



# News Letter

MIAMI SKI CLUB - A SOCIAL CLUB FOR ALL SEASONS

DECEMBER 2010

## Happy hours

**December 3, 6 - 8 PM**

**The Grove Spot** (drink specials)  
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**December 10, 6 - 8 PM**

**Sosta Lounge** (drink specials)  
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(954) 921-0088

**December 17, 6 - 8 PM**

**Gaetano Bar at Hotel St. Michel**  
(drink specials & appetizers) 162 Alcazar Ave.  
Coral Gables, (786) 422-6796  
20% dinner discount for MSC members!

**December 23, Thursday, 6 - 8 PM**

**Biltmore Hotel Lounge** (appetizers)  
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**Saturday, December 11th, check in at 9 AM**  
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Enjoy this boat ride with Dr. Paul George along the same banks where ancient Tequesta Indians settled. See the famous Miami Circle archaeological site, witness the colorful tugboats, Haitian freighters, houseboats and drawbridges that bring life to the river. See the home of ousted President Batista. Discover the hidden communities, parks, restaurants, freshwater springs and the site of the rapids. Check in at 9:00 AM. Tour is from 10 AM to 1 PM.

**Members \$49, guests \$54.** Send check payable to Miami Ski Club c/o Marcia Rosenbaum 18225 SW 150 Ct, Miami, FL 33187. Please RSVP by Dec 3 to **Marcia Rosenbaum** at (305) 332-6739 or cell phone (305) 992-0490 or [socialevents@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:socialevents@miamiskiclub.net).

## Social events

**Reserve now - some of these events will have a limited number of space available!**

**Jan 15** - Rob's Redland Riot Road Rallye - starts at Cauley Square - all day event ends with BBQ, music and prizes for the winning team

**Feb. 19** - Kampong Tour in Coconut Grove

**Mar. 20** - Jersey Boys at the Arsch Center

**April 23** - Stiltsville Boat Tour, narrated by Paul George

Other events including - Tour of the Nike Missile Site in the Everglades National Park and a Nighttime tour of Zoo Miami are being planned - check the events page on the web site for events before they are in the newsletter. Some of our events are so popular - or the number of available spaces so limited - that the events may be sold out before the newsletter comes out - so check out the events shown on [miamiskiclub.com](http://miamiskiclub.com) and reserve early to insure there will be room for you!



# Letter from the Prez...

Hi everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful, scrumptious Thanksgiving with friends and family. The past months with Miami Ski Club have been exciting. Four of us on the Executive committee attended the FSC meeting in Orlando Nov. 5-7 weekend. Members from all 17 Florida clubs attended and voted on 2012 future ski trips. We have had great turn outs for our Friday night happy hours. Thank you all! With an assortment of events such as diving, Dine- a- rounds, bike ride and a rocking Snowball Biker Babe event at the Aero

Squadron, what more could one ask for. 41 people enjoyed Fantasy Fest in Key West and we had a successful Morocco & Alaska Cruise trip opening and a festive Holiday happy hour. Wow! Reminder; this is all due to our dedicated volunteer board members. There would not be a MSC without them all. Check out the website and facebook (FB) to view new photos.

January 1, 2011 I am beginning my 8th month as MSC President. Each day truly brings something new and challenging. The hardest part for me is keeping organized. I would be fine if there were no papers or if I had a personal assistant. But there is no chance of either. I am trying to go green but enjoy printing up my paperwork to read. I am thankful for a wonderful team to work and plan with. Everyday I view this meaningful quote and would like to share it with you.

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? Your playing small does not serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to manifest the glory that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we're liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

Marianne Williamson (A Return to Love: Reflections on the Principles of "A Course in Miracles", Harper Collins, 1992) the famous passage from her book is often erroneously attributed to the inaugural address of Nelson Mandela.

Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and a healthy prosperous New Year to you all.

