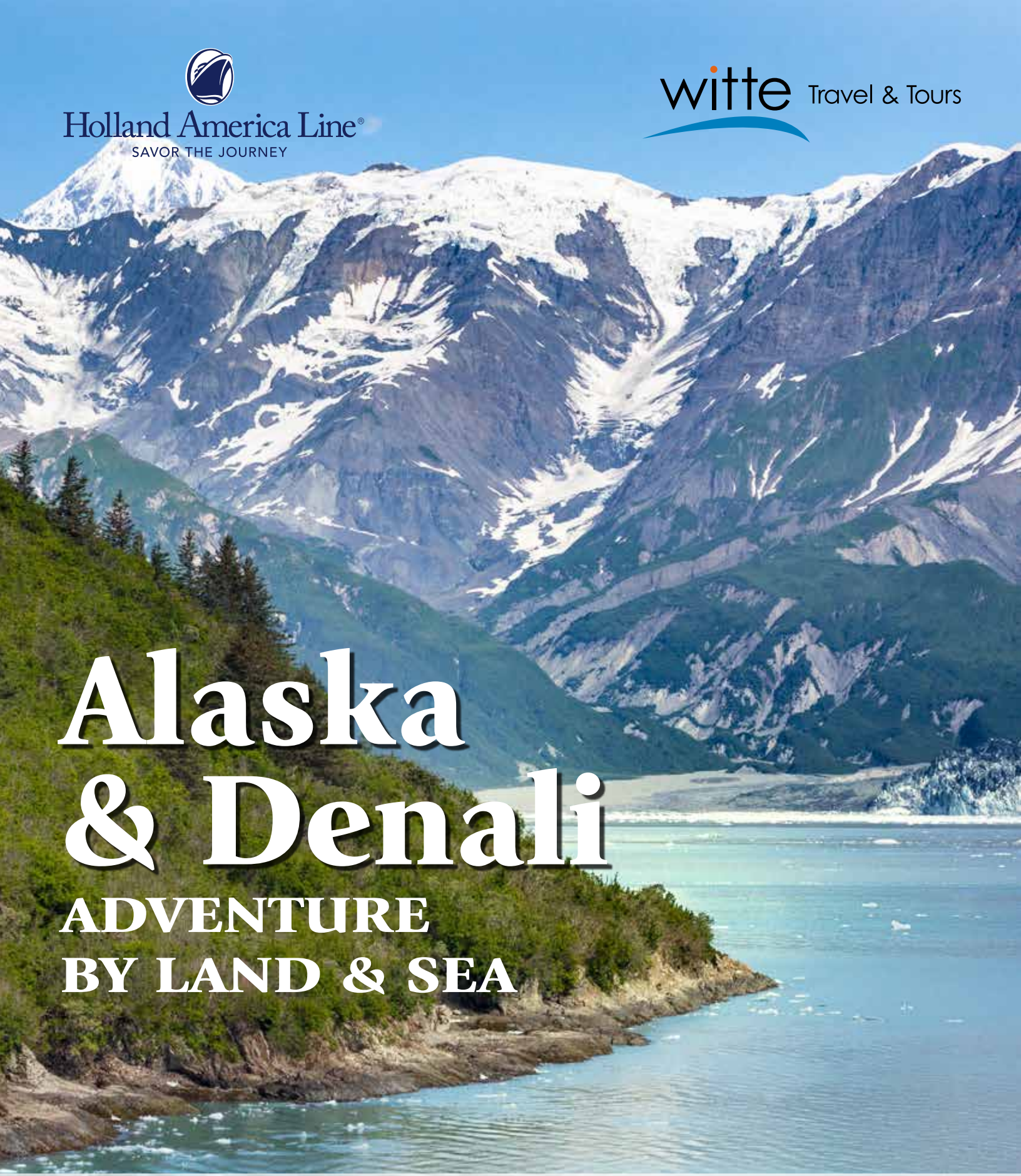


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JULY – AUGUST 2027

30, FRIDAY

West Michigan Departure

Those departing from West Michigan will meet in Grand Rapids for the motorcoach transfer to Chicago. Here, we check into our hotel for the night.

31, SATURDAY

Chicago Departure, Vancouver

We meet at Chicago O'Hare International Airport for the flight to Vancouver. Upon arriving, we enjoy a city sightseeing tour on our way to the hotel. After check-in, we share a group dinner this evening. (D)

1, SUNDAY

Embark on the *MS Westerdam*

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we transfer to the pier. After embarking on the ship, we are free to explore on our own. Named for the western compass point, *MS Westerdam* has museum-quality art and lavish staterooms. The ship offers a variety of onboard activities, entertainment, and delicious cuisine throughout our cruise. (B, L, D)

2, MONDAY

Inside Passage (at sea)

Relax onboard as we enjoy a full day of scenic cruising through the Inside Passage. Alaska's Inside Passage is a protected network of waterways that wind through glacier-cut fjords and lush temperate rainforests along the rugged coast. There are great opportunities to spot some of Alaska's most iconic wildlife, with humpback whales and orcas playing in the waters alongside the ship. (B, L, D)

