

Alaska Cruises Inside Passage from / to Seattle	
Day	Itinerary
01	<p>Seattle</p> <p>Fronting on Puget Sound, with snow-covered mountains to the east and west, scenic Seattle is known as one of America's most liveable cities. The regional economy is booming with high tech industry, and international trade. Seattle made its place on the world map as the staging ground for the 1897-8 Klondike Gold Rush. With Puget Sound on the west and Lake Washington on the east, the Seattle area has more boats per capita than any other place in the US. It has some of the best shopping, coffee, views, theater, and places to ride a bicycle. Visit Seattle's birthplace, historic Pioneer Square, originally settled in 1852.</p>
02	<p>Cruise Inside Passage</p> <p>All it takes to get the inside story of Alaska's beauty is a trip through the Inside Passage, Alaska's "water highway", where majestic fjords compete for your attention with mountain masterpieces carved by the glaciers. Small fishing villages along the coast dot breathtaking panoramas, and the protected waters are perfect for spotting wildlife.</p>
03	<p>Ketchikan</p> <p>A popular destination along Alaska's famed Inside Passage, Ketchikan is teeming with Native American culture. Home of the largest concentration of Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people in the state this extraordinarily beautiful city on Revillagigedo Island boasts the world's largest collection of totem poles, and an equally impressive selection of museums and cultural centers featuring Native dance, carving and artifacts. Ketchikan's calm waters and surprisingly gentle climate make it a favorite of sports fishermen.</p>
04	<p>Tracy Arm</p> <p>Tracy Arm, like Glacier Bay, is another fjord in the southeast that features tidewater glaciers and steep 2000 foot granite walls that rise straight out of the water. This steep-sided fjord, 50 miles southeast of Juneau, is highlighted by a pair of tidewater glaciers and a gallery of icebergs that float down the length of it. This 30-mile arm was an ideal choice for novice kayakers as calm water is the norm here due to the protection the steep and narrow fjord wall provide. You are almost guaranteed of seeing seals inside the arm and there is a good possibility of spotting whales on the into the arm.</p>
05	<p>Juneau</p> <p>Juneau, Alaska is considered by many to be the most beautiful capital city in the nation. Checking in at just a little over 3,100 square miles Juneau qualifies as the biggest American city - geographically, that is. The terrain is hilly and winding, and narrow streets present a small-town quaintness existing side-by-side with cosmopolitan sophistication. You'll find great shopping, fine restaurants and superb Museums.</p>

06	Skagway <p>As your ship approaches Skagway, you'll see the town resting peacefully at the base of a river valley bordered by the Coast Mountains. The mountains, ranging from 5,000 to 7,000 feet in height, seem to rise straight up from the saltwater fjord. Once on land, the streets of Skagway draw you back over 100 years, when this idyllic Native fishing village was overrun by hordes of prospectors. Today, wooden sidewalks, old-fashioned saloons, quaint gift shops and horse-drawn carriages serve as reminders of the Alaskan Gold Rush days.</p>
07	Victoria <p>A city of gardens, Victoria is British Columbia's provincial capital and certainly its most beautiful city. Endowed with a mild climate, this picturesque, English-flavored town epitomizes the grace and charm of the Victorian era. You may explore Victoria on your own or join an optional tour to the world-famous Butchart Gardens - 55 acres of lavishly landscaped limestone quarry that were first developed in 1904 and now represent one of the finest examples of horticulture in the world. This afternoon, you may walk through the Royal British Columbia Museum. The exhibits take you back through 12,000 years of the area's history, with dioramas depicting both native villages and explorers' rough-hewn towns.</p>
08	Seattle <p>Morning arrival in Seattle. Disembark your cruise ship.</p>