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Pamela Rose Epstein  
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# MSC 2011 ski trips

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All Miami Ski Club ski trips are priced per person, double occupancy. Base price includes (except where noted) airfare, ground transportation, lodging and taxes, a farewell banquet dinner, an additional dinner or mountain lunch during the trip; a pre-trip and post-trip party – and last but certainly not least, free admission to the annual Springfest event. Initial trip deposits are \$750, unless specified otherwise. For even more fine print, see your trip flyer and trip application. Please note that, after the time of booking, the airlines may impose additional taxes or fuel surcharges and local taxing authorities may increase existing taxes, which would be passed on to the trip participants. Airlines recently instituted baggage fees which are the responsibility of the trip participant. We also highly recommend that everyone purchase travel insurance. For more detailed information on the following trips, and hot links to our destinations, visit our website at [miamiskiclub.com](http://miamiskiclub.com).

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## BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO

**January 22 - 29, 2011, Beaver Run Resort, \$1,435**

This is our wildly popular Florida Ski Council trip with lots of lively activities for skiers and non-skiers alike. Ski Breckenridge, the perfect Mountain Town with its Victorian vistas, colorful gold rush heritage and four huge interconnected mountains it is offering something for everyone. This quaint Victorian mining town comprises Colorado's largest historic district. Beaver Run Resort is a ski in/ski out facility and the Beaver Run Super Chair in front of the Resort should get you up the mountain in no time. Breckenridge has a total of 30 lifts and nearly 2,400 acres of varied ski terrain. Base elevation is at 9,600 ft, promoting good ski conditions. 14% of the trails are considered easy, 31% more difficult, 19% most difficult and 36% expert. Plenty of mountain lunch opportunities exist to let you enjoy beautiful views and a variety of dining options. Try the Vista House on Peak 8 for some incredible views over the Continental Divide. Back at the Resort soothe your aching bones in a hot tub or the pool to be ready for an exciting night on the town.

**Trip leader: Maggie Zaitz (305) 807-1098 [breckenridge@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:breckenridge@miamiskiclub.net)**

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## BANFF / LAKE LOUISE, CANADA

**February 19 to 26, 2011, Fairmont Banff and Chateau Lake Louise, \$1,875**

The Banff / Lake Louise area is in the heart of the Banff National Park, a Unesco World Heritage site. Here you will enjoy the driest, lightest snow and terrain to suit every desire from gentle groomed runs to some of the world's most extreme challenges. Ski Banff lift tickets are interchangeable at Lake Louise, Sunshine Village and Norquay. You can also ski one evening at Norquay. The three areas offer almost 8,000 acres of skiable terrain. Both hotels offer luxurious rooms and superior service. For both skiers and non-skiers the town of Banff is home to designer shops and boutiques, a bustling nightlife, museums, dining and spas.

**Trip leader: Rick & Lisa Hagen (305) 279-4194 [banff@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:banff@miamiskiclub.net)**

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For trip details, contact trip leader, or check the TRIPS page on our web site, [miamiskiclub.com](http://miamiskiclub.com). Trip application forms available from trip leader, or can be downloaded from our web site.

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# State Of The Miami Ski Club Address

The annual Address is a vehicle by which the President accounts to the membership for the fiscal and general health of the Club while under their stewardship. This is our tenth year of such accounting, since being introduced into our Bylaws in 2001. The following report covers our 2009/10 fiscal year, which was the second year of my presidency. On behalf of the 08/10 Executive Committee, it is with great pleasure that I share the following report with you.

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## Introduction

The general health of this Club is measured by three components: finances, membership, and participation. Any one of these areas in itself cannot determine the true state of the Club. We could end the year on a high financial note and add money to the treasury, but if we lose membership, we have not done well. But even a financial gain and a solid membership are not a good measure of our success, if our members are not participating in our trips and events. This year (09/10), we were very successful in two areas, but did not excel in the third. We performed very well financially, significantly improving on the previous year. We did equally well with participation on our trips, which was again a significant improvement over the prior year. However, we had such a great focus on recovering economically, increasing trip participation and solidifying the infrastructure, that we did not make any strides in bolstering our membership numbers, which remained exactly the same as the year before.

