# Best of the True North by Land & Sea June 7 - 23, 2023









Midnight Dome, Dawson City

**Tombstone Territorial Park** 

**Grizzly Bears in Denali** 

# **Highlights**

Hubbard Glacier Experience the most spectacular glacier viewing as we cruise into Yakutat Bay

and lay eyes on the Hubbard Glacier jutting 90-metres into the sky as St. Elias looms majestically overhead. Climb into a floatplane and skid across the water before lifting off over breathtaking mountains, rivers, glaciers and

lakes for a true Alaskan adventure!

Denali National Park Experience the thrill of spotting local wildlife up-close as we venture into the

heart of the Denali National Park. On our tundra tour, a local guide takes us on a narrated Journey, where we keep our eyes and ears peeled for local wildlife like grizzly bears, wolves, foxes, eagles, caribou, and willow

ptarmigan.

First Nations Boat Tour Embark on a unique and authentic boat ride along the mighty Yukon River to

Fort Reliance. Local resident and friend Tommy Taylor shares his First Nation heritage and culture with us as we make our way along the scenic river to

visit his very own 'Dog Island' for Eskimo donuts and tea.

Celebrity Millennium What do you call a place that offers world-class restaurants, Broadway-style

shows, a luxurious spa, and amenities that rival the grandest hotel on land?

We call her Millennium.

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# Your 17-Day Journey

### Day 1 Depart for Whitehorse, Yukon

Start your Journey with us by enjoying a private car pick up service from your home. Upon arrival at the airport, guests departing from the Toronto airport are assisted with their checkin. Meet your Journey Manager and fellow guests, and board your flight to the Yukon. Our Journey Manager travels with you to take care of all the details, allowing you to embrace your Journey. On arrival, we are met by our local driver and brought to our hotel where we settle in and relax. This evening, join us for a casual welcome dinner.

Overnight: Gold Rush Inn, Whitehorse

Meals: Dinner

# Day 2 Whitehorse & Dog Sled

Today, we explore Whitehorse, the capital of the Yukon. Our day begins with a drive through Whitehorse, along quaint downtown streets, past the world's tallest log cabin, along the shores of Schwatka Lake to discover scenic Miles Canyon. Experience the famous Alaska Highway as we head out into the wilds to visit with some good friends for a morning of sled dog chatter. We learn all about these furry friends who love the cold almost as much as they do pulling a sled through the rugged wilderness of the Yukon. Enjoy lunch in their remote wilderness home.

# Choose between two included excursions – (MacBride Museum or SS Klondike):

In the afternoon choose to either explore one of Canada's finest attractions, the MacBride Museum, or enjoy a tour of the SS Klondike, the largest sternwheeler in the North. Following which we meet back at our hotel for dinner.

Overnight: Whitehorse, Gold Rush Inn Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 3 Dawson City, Paris of the North

The Klondike Highway takes us past Lake Laberge where we travel 'down' (downriver) to Dawson City. We stop to visit our good friend Steve and taste the world's largest cinnamon buns. Continuing north, we pass through several First Nations communities before stopping for lunch in Carmacks and a view of Five Finger Rapids. A leisurely visit to Moose Creek Lodge we grab a taste of fresh pie and coffee. On arrival in Dawson City, you immediately notice not much has changed since the days of '98 with dirt streets, wooden sidewalks and brightly painted houses.

Overnight: Dawson City, Eldorado Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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# Day 4 First Nations Boat Experience

We wander out of town to a local gold mine to try our hand at gold panning. On our return, we stop at Dredge #4 for pictures and then take in the views from the Midnight Dome. This afternoon, our friend Tommy takes us on a boat tour along the mighty Yukon River. Tommy shares his winter home at the old Fort Reliance and then his very own 'Dog Island' for Eskimo donuts and tea. This evening after dinner, join your Journey Manager and fellow guests for the famous cancan Show at 'Diamond Tooth Gerties'.

Overnight: Dawson City, Eldorado Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

# Day 5 Tombstone Territorial Park

For many years, our guests have told us that Dawson City is their favourite town on this Journey and they would enjoy more time here. We listened! This morning is yours to explore. This afternoon, we drive along the Dempster Highway and visit Tombstone Territorial Park Interpretive Centre to view stunning arctic tundra landscapes and wildlife.

