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# Time for adventure in Alaska - the "Last Frontier"

Alaska became our 49th State on January 3, 1959. Since then, curiosity, a sense of adventure and a desire to see and experience the "Last Frontier" have led many to visit our largest State in the Union, making it one of our most popular travel destinations. Were you aware that:

- In 1867, then Secretary of State William Seward offered Russia \$7.2MM for Alaska.
   The Russians accepted. The purchase was touted as "Seward's Folly". Not the case now.
- Alaska has more coastline than ALL of the other "lower" 49 States, approximately 33,000 miles
- Alaska is the largest State in the U.S. and the least populated.
- Alaska's state flag was designed by a 13 year old boy & features the Big Dipper & the North Star.
- Dog mushing is the official State Sport in Alaska.
- · Alaska is twice the size of Texas.
- · Barrow, Alaska boasts the longest night, lasting 67 days.
- Denali, formerly Mt. McKinley, is the highest peak in North America.
- Alaskans take their moose population very seriously. Legislation that is moose-specific states that it is against the law to push a moose from a plane or give a moose a beer.
- Alaska is home to 2 National Forests, over 100 State Parks, 29 volcanoes, 3 million lakes and over 100,000 glaciers.
- · Alaska's State motto is "North to the Future".

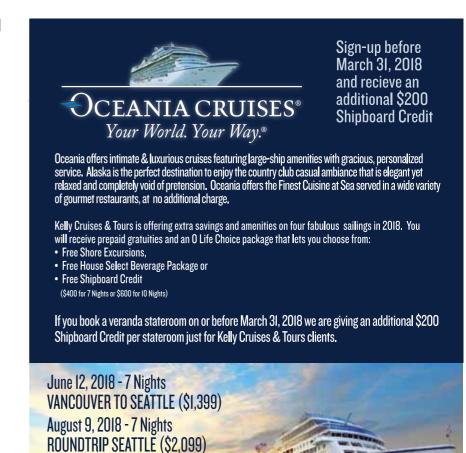
Alaska is incredible wildlife to be viewed in their natural habitat... bears, perched over the water waiting to catch a salmon. Bald eagles soaring against a pristine blue sky or perched on the very top of a tree. Their bald heads can be often seen in the densest of forests. And whales that swim so smoothly and soar so easily that it belies their massive size.

Alaska's scenery will take your breath away. It is vast and open. It is incredible landscapes. It is forests dotted with lakes and streams and mountains that rise from the dense forest floor and a collection of wildlife that call it home. Adventures abound when you visit Alaska. Zip line over an Alaska forest for a birds-eye view you will not forget or kayak in clear waters under a perfect sky. Be on board and head out to whale watch for a few hours. Enjoy the sea otters, perched on buoys, as they only slightly lift their heads to watch you pass by. A bear sanctuary brings you closer to these magnificent animals and allows you to watch them go about their daily business of living, with other bears to tussle, play and forage with. You can walk on a glacier, ride a dog sled or hop on a sea plane to enjoy the remarkable views. Alaska is a paradise for photographers. There is the "perfect shot" everywhere you look.

Alaska is another world. Come see Alaska, immerse yourself in its many sights, sounds, tastes and adventures. Whether it's your first visit or you have explored Alaska before and look forward to returning, you will continue to be touched by all that it offers you. It is a peek into a different life and for many of us, a different world. Give yourself the gift of Alaska. Share and enjoy Alaska with your family and friends. You will make wonderful memories together.

2018 is the perfect time to visit this uniquely beautiful and awe-inspiring part of our country. You'll visit many of the quaint towns of Alaska, such as Juneau, Sitka, Kodiak and Ketchikan among others. You will sail the Inside Passage and visit Hubbard Glacier where the you will feel the glacier's cold and perhaps be lucky and see some calving. The waters are still, and you will feel the cold. The Glacier is other-worldly and to be there is an experience you will not forget.

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## 'THE LONGEST DAY

On June 6, 1944 in the early morning hours, more than 156,000 Allied soldiers stormed the usually tranquil and serene beaches off the coast of Normandy. Through choppy seas and plenty of German resistance, soldiers from the United States, Great Britain, Canada and other Allied nations waged the largest amphibious assault in what would become known as the moment the tide began to turn for the Allies. After this, Nazi Germany was destined to fall. The awe-inspiring bravery and sacrifices made that day, makes a visit to these distinguished beaches an unforgettable experience.

History dramatically comes alive in Normandy. For those who served during the war and perhaps this very battlefield, for those who have family members and friends who are memorialized here -- and for all of us who are indebted to the soldiers and the lives lost and forever changed. 10,000 Allied soldiers were killed here, scores of thousands more injured in a battle that in essence began quite a bit before the H-Hour of 6:30 am on June 6th. Naturally, with such a complex undertaking, there were countless hours and months of planning. Starting in 1943, the Allied powers began scouting where to launch an operation designed to drive Germany out of occupied France. Aerial bombardments in advance of the landings helped to break up German lines and bomb strategic spots, keeping the Germans off-guard and not expecting an assault in Normandy.

Then in the wee hours of June 6th 1944, British and American troops parachuted into France to take control of key towns and bridges. All of which was followed by a massive sea-based invasion at the H-Hour of

6:30am in what was then-covertly termed Sword, Juno, Gold, Omaha and Utah beaches. Nearly 5,000 ships and 9,000 aircrafts participated in the liberation of Normandy. Most of the soldiers were not even twenty years old, lugging eighty pounds of equipment as they jumped off their boats and pushed through the rough surf under a steady blaze of gunfire till they could scale the steep cliffs to take on Hitler's army.

A trip back to these beaches is both evocative and sobering. The French in the Normandy countryside remain particularly thankful and friendly to Americans, British and Canadians, et al for their sacrifice on foreign soil. Cemeteries honoring the fallen will resonate as the price of freedom is laid clear. In Arromanches, the remains of the Mulberry Harbour that soldiers took shelter behind, remains visible. Museums are dotted throughout the beaches, and include equipment and other artifacts used in the landing.

From what has been dubbed 'The Longest Day' on the battlefield, the Allies continued their push into France. Less than a year after D-Day, V-E Day (or Victory in Europe Day) was officially declared on May 8, 1945 and marked the formal acceptance by the Allies of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender. It wouldn't have been possible without the fight that took place in Northern France.





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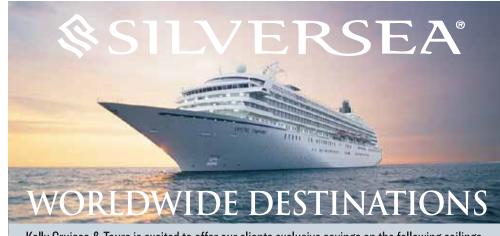


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3825	ALASKA	8/16/2018	SEW-VAN	7	
3826	ALASKA	8/23/2018	VAN-SEW	7	
3827	ALASKA	8/30/2018	SEW-VAN	7	
4817	MEDITERRANEAN	7/20/2018	NCE-BCN	7	
4821	MEDITERRANEAN	8/18/2018	VCE-MCM	10	
5818	NORTHERN EUROPE & BALTIC	7/17/2018	CPH-CPH	7	
5821	NORTHERN EUROPE & BALTIC	8/10/2018	STO-CPH	7	
6817	MEDITERRANEAN	7/1/2018	BCN-MCM	7	
6818	MEDITERRANEAN	7/8/2018	MCM-VCE	9	
6819	MEDITERRANEAN	7/17/2018	VCE-MCM	12	
6822	MEDITERRANEAN	8/12/2018	CVV-VCE	7	
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