As we all know, we were faced with a second year of a very slow and uncertain economy, which clearly did not work in our favor. Leisure activities are the first items to be curtailed in an ailing economy, and given the nature of our Club, we very much felt the reduction in personal expenditures. However, we made the best of the situation and through hard work, good planning and extraordinary diligence, we managed to turn in a second good year in a row for the Club, doing even better than the year prior.

Of course, this success is shared by many: the Executive Committee, our Board of Directors, and the many other volunteers who contributed their time and energy. As a reminder, Bernd Meier served for two years as our Vice President in charge of trips, Cathy Stahlmann managed our finances, Mary Ann Shockley served as our Secretary, and Howard Margoluis devoted another two years to the Club as Past President. A disproportional share of credit must go to our VP of trips, who initially accepted his position with a great deal of reluctance and accepted only after a great deal of arm twisting. But once in office, he fully embraced his responsibilities, quickly learned the workings of the Club and became a vital part of what made us successful. These past two years could not have turned out nearly as well, had it not been for this group effort.

## Finances

In this day and age of MTV and soundbites, most of us are interested in just the bottom line. However, the bottom line is not just that simple. As you know, the term of office for the President and the Executive Committee is two years. (In our case, 2008 - 2010.) Understandably, during the first year, many factors are inherited from the previous administration, and consequently it isn't until the second year that the new administration truly sees the results of their stewardship. At any given time, I would prefer to view the two years in aggregate, rather than individually, but this year, it is even more important. In 2008/09, we earned an income of \$5,910, and in 2009/10 we managed to bring in \$29,466. However, these numbers need to be brought into perspective.

As positive as this outcome is, we need to keep in mind that we were attempting to bring the treasury back up to the 2006 level, prior to some losses in 2006 - 2008. Even though we came fairly close to replenishing those figures, despite our best efforts, we still fell short by almost \$5,000 of that bar. So there is still plenty of work left in the current fiscal year for us to complete that goal.

There were two factors which heavily skewed the numbers toward the second year. Our Bahamas trip was scheduled for the 08/09 fiscal year, but due to the cruise ship being out of commission for a couple of weeks, the trip did not happen until early June 2009, thus pushing the income into the following year. Even more importantly, we did not have an "exotic" trip in 08/09, and both the Austrohungarian Empire Tour and our Russia trip fell into the 09/10 fiscal year. Had the income from the Bahamas and Empire Tour trips been realized in 08/09, there would have been much less of a disparity between the two fiscal years. Without a doubt, even if we allow for the anomaly of the two trips falling into the second fiscal year, the second year was considerably more successful on just about all levels. In summary, under the management of the 2008-10 Executive Committee, we managed to replenish the treasury by \$35,376 (averaging \$17,688 per year).

## Budget

As good as our numbers look, we had some unexpected expenses and deviations from the budget, which we had to contend with. Generally speaking, our budgets are typical-

ly very conservative, and based primarily on the performance and events of two prior years. 2009/10 was no exception, and for the most part, we were fairly well on target. We fell slightly (\$150) short of our budgeted advertising income, mostly due to the sudden passing of our Advertising Director, dear friend and valued volunteer, Burt Weiss. We came in slightly exceeding our projected income from guest fees, interest income, special events, Springfest and other miscellaneous incomes. On the flip side, we very slightly exceeded our budget in areas such as banking charges, Picnic cost, etc. In the end, the above variations were very small and essentially a wash.

The more significant variations to the budget were the following: Our Newsletter printing expenses were significantly reduced, saving \$2,743.52. This is mostly the result of constant database cleanups and reduction of mailing to non-members. The largest contributor to our bottom line was the trip income, totalling \$41,042.62, which was a significant increase over our \$9,000 of projected income. As mentioned earlier, this number is highly distorted by the two additional trips (Bahamas and the Empire Tour) falling into the "wrong" fiscal year. There were other factors which helped boost this number, and we will discuss those separately under the Trips report.