Overnight: Dawson City, Eldorado Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

# Day 6 Top of the World Highway to Tok, Alaska

Today is full of wonder as we cross the wide Yukon River by ferry and then begin climbing to the ridge of mountains that will take us into Alaska. Our Journey along the ridge of mountains over the Top of the World Highway with the impressive views of the Ogilvie Mountains will leave you breathless. A drive along the Top of the World Highway is not the same unless we stop and chat with our good friend Sue in Chicken, Alaska. Her style and cooking impress everyone who stops to say hello. We continue towards Tok, the Sled Dog capital of the world and arrive well before dinner to give you the chance to relax and enjoy this unusual town.

Overnight: Tok, Young's Motel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Day 7 Denali National Park

Today, we drive to Denali on the Alaska Highway, stopping along the way at Rika's Roadhouse, Santa Claus House in the North Pole and the Fairbanks Visitor Centre. We venture down the Parks Highway to Denali and enjoy dinner in a unique, family-owned dining room. Our hotel provides us with Alaskan-style accommodation at the edge of Denali.

Overnight: Denali, Denali Bluffs Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 8 Denali Tundra Tour

This morning, we rise early to get into Denali National Park before the heat of the afternoon keeps the critters in hiding. Our ride takes us to the gates of the park where we board a school bus with a local guide who takes us on a narrated Journey into the heart of the park. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for local wildlife like grizzly bears, wolves, foxes, eagles, caribou and of course, willow ptarmigan. Enjoy lunch on the tour, and tonight, join the local drama group for the entertaining dinner show!

Overnight: Denali, Denali Bluffs Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Day 9 Scenic Railroad to Anchorage

We board the Alaska Railroad for a scenic Journey to Anchorage. Take in the spectacular views from the dome car in our GoldStar coach. The charm and scenic appeal of this great and vast land are amplified through panoramic windows and underscored by historical narratives of lifelong Alaskan conductors and tour guides. We end the day with a brief tour of Anchorage.

# Alaska Railroad GoldStar Dome Car - Why do we prefer the Alaska Railroad cars?

Native Alaskans give a tour like only natives can. The observation area on the Alaska Railroad is on the top of the car, not in the middle, so your views are uninterrupted. Also, the Alaska Railroad Dome Car rides right behind the engine ensuring you have the best all-around views available on the entire train.

Overnight: Anchorage, Captain Cook Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 10 Anchorage to Seward

A spectacular drive along Turnagain Arm brings us to the quiet town of Girdwood. A stop at Portage Glacier enables a visit to the Begich Boggs Visitor Centre and time for lunch. The drive to Seward provides wondrous views of the mountain ranges as we cross the Turnagain Pass and move steadily towards the sea to board our ship in Seward. All meals will be served onboard unless otherwise indicated.

Overnight: Celebrity Millennium

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 11 Day at Sea: Hubbard Glacier

Today, we cruise past the massive Malaspina Glacier into Yakutat Bay and finally, Disenchantment Bay to view the spectacular Hubbard Glacier. Mount St. Elias, guardian of the Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve, looms majestically overhead. This is one of the most dramatic glacier viewing opportunities you may ever have and affords us with an incredible, up-close view of a glacier 90 metres high and nine kilometres wide.

Overnight: Celebrity Millennium

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 12 Juneau & Glacier Flightseeing

Juneau, capital city of Alaska, is snuggled between the Gastineau Channel and the green 'city wall' of Mount Juneau. This morning, we board our floatplane for a true Alaskan adventure and fly over mountains, rivers, glaciers, and lakes as we explore coastal Alaska from above on our included shore excursion. Free time this afternoon gives you a chance to explore at your leisure.

### Included Private Excursion – Glacier Flightseeing and Taku Lodge via Floatplane

Climb into a seaplane and skid across the water before lifting off into the skies above Juneau. Every guest enjoys a window seat as you fly over five of Alaska's most spectacular glaciers. Soar above the wilderness where you might spot black bears and other wildlife. Your flight concludes with an exhilarating water landing at Taku Glacier Lodge, where we dine to majestic glacial views. Toast a truly exhilarating Alaskan excursion before enjoying the return flight back to the ship. Approximately 3 ½ hours.

