note: While not included in the cost, our guides can facilitate group dinners at our favorite spots in town.

Weather delays and associated considerations: Alaska Yukon Discovery Tours may change the scheduled itinerary due to weather, conditions, or operational conflicts. If, for any reason, one of the schedule itinerary elements is unable to operate as planned, we will implement alternate tour programming which may involve alternate locations and/or different activities.