On the negative side, we came in \$2,324 under the projected income from membership dues. This seems like a contradiction to the prior statement, that our membership remained exactly the same as the year before. Unfortunately, our membership accounting is a function of not only the number of memberships, but also the timing of when they come in. Our renewal period starts in March, three months before the beginning of the fiscal year. In 2009/10 we had a lot of early renewals, which do not show up as income for 09/10, and end up credited to the 08/09 fiscal year. We also had fewer early renewals for 2010/11, which will benefit the current fiscal year, but detracted financially from 09/10.

Our other unexpected expenditures are somewhat related, and came in the form of unbudgeted accounting fees and insurance premiums. As you know, we were subjected to an IRS audit. Even though we passed the audit with flying colors, we incurred additional accounting fees, which were \$2,307.62 in excess of the usual and budgeted \$1,000 we normally spend on the review of our finances and tax preparation by our CPA. While on that subject, we also owe a great deal to our Treasurer, who spent many, many hours preparing the years worth of documents required for the audit, and then sitting in through the audit itself. We also carry Directors & Officers coverage, as required by our Bylaws. Our policy was not renewed by our old carrier, and we had to shop for a new policy, which ended up costing us \$2,312.94 more than the \$1,583.92 premium paid in 08/09.

The last item which needs a mention is our web site. We have actually come in \$735.18 under our budget of \$3,500 for office operating expenses, but once our finances start-

ed looking healthy, we approved an additional expenditure for our web site. Our old web site was certainly looking its age (9 years) and really not meeting our needs and presenting the best face to the world. Once again, the majority of the work came by our own efforts, the functionality, the graphics and the overall look as well as content being done by volunteers. However, we appropriated \$2,000 to have the underpinnings and mechanics of the site professionally executed. In the end, we ended up with a beautiful and highly functional web site, with lots of room to expand and serve us well into the future. We are very proud of our new web site, and we hope that you visit it frequently.

## **Trips**

Our trips were perhaps the best measure of our success. We have increased our number of skiers by roughly 15%, and almost doubled the number of travelers from the prior year. These increased numbers brought in additional comps on many of our trips, which is always our biggest source of income. We also need to credit our VP of trips for constantly renegotiating trip contracts and securing more favorable terms for the Club. In the end, all of our trips were in the black, with the Bahamas trip earning \$2,735.50 (mostly in additional comps), Crested Butte \$255, Empire Tour \$5,143.83 (3%) income, and Russia bringing in \$11,920.54. This number was very significantly helped by the fact that Cathy Stahlmann took over as trip leader for Russia, while still paying for the trip in its entirety, thus pushing up our income to 7%. The FSC trip to Telluride reached 48 skiers, again garnering additional comps and generating \$12,952.28. Our Vail trip was equally successful with 43 skiers and bringing in \$10,992.71 in income. Finally, our trip to Las Vegas managed to earn \$1,342.57 for the treasury. Frankly, the trips are the backbone of our Club. Not purely in the financial sense, but mostly in the building of friendships, sharing of incredible experiences and getting to know people. This is where the friendships are made, and this is why members keep coming back.

## **Conclusion**

As I am sure you have gathered, we have had two excellent years, with 2009/10 being even better than 08/09. We have significantly improved our treasury, we have streamlined and greatly improved the infrastructure, we have boosted our number of travelers, and we have appreciably increased our number of skiers. Our only shortcoming was our failure to boost the membership ranks, but perhaps holding our ground isn't all that bad. It was my pleasure and privilege to work with our Executive Committee and Board of Directors, trip leaders and volunteers. I am forever richer for the experience and I cherish the friendships I have made in the Club over the last 25 years. I am hoping that handing over the Club in excellent condition will make it possible for many to enjoy the camaraderie, the travel, the skiing and everything we do for many more years to come.

