

A journey to
THE ULTIMATE ALASKA SOLSTICE
with Glacier Bay National Park

25-Day Grand Alaska Exploration
including

Magnificent Monterey & Carmel By The Sea California

Celebrating the Summer Solstice

June 4 - 28, 2025



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Princess Cruises RUBY PRINCESS

Very rarely do we find an Alaska itinerary as great as this, timed for Summer Solstice in northern latitudes with the longest day of the year, which we will celebrate in Juneau. Never has an Alaska itinerary offered a greater array of unique places like Wrangell, Haines, Valdez and Sitka as well as three different glacier cruising areas with Dawes Glacier, Hubbard Glacier and spectacular Glacier Bay National Park. Even if you have cruised to Alaska before, you have never seen an itinerary as great as this. Nor have we.

Being in Northern California we are biased but there is simply no finer way to begin an Alaska cruise than sailing from San Francisco, past Alcatraz and under the Golden Gate Bridge, bound for the Great Land. Two relaxing days at sea delivers us, in great comfort, to Ketchikan where a collection of Alaska destinations unfolds like a stunning visual kaleidoscope. With breathtakingly rugged wilderness areas like Icy Strait Point and Endicott Arm

alongside favorites like Skagway, Ketchikan and Juneau, this is an extraordinary itinerary. Nicely, our final port of call, before the two-night voyage back to San Francisco is charming, British flavored Victoria, British Columbia where we have included a special excursion to Butchart Gardens with afternoon tea.

But not all of the grandeur is in Alaska. Before boarding the ship, our guests enjoy two nights in lovely Monterey California with a deluxe hotel stay, fine dining and sightseeing with such treats as Cannery Row, the famed 17-Mile Drive, quaint Carmel and much more. All transfers, sightseeing and dining is arranged and cleverly organized.

This one-time voyage will sell out and prompt reservations are encouraged.



Ruby Princess is a favorite with our guests for good reason. With spacious, wonderfully furnished staterooms and suites, most with balconies, Ruby Princess has some great features like 'Movies under the Stars' in a sheltered deck area, exceptional dining in no fewer than eleven dining venues and an enormous array of lounges and bars to fit every mood. Additional attractions include freshwater pools, a great spa, acres of open deck space and a choice of observation areas. Whether you want to be active or just relax, you will find an area aboard Ruby Princess that suits your mood and tempo. And while Princess offers some of the highest rated entertainment afloat, traditional treats like afternoon tea remain as appealing interludes. Finally, unpacking once for 24 days while visiting some of the most beautiful places in North America is a joy on its own. We invite you to join us.

WE'RE GOING WILD. COME WITH US TO THE LAST FRONTIER.

CONDENSED DAILY ITINERARY

DAY	DATE	ARRIVE	DEPART
WED	JUN 4	Monterey, California	
		Transfer to Monterey in time for a welcome luncheon, and a visit to Cannery Row immortalized by John Steinbeck. There is time later today to visit the Monterey Bay Aquarium and we have left this evening free to enjoy as you wish. L	
THU	JUN 5	Monterey, California	
		Today is a special treat with a drive over famed 17 Mile Drive along the coast line south to Carmel past some of the most beautiful vistas in North America. In quaint Carmel we enjoy lunch and time to look around the galleries, boutiques and shops that make Carmel such a treat. Later, we return to downtown with a visit to the Spanish colonial Carmel Mission Basilica and Old Fisherman's Wharf. Tonight is free to enjoy as you like. B L	
FRI	JUN 6	Embark Ruby Princess	
		After breakfast, a short drive to San Francisco where our ship awaits along the famed Embarcadero. Sailing takes us past Alcatraz and under the Golden Gate Bridge bound for Alaska, the Great Land. BLD	
		9:00 am	04:00 pm
SAT	JUN 7	At Sea	
SUN	JUN 8	At Sea	
MON	JUN 9	Ketchikan, Alaska	
		09:00 am	09:00 pm
TUE	JUN 10	Wrangell, Alaska	
		07:00 am	05:00 pm
WED	JUN 11	Endicott Arm and Dawes Glacier	
		Scenic cruising	
		02:00 pm	08:00 pm
THU	JUN 12	Haines, Alaska	
		07:00 am	08:30 pm
FRI	JUN 13	Icy Strait Point, Alaska	
		07:00 am	05:00 pm