Overnight: Celebrity Millennium

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 13 Skagway & White Pass Railway

Skagway was the gateway to the goldfields in 1897 for the prospectors from all over the world. Board the famous White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad for our dramatic and exceptionally beautiful ride to the summit. We arrive in British Columbia and board our coach for a beautiful ride back to Skagway. Many waterfalls and dramatic mountain views await as we make our way to Skagway. Once we arrive, enjoy a tour of the town made famous by the prospectors of the late 1800s and by characters of fame like Soapy Smith and Frank Reid.

# Included Private Excursion – White Pass Railway & Historic Town Highlights

Your Journey begins as you board an 1890s-style parlour car and retrace the original route up to the Yukon's White Pass Summit. This iron trail was built over 100 years ago through some of the North's most rugged terrain. Upon arriving in Fraser, British Columbia, board a motorcoach for a tour back to Skagway.

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See the historical areas of Brackett Wagon Road, Pitch Fork Falls, Dead Horse Gulch, and the infamous Tormented Valley. Once back in Skagway, you will have a guided tour of the town's historic downtown area filled with wooden boardwalks and false fronted buildings. Approximately 4 ½ hours.

Overnight: Celebrity Millennium

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Day 14 Icy Strait & Whale Watching

Located on Chichagof Island, just outside the small village of Hoonah, this remote destination preserves and highlights the character and culture of local Alaskan Natives as well as the surrounding wilderness and wildlife.

# Included Excursion - Marine Wildlife & Whale Watching Cruise

Board a sightseeing vessel and ply the cool, deep waters of Icy Strait to the Point Adolphus area, one of Alaska's premier whale-watching sights. Your onboard naturalist will describe the diversity of marine life that accumulates here every summer to indulge in the nutrient-rich waters, fuelled by the long Alaska summer days. Learn about the behaviour and habitat of the wildlife you may encounter which include humpback and orca (killer) whales, Stellar sea lions, harbour seals, bald eagles, and more. Approximately 2 ½ hours.

Overnight: Celebrity Millennium

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Day 15 Ketchikan & Totem Poles

Surrounded by a snowy mountain range, cascading waterfalls, and full of rich wildlife, Ketchikan sits on the entrance to the famed Inside passage. Renowned for being Alaska's first city, Ketchikan has a beautiful display of Native American totem poles and a rich Alaska Native culture.

# Included Private Excursion – Alaskan's First City Highlights and Lumberjack Show

Start your adventure with a tour through historic Ketchikan and pass by Creek Street on your way to Saxman Native Village, where you will learn the culture of southeast Alaskan Natives, including the story behind their majestic totem poles. Then enjoy The Great Alaskan Lumberjack Show as lumberjacks bring to life Alaska's timber history a with an action packed competition. Approximately 3 hours.

Overnight: Celebrity Millennium

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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# Day 16 Cruise the Inside Passage

Unwind and take in views of the Inside Passage, a quiet green channel bordered by forests, islands, inlets, and snow-capped peaks.

Overnight: Celebrity Millennium

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 17 Vancouver & Home

Rise early and enjoy the view as the ship passes under the Lion's Gate Bridge to enter the First Narrows into Vancouver. Enjoy a tour of one of the world's favourite cities as we explore Gastown, Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth Park. We then bid farewell to our new friends and make our way to the airport for our flight home. Guests arriving at the Toronto airport are greeted and assisted to their private car home.

Overnight: Home
Meals: Breakfast

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Ports of call and shore excursions are subject to change at the discretion of the shipping operator, ground operators or Journeys by Van Dyke. While we endeavour not to make changes, when we have to, changes are always intended to improve the journey experience.

# Your Journey Includes

# **First Class Accommodation**

| Whitehorse  | Gold Rush Inn       | 2 nights |
|-------------|---------------------|----------|
| Dawson City | Eldorado Hotel      | 3 nights |
| Tok         | Young's Motel       | 1 night  |
| Denali      | Denali Bluffs Hotel | 2 nights |
| Anchorage   | Captain Cook Hotel  | 1 night  |

# **Included Flights**

| Airline:          | Air Canada  |
|-------------------|---|
| Outbound:         | Toronto (YYZ) - Whitehorse (YXY)  |
| Inbound:          | Vancouver (YVR) – Toronto (YYZ)   |
| Class of Service: | Economy  Premium Economy and Business are available on request  |
| Note:             | Fly from select Canadian gateways for only \$100 For additional gateways and further information, contact us for details. |