*George Ondricek, MSC Past President*



# SPAIN & MOROCCO

## WITH PORTUGAL EXTENSION

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THE LATEST CHAPTER IN MIAMI SKI CLUB'S ONGOING SERIES OF EPIC JOURNEYS  
DEPARTING MIAMI ON MAY 13, 2011 AND RETURNING ON MAY 28, OR JUNE 1, IF DOING PORTUGAL

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Continuing with the legacy of unforgettable journeys to the far corners of the world, we are proud to bring you this fantastic trip to Southern Spain and Morocco. As we have gotten accustomed, this will once again be a luxurious trip, offering magical tours, fabulous banquets and exotic locations.

The focus of this trip is the exploration of the exotic North African history and culture, and its influence around the Mediterranean Sea. And what better place to start, than Granada, Andalusia! The city's history dates back to the days of the Greeks in 5th century BC, then continues as a Roman colony, which eventually became occupied by the Moors in the first century. In the 16th century, the city was surrendered to the Catholics, but the treaty allowed the Muslims to live and worship freely. This mixture of cultures created some very unique architecture in a magical setting, which is Southern Spain today, and ours to explore.

On the third day, we will move on to the ancient city of Cordoba, which in it's day ruled most of the Iberian Peninsula. The splendor of that era is still preserved in the historical center, which we will pay a visit to. Moving on to another ancient city, we will spend two nights in Seville, which should be on anyone's list of places to visit. Among other sites, we will visit the Cathedral, Casa de Pilatos and Royal Alcazar.

On May 18, we will take a fast ferry from Algeciras to Morocco on the African continent, where the real adventure begins. We will start our explorations in Tangier, then move on to Rabat, which is Morocco's second largest city, and its capital. The incredibly rich history starts in the third century BC. The settlement in 40 AD became a Roman colony and later transferred to Muslim rule. In the 17th century, Rabat became a republic run by the Barbary pirates, who's rule endured until the beginning of the 19th century. Later, in

the 20th century, the city became a French protectorate, which left a very strong cultural and architectural presence.

From there, we will move on to Marrakesh, bordering the Sahara desert and surrounded by majestic mountains. As you can imagine, we will do our best to tour the bazaars and immerse ourselves in this exotic culture. Our next stop will be Quarzazate, called by the Arabs "the Door to the Desert". Filled with markets and trading posts, Quarzazate is also a major film industry location. Once there, you will understand why!

The following day will take us more on an exploration of nature, visiting the Todra Gorge and Merzouga Dunes. This is bound to be one of the most memorable night of the journey, as we will be overnighing at the Bivouac tented Berber Camp (in utmost luxury, of course). The next day, we will go on a sunrise camel ride through the Merzouga Dunes, before moving on to Fez, one of the most fascinating cities in Morocco. The city was populated by tribes from all parts of North Africa, as well as the Jews, along with the European influence. After being conquered by the Ottomans, the city took on a decidedly Muslim flavor. In the 19th century, the French assumed control of the city, and the cultural tide shifted once again. Needless to say, the city has one of the most interesting makeups, just begging for you to use up all the memory in your camera!

Our final destination will be a brief stay in Casablanca, which is one of the most modern cities in Morocco, while still preserving it's historical charm in parts of the city. Here, we will hop on to a quick flight back to Madrid, Spain. While in Madrid, we will take advantage of what the city has to offer and tour this beautiful town. Our last night of the main portion of the trip will be spent in Madrid, before departing for Miami.

For those of us with a thirst for even more adventure a major change in venue, we will take a flight to Lisbon, where we will spend the next four days exploring Northern Portugal. Our stops will include Nazare, described as Portugal's most picturesque fishing village. Then in Batalha, we will visit the abbey, which is considered as one of Europe's Gothic masterpieces. Built in the 14th century to give thanks for a military victory against the Castilians, it dominates the city to this day.

Our next stop will be the town of Fatima, named after a 12th century Moorish princess who was captured by the Reconquista, converted to Christianity

and married the Count of Ourem. The city is also known for religious visions which reportedly took place here in 1917. From there, we will pay a visit to the incredibly picturesque town of Ponte de Lima, with a magnificent Roman bridge against the backdrop of the mountains.

