

TRAVEL with EASe Newsletter

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One destination that is on many individuals' bucket list is Alaska. Whether you want to do a seven-night cruise or do three to five-day land tour in conjunction with a seven-night cruise, there is a great time for all.

I tell people considering a vacation to Alaska if this is a once in a lifetime trip, do the land tour as well. If you are going all

the way to Alaska, you should definitely visit Denali.

The season for Alaska is May thru September. Primetime for visiting is in July and August. By prime time, I mean this is the time you will see more activity in nature. More whales, more eagles, more everything. That's not to say you won't see anything if you go at other times. I went once in September and got to see a family of golden bears. This is wildlife you are viewing and no one has control of what will be out and about when you are there.

I feel the best way to see Alaska is to do the tour first. You will see several different areas of Alaska with transportation being done either by motorcoach or train. You will be on the go from early morning until evening. You don't want to end



your tour and then head home because you will be tired. Do the tour then get on the ship and relax and enjoy the rest Alaska has for you.

There are two articles on my blog that talk about my last trip to Alaska. One is about the land; the other is about the cruise. Here are the links:

Land <https://wordpress.com/post/travelwithease.blog/98>

Cruise <https://wordpress.com/post/travelwithease.blog/113>



When you are booking your cruise, it is important to know which side of the ship you want to be on. I always recommend that you book your cabin on the land side. There will be announcements about wildlife sightings that you can look out and see while in your cabin. For me, I love having a balcony and in Alaska, it is even more fun. When you pull into some ports, you can sit on your balcony and

watch people, wildlife and even planes taking off. It is also nice to sit on your balcony and have breakfast in the morning or just coffee. Plus, at night if you want to have a drink before dinner, sitting out and watching the sun go down (it never gets real dark though) is relaxing. If you have a suite, you can arrange to have dinner on your balcony as well. When we were cruising the Inside Passage, a boat came up and cruised with us with a guy playing the saxophone. It was nice sitting on the balcony and listening to music and watching the world as we cruised onward.

There is so much to do here. It is up to you how much you want to do. Here are just a few –

- Salmon fishing
- Ziplining
- Pan for gold
- Walk on a glacier
- Wildlife viewing
- Visit Husky Homestead
- Visit Reindeer Ranch
- Totem Bight State Historical Park
- Local brewery tour

Then there are the normal things like visit the spa, go shopping and just relax. The great thing about being on a cruise is you can do as much or as little as you like.

If you would like to join me on an Alaska cruise, click on the link to the right for details. We will not be traveling until 2020 and we would be on Celebrity. If you are interested, let me know; you are under no obligation.

Alaska, the last frontier. One place that you should consider visiting.



If you have any questions or comments, please contact us.

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