# Journeys by Van Dyke Inclusions

| Journey Manager         | Services of a professional Journey Manager throughout the journey  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Home-Pickup Service     | Private car home pick-up & return service (where available) or a credit or   |
| Hotel Overnight         | Hotel overnight near Toronto Pearson International Airport   |
| Gratuities              | Tips included for all intermediaries: all ship staff, Journey Managers, local sightseeing guides, coach drivers, porters, etc. |
| Porterage               | Porterage for one piece of baggage   |
| Visas & Fees            | All fees, visas, port & service charges  |
| Gift with Every Journey | Branded overnight carry-on bag or backpack   |
| Taxes                   | All taxes incl. HST, PST, VAT  |

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# <u>Journey Specific Inclusions & Experiences</u>

- Complete pre-trip information & assistance
- 16 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 16 dinners
- Classic Drinks Package & WiFi Package Included on the Cruise
- All sightseeing & entrance fees as listed
- Whitehorse City Tour
- Muktuk Sled Dog Demonstration
- Tour of the SS Klondike or Entrance to the MacBride Museum
- Dawson City Tour & Gold Panning
- First Nations Boat Tour along Yukon River
- Stunning Dempster Highway & Tombstone Territorial Park

- Top of the World Highway Scenic Drive
- Tundra Wilderness Tour
- Alaska Cabin Nite Dinner Theatre
- Alaska Railroad GoldStar Dome Car, Denali to Anchorage
- Vancouver City Tour

### **4 Included Shore Excursions**

- Glacier Flightseeing & Taku Lodge via Floatplane
- White Pass Railway & Historic Town Highlights
- Marine Wildlife & Whale Watching Cruise
- Alaska's First City Highlights and Lumberjack Show

#### **Fares**

| Cabin              | Double Occupancy | Single Occupancy |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| I2 – Inside        | \$12,490 CAD     | \$15,090 CAD     |
| I1 – Prime Inside  | \$12,590 CAD     | \$15,990 CAD     |
| O2 – Ocean view    | \$13,190 CAD     | \$16,790 CAD     |
| V2 – Veranda       | \$14,190 CAD     | \$18,790 CAD     |
| V1 – Prime Veranda | \$14,290 CAD     | \$18,990 CAD     |
| C2 - Concierge     | \$14,790 CAD     | \$19,290 CAD     |

Fuel Surcharges - These journey fares include the current known fuel surcharges. Additional supplier fuel charges and or government fees may apply at final payment date.

# Celebrity Millennium



As part of the fleet-wide modernization program, Celebrity Millennium® is now making even more waves in the cruise world. From adding brand new staterooms and elevating design concepts and technology across the ship to adding The Retreat®, an exclusive suite class experience including The Retreat® Sundeck and The Retreat® Lounge, the change is phenomenal. These new venues combined with Celebrity's award-winning Luminae are sure to please. Slip into new eXhale® bedding featuring Cashmere mattresses that will surround you in luxury—literally. Marvel at completely new bathroom modernizations. Wine and dine in reimagined restaurants and lounges, including the main dining room, Oceanview Café, Sunset Bar, and Rendezvous Lounge. Surrender your senses in the newly redesigned spa. Shop in new retail boutiques. The Celebrity Revolution will change the way you experience the world aboard Celebrity Millennium®.

#### Staterooms Features

Each stateroom and suite on board Celebrity includes the following world-class amenities that all contribute to your modern luxury experience. Unwind after a day of adventure in a plush robe.

Our signature, personalized service • Daily makeup and turndown service • 24-hour room service Complimentary robe • Celebrity eXhale™ bedding • Private mini-bar\* • Interactive Samsung flat-screen television • Private safe • Custom blended bath products • 24-hour room service\*\*

<sup>\*</sup>Additional charges apply

<sup>\*\*</sup>Late night fee of \$4.95 between 11pm-6am

# **Concierge Class**

Stateroom: 251 sq. ft. - Deck 7,8,9

Features two convertible lower beds, floor-to-ceiling glass doors and large sitting area, some with sofa bed.