The towns of Braga and Guimaraes are also on our list of places to visit. This part of the journey will have a much more intimate flavor, exploring smaller and less frequented gems. Portugal not only has a very rich naval and colonial history, but it is also home to some of Europe's most romantic small towns. Don't pass up this opportunity!

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### TRIP INCLUDES:

A pre-trip party; all air and ground transportation costs, all breakfasts, most lunches and dinners, luggage transfers, current (at the time of booking) taxes; private guides for the entire trip, all entrance fees, all tips for Morocco portion, free admission to Springfest 2011 and a memory of a life time.

### SPAIN & MOROCCO TRIP PRICING:

**\$5,995** per person, double occupancy  
\$4,780 double occupancy, if providing your own air  
\$8,155 per person, single occupancy  
\$6,940 single occupancy, if providing your own air

**\$3,000 initial payment, Spain & Morocco**

(\$3,750 with Portugal extension)  
due at time of signing up for trip;  
single supplements due with initial payment.

**\$2,995 final payment, Spain & Morocco**

(\$3,720 with Portugal extension)  
due by February 5, 2011  
Land only deducted from final payment.

### PORTUGAL EXTENSION PRICING:

**\$1,475** per person, double occupancy  
\$2,255 per person, single occupancy

All prices quoted with a cash/check discount; if paying by credit card, 3% will be added by vendor. Credit card payment form available on our web site.

### TRIP REQUIREMENTS:

Current Miami Ski Club membership  
Completely filled out and signed:  
Morocco Trip Application form and the Supplemental Terms and Conditions form. Forms will be available at the sign-up, or can be downloaded from the [miamiskiclub.com](http://miamiskiclub.com) web site when available. You will also need to provide two photocopies of your passport with second payment.

### VISAS:

No visas required for US citizens.

**As always, trip insurance is strongly advised.**

### AIR SCHEDULE:

Trip departs from Miami via Iberia/American Airlines. Prices quoted with current taxes, which may increase by time of ticketing. Any additional taxes or fuel surcharges (if any) will be the responsibility of each traveler.

**May 13: 5:05 PM** depart Miami, flight #6122

May 14: 7:40 AM arrive in Madrid, Spain

**9:30 AM** depart Madrid, Iberia #224

10:35 AM arrive Malaga, Spain

**May 27: 11:00 AM** depart Casablanca, Iberia #3703

2:35 PM arrive in Madrid, Spain

**May 28: 12:00 PM** depart Madrid, flight #6123

3:30 PM arrive in Miami

Portugal extension flights:

**May 28: 11:40 AM** depart Madrid, Iberia #3100

11:55 AM arrive Lisbon, Portugal

**June 1: 8:35 PM** depart Lisbon, Iberia #3107

10:45 AM arrive in Madrid, Spain

**12:00 PM** depart Madrid, flight #6123

3:30 PM arrive in Miami

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Trip leader: **George Ondricek (305) 234-7344** or via e-mail: [Morocco@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:Morocco@miamiskiclub.net).

Mail applications and payments to:  
George Ondricek, 17145 SW 80 Ct, Miami, FL 33157

# Alaska You betcha!

July 20 – 29, 2011

Includes two nights in Vancouver  
**OPTIONAL DENALI PARK July 29 – August 2**



Join other Florida Ski Council clubs as we turn the luxurious Radiance of the Seas into a Floridian party ship. The Miami Ski Club trip starts with two nights in Vancouver to explore and participate in an optional tour of Victoria Island. We will then transfer to the ship and meet the FSC group for a wonderful seven night cruise along the inside passage. Port stops include **Ketchikan** - 'Salmon Capital of the World', **Juneau** -America's most charmingly situated capital with the state's most accessible Glacier, Mendenhall, **Skagway** - a genuine 19<sup>th</sup> century Gold Rush town, **Icy Strait Point** - with plenty of endangered humpback whales, **Hubbard Glacier** - longest tidewater Glacier in Alaska with an open face over six miles wide, **Seward** - where we will disembark. We will be transported by motor coach to Anchorage for the return flight home. There are numerous shore excursions you can participate in. This trip is like a 'menu'. You can keep it at the basic starting price, or 'order' all the enhancements you would like.

