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"Traveling the Inside Passage to Alaska"



This Adventure Series lecture and visual presentation explores the Alaska Inside Passage while cruising and visiting many coastal villages along the way. Our Adventure starts in Vancouver, Canada on the cruise ship "Volendam". During this nine day voyage the history of Alaska unfolds from the time of 1867 when purchased from Russia to the Gold Rush Days and beyond. The glacier-carved coastline of the Inside Passage is a protected waterway of virgin forest with steep fjords and quiet picturesque little towns.

We visit Ketchikan, Sitka and Juneau. At Juneau we take you on a visual tour of the Gold Rush days and the town's historic sites. We pass by the Governor's mansion, St. Nickolas Church and visit the salmon hatchery. This area of



Alaska gets 10 to 12 feet of rain each year therefore they have 700 species of the most beautiful flowers you have ever seen. Mendenhall Glacier presents the calving of new icebergs, a rare site. Bird sightings such as Alaskan Puffins and the great Eagles are quite common.



Often times we see a school of dolphins at the bow of the ship, seals on the rocks and sightings of the Orca's. At Skagway we follow the gold miners trail to the Yukon. We board the train of the "White Pass

Railroad" and climb to a 7,000 foot elevation. Along the way Dall sheep are grazing on the mountain side near Dead Horse Canyon. By days end we are back on ship to cruise Glacier Bay and later on to Ketchikan our most northern town. From the ship's lounge we are amazed at



the size of several glaciers as we pass by Brady, Grand and John Hopkins. Did you know worms live in the glacier ice? Ketchikan is our last chance for shopping before going back to Vancouver. Bargains abound when you are traveling the last week of the tourist season. Alaska is a great place to visit in September. This presentation is 50 minutes not including Q & A. If you would like more information about our lectures, contact Al or Dave Eicher at 248-333-2010 or email al@program-source.com.