SAT	JUN 14	Hubbard Glacier	
		Scenic cruising	
		07:00 am	12:00 pm
SUN	JUN 15	College Fjord	
		Scenic cruising	
		03:00 pm	06:00 pm
MON	JUN 16	Valdez, Alaska	
		07:00 am	05:00 pm
TUE	JUN 17	Anchorage (Seward)	
		07:00 am	05:00 pm
WED	JUN 18	At Sea	
THU	JUN 19	At Sea	
FRI	JUN 20	Sitka, Alaska	
		08:00 am	05:00 pm
SAT	JUN 21	Juneau, Alaska	
		08:00 am	09:00 pm
SAT	JUN 22	Skagway, Alaska	
		07:00 am	08:30 pm
MON	JUN 23	Glacier Bay National Park	
		Scenic cruising Glacier Bay National Park	
		06:00 am	03:00 pm
TUE	JUN 24	At Sea	
WED	JUN 25	Victoria, Canada	
		03:00 pm	11:59 pm
THU	JUN 26	At Sea	
FRI	JUN 27	At Sea	
SAT	JUN 28	San Francisco, California	
		7:00 am	

SUNRISE: 3:53 AM SUNSET: 10:06 PM DAY LENGTH: 18:13

Guests may fly into San Francisco or San Jose International airport or may arrive by train in either city. We will offer the transfer to Monterey from either arrival city. For guests that would like to arrive in the Bay Area the day before, we offer the following special hotel rates for the evening of June 3rd.

San Francisco, Hyatt Fishermans Wharf or similar \$175 pp double occupancy, \$325 single

San Jose, Hyatt Place, Downtown San Jose or similar, \$150 pp, \$275 single.

Prices above include tax and breakfast. In both cases, our motorcoach transfer will stop at your hotel on the morning of June 4th en route to Monterey.

These pre-tour stays should be booked when you reserve the program



FEATURES & HIGHLIGHTS

Fully hosted by professional tour manager from start to finish to handle all of the details.

The most extensive and stunning Alaska voyage in years with a staggering array of ports, three distinct Glacier cruising areas, old favorites like Victoria, British Columbia all timed for the summer solstice. And our ship with a huge choice of restaurants, lounges, spa and deck areas and much more offers great comfort and choice at every mile.

Two-night pre-cruise program to Monterey and Carmel with exceptional sightseeing including the famed 17 Mile Drive, a visit to Carmel, Cannery Row in Monterey and much more with deluxe lodging at the Hyatt Regency for two nights with breakfast daily and luggage handling. Complete sightseeing is also included as well as transfers to the ship on sailing day.

Special cocktail parties and events aboard ship and ashore including a visit to famed Butchart Gardens with Afternoon tea in this lovely setting.

Free train travel from any California point to the start of the trip with low cost add-on fares from from all US points outside of California.



We start this splendid journey with two perfect days in ...



17-MILE DRIVE
BETWEEN PACIFIC GROVE & CARMEL



RUBY PRINCESS
UNDER THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

Monterey & Carmel By The Sea

There may be more beautiful areas in North America than Monterey, Carmel and the 17 Mile Drive but we are sceptical. Monterey is a city of great charm with buildings dating to the Spanish colonial era that we will visit, famed Cannery Row immortalized by John Steinbeck, the acclaimed Monterey Bay Aquarium and much more plus our guests enjoy a two-night deluxe hotel stay here at the Hyatt Regency Monterey (or similar) with a nice blend of included features and free time. We have a special welcome lunch, a stunningly beautiful excursion over the famed 17 Mile Drive, a visit to Carmel and much more.

There cannot be a more beautiful entree to the sights of Alaska than this enchanted part of the California Coast and with a fine hotel, wondrous sightseeing and free time, this is a lovely way to begin your Alaska holiday. All Aboard!



AMERICAN WRITER, JOHN STEINBECK



MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM

FARES BY ACCOMMODATION



MINI-SUITE

\$13,095 PP DBL

\$19,995 SNG



BALCONY

\$9,995 PP DBL

\$15,995 SNG



OCEANVIEW

\$7,695 PP DBL

\$12,995 SNG



INTERIOR

\$5,995 PP DBL

\$9,995 SNG

Port fees are \$505.00 pp and not included in the fares above.



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