3, TUESDAY

Ketchikan

Today we sail to Ketchikan. It is the first major landfall for most cruisers as they enter the picturesque fjords of the Inside Passage, earning Ketchikan the nickname of Alaska's "First City". Here, the town clings to the banks of the Tongass Narrows, flanked by green forests nurtured by abundant rain. Boardwalks with old bordellos transformed into art galleries, shops, and bars run along the banks of Ketchikan Creek. The city claims to be the salmon capital of the world, containing five different species in the creek. This, and the abundance of other food sources, are among the reasons the area was settled. (B, L, D)

Fun Fact: *It takes about an hour to walk around Ketchikan.*

4, WEDNESDAY

Juneau

Nestled at the foot of snowcapped mountains on the Gastineau Channel sits Juneau, Alaska's capital. Spend the day discovering the ships on historic Franklin Street, get out of town and explore the Tongass National Forest or Mendenhall Glacier, or try kayaking, dog sledding, rafting, hiking, or whale watching. (B, L, D)

Fun Fact: *The waters outside Juneau are one of the best places to see humpback whales.*



5, THURSDAY

Skagway

At the top of the Inside Passage, Skagway is the gateway to the Klondike region. Skagway grew from a two-man homestead to a city of 20,000 between 1896 and 1998. Evidence of the Gold Rush heyday is celebrated all over town. Points of interest include the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park Visitor Center, the Arctic Brotherhood Hall, the Gold Rush cemetery, and the scenic White Pass train ride. (B, L, D)

Fun Fact: *The narrow-gauge railroad to the summit of the White Pass is an International Historic Civil Engineering Landmark. The railroad shares this honor with the Panama Canal, Eiffel Tower, and the Statue of Liberty.*

6, FRIDAY

Glacier Bay (at sea)

The entrance to Glacier Bay National Park is a great place to see marine and other wildlife. Be on the lookout for sea otters, humpback whales, harbor porpoises, and puffins. Along the shorelines, watch for brown bears, mountain goats, and eagles. Along the way, we'll gaze in awe at the immense beauty of glaciers, including the notable Margerie and Johns Hopkins glaciers. National Park Service rangers will board the ship to provide a narrative about important aspects of the park. (B, L, D)

Fun Fact: *The number of boats allowed into Glacier Bay each day is limited, to minimize the impact on habitat and ensure a peaceful visit to the park.*

Inclusions:

- Flights from Grand Rapids to Vancouver and return from Anchorage
- Land transportation by motorcoach and train, as well as cruising on the *MS Westerdam*
- Accommodations for two nights in first-class hotels and two nights at the Holland America Denali Lodge
- Accommodations for seven nights onboard the ship, with a choice of Inside, Oceanview, or Veranda cabins
- Breakfast daily, nine lunches (including one at the Pinnacle Grill), and nine dinners
- Local guides for sightseeing tours and at key sites
- Sightseeing and admission fees in accordance with the itinerary



7, SATURDAY

College Fjord

Today, we cruise into College Fjord, where the glaciers were named for various schools. The glaciers on the left are named for women's colleges, and those on the right are named for men's colleges. Out of all Alaskan fjords, College Fjord is the most storied. The Harriman Expedition of 1899, which included John Muir and other notable scientists, traversed College Fjord aboard the *George W. Elder*, funded by Ivy League colleges. Harvard Glacier is the largest. Its face is a mile and a half across. (B, L, D)

8, SUNDAY

Disembarkation, Whittier

We disembark this morning in Whittier, a remote village nestled along the breathtaking Prince William Sound. Leaving the ship behind, we drive north, entering the interior of Alaska. Our journey toward Denali National Park takes us away from the fjords and into valleys, forests, and open tundra, until we arrive in Denali Square for a two-night stay at Holland America Denali Lodge inside the national park. (B, L)

Fun Fact: *Mount Denali is so big it creates its own weather.*

9, MONDAY

Denali National Park

Today, the Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour (a shore excursion) is included. We drive deep into the National Park to view the unspoiled tundra. On our tour, we'll be on the lookout for the "big five"- caribou, wolves, Dall's sheep, brown bear, and moose. The rest of the day is on our own to explore. Enjoy an independent dinner at the lodge or in a nearby local eatery before turning in for the night. (B)

Fun Fact: *The moose is the tallest mammal in North America, often standing 6 to 7 feet tall at the shoulder.*

10, TUESDAY

Anchorage

This morning, we board the luxurious domed rail cars of the McKinley Explorer, bound for Anchorage. Enjoy the views of Denali National Park from a new perspective and dine in style aboard the train on the way. Anchorage has something for everyone: enjoy fine restaurants, frontier saloons, museums, and art galleries. Participate in guided historical or cultural tours, or go last-minute shopping. We conclude our day with a group dinner at a restaurant in Anchorage. (B, L, D)

11, WEDNESDAY

Departure

Our tour concludes this morning in Anchorage. We have the day at leisure to continue exploring the city and then transfer to the airport. Our evening red-eye flight out of Anchorage leads to our return to Grand Rapids on the morning of August 12. (B)








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