When you stay in a Celebrity Concierge Class stateroom on Millennium, you will receive these added amenities and more:

- Welcome champagne, daily fruit selection, fresh-cut flowers,
- Daily hors d'oeuvres
- Menu of pillows Conformance, Body, Goose, and Isotonic
- Duvets and pillow-top mattresses
- Leather key holder, personalized stationery, a tote bag and umbrella
- Double-thick Frette bathrobes
- Hansgrohe7 showerhead
- VIP invitations to events
- Early embarkation and debarkation
- Express luggage delivery



### Veranda

Stateroom: 213 sq. ft. - Deck 6,7,8,10

Indoor and outdoor space come together to create your private sanctuary at sea. Relax in a spacious stateroom and enjoy amenities that all contribute to your luxury experience. Prime Veranda staterooms are well-appointed, personal retreats located in the most-desirable locations on the ship.



#### Ocean view

Stateroom: 171 sq. ft. - Deck 2,3

Ocean View Staterooms, the ideal place to unwind at sea. These perfectly indulgent spaces come furnished with Celebrity's eXhale® bedding featuring the luxury king sized\* Cashmere™ Mattress and everything else a modern traveler needs.

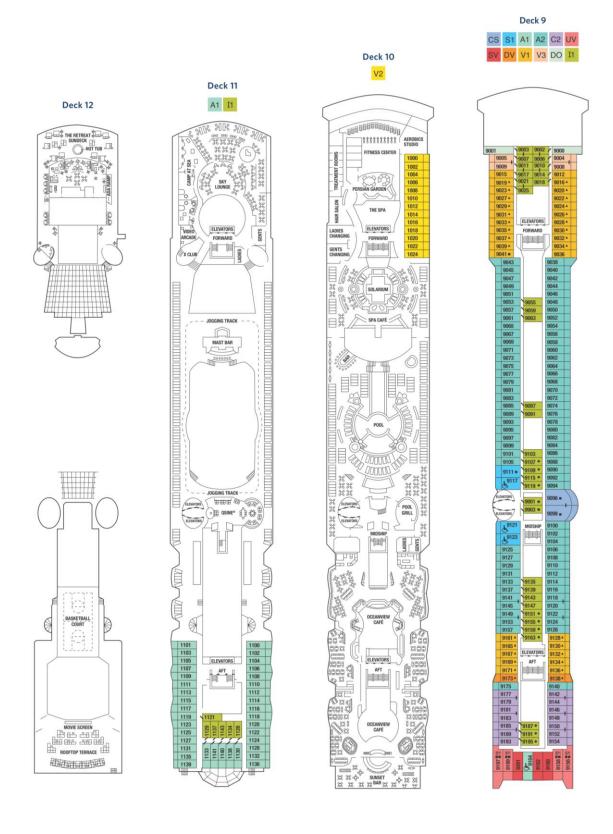


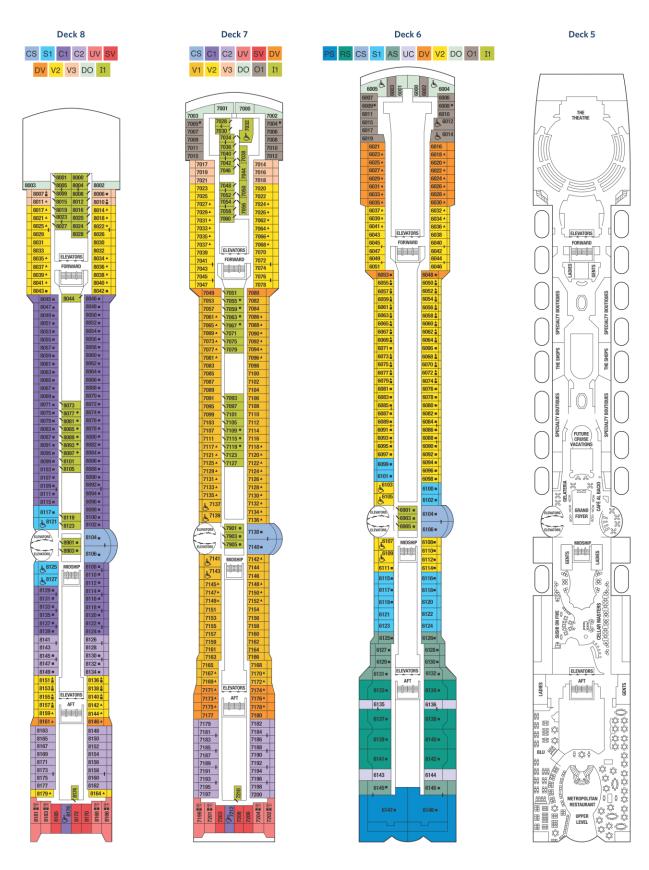
### Inside

Stateroom: 170 sq. ft. - Decks 2,3

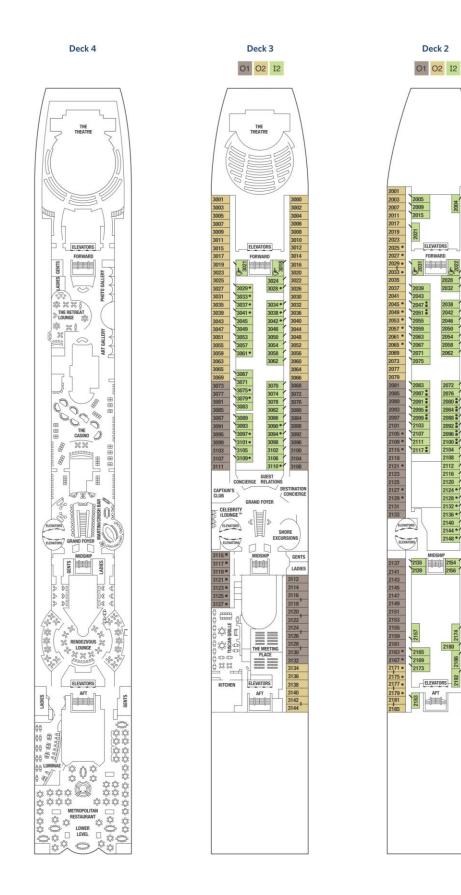
Your escape at sea, Inside Staterooms offer ample living space, including a sitting area and a flat screen TV. Each inside stateroom on board Celebrity includes world-class amenities.







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# **Outstanding Accommodation**

# Whitehorse Gold Rush Inn

# 2 nights

Located in the heart of downtown Whitehorse and steps from the Yukon River, the Gold Rush Inn is one of the Yukon's historic hotels. The comfortable rooms feature en suite bathrooms and coffeemakers, along with complimentary WiFi, mini-fridges and microwaves. The onsite Gold Pan Saloon offers a unique gold rush era dining experience.



# Dawson City Eldorado Hotel

# 3 nights

This friendly, family owned hotel is conveniently located in the centre of historic Dawson City just a short walk from the Yukon River and the town's attractions, restaurants and shops. The hotel has 46 comfortably appointed guest rooms, an on-site restaurant and lounge, and lots of appeal. When you stay at the Eldorado Hotel, you'll experience the Dawson City heritage as innkeepers of original, northern hospitality.



### Tok

### 1 night

# Young's Motel

Experience Alaska in a unique way, and relax at Young's Motel, an independent, family owned establishment in Tok. With 43 upgraded guest rooms, the accommodation proudly maintains cleanliness, cozy comfort, and cheerful colours. Each room has two double beds, a coffee maker, full private bath, Direct TV, and Wi-Fi. The motel also features the famous Fast Eddy's Restaurant – a staple for tourists along the Alaska Highway.



# Denali 2 nights

# Denali Bluffs Hotel

Outdoor adventure and true Alaskan hospitality await you at the Denali Bluffs Hotel in the gentle lower slopes of Sugarloaf Mountain. Ideally located, guests are close to area attractions, and surrounded by wilderness splendor. The Denali Bluffs Hotel features comfortable guest rooms situated in 12 buildings tucked into the forest on the gently sloping hillside. Guests will find all the conveniences of home and many rooms offer a private balcony and a breathtaking view of the surrounding Denali wilderness.



# Anchorage 1 night Captain Cook Hotel

Located in downtown Anchorage, Alaska, each of the Hotel Captain Cook's luxurious guest rooms offer a stunning view, whether it's of the neighbouring Cook Inlet or the Chugach Mountains, Anchorage cityscape or Mt McKinley. As the only luxury Anchorage hotel, it caters to your needs with the service and meticulous attention to detail for which the Hotel Captain Cook is justly famous.



Personal Notes & Questions