**Optional Denali Park Extension** will provide three additional days of adventure. We will explore Anchorage. You can visit the Native Heritage Museum - which houses one of the only 'Smithsonian' exhibitions outside of Washington-, see native Eskimo cultures, and go for a 'Magic Bus' ride that takes you on a pub crawl. The next morning we will board a unique glass-domed train for our transfer to Denali National Park. We will stay two nights at the McKinley Chalet and participate in the Tundra Tour, to experience the beauty of Denali and watch the animals that call this park home. Other things of interest in Alaska include No Sales Tax, gorgeous Alaskan yellow diamonds -unique to this area, and a variety of reasonably priced furs.

**Package:** Prices are per person double occupancy. Prices include all meals and snacks aboard the ship, round trip air from Miami, transfers, air taxes, fuel surcharges, port charges and cruise taxes, pre and post trip parties and admission to our annual Springfest event. *Prices may be subject to change due to flight changes and any other events beyond our control. Airline baggage fees are not included in the package.*

	<u>Double Occupancy</u>	<u>Single Occupancy</u>	
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<b>305-807-1098</b>	<b>Denali excursion:</b>	<b>\$ 905</b>	<b>\$1,268</b>

**Radiance of the Seas NB**

# Day-by-Day

## Day 1

Nestled into the craggy northern Pacific coastline, green, clean, safe, affluent and happily multicultural, this is Vancouver. Today, metropolitan Vancouver has two million residents, including roughly half a million people of Chinese and South Indian ancestry. The city now looks east to the Orient as often as it looks back to Europe or south to the United States, its biggest trading partner. Embark in Vancouver.

## Day 2

Alaska's Inside Passage is awash with pristine water mountain views. A cruise among the fjords and islands takes you into prime habitat for bald eagles, sea lions, and whales. The Inside Passage is home to the totem poles of the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian Indians, and Russian settlers, as well as prospectors, lumberjacks, and fishermen. All have added to the tapestry of this area's history. Cruise the Inside Passage.

## Day 3

Misty Ketchikan, the rainiest town in southeast Alaska, is known as the "Salmon Capital of the World." The town offers the perfect blend of activities: spend the morning kayaking in Misty Fjords or hiking up Deer Mountain, then spend the afternoon poking in and out of fantastic galleries and shops. Port of call Ketchikan.

## Day 4

Juneau is often described as America's most charmingly situated state capital. It's wise to note that the references refer to the surrounded-by-nature (mountains and ocean) aspect of the city. The only way in or out of town is by air or sea. No roads lead to Juneau. Juneau offers a wide range of shore side activities, including the state's most accessible glacier -- Mendenhall, an immense 12-mile long river of ice. Port of call Juneau.

## Day 5

The immensely walk-able Skagway has largely been restored to its late 19th century Gold Rush roots, complete with false-fronted buildings and wooden sidewalks. Skagway is an easy walking town. Port of call Skagway.

## Day 6

Visit the waters of the Icy Strait area in the summer and there's a good chance you'll see endangered humpback whales gorging themselves on their annual northern feast of plankton. The whales, as well as other marine mammals, are drawn by the biological richness of these waters a result of a particular conjunction of warm Gulf of Alaska currents, complex shorelines and bottom topography, and extreme tidal energy. Cruise the Icy Strait.

## Day 7

Hubbard Glacier stretches 122 km (76 mi) to the sea at Yakutat Bay and Disenchantment Bay. It is the longest tidewater glacier in Alaska, with an open calving face over ten kilometers (six miles) wide. Before it reaches the sea, Hubbard is joined by the Valerie Glacier to the west, which, through forward surges of its own ice, has contributed to the advance of the ice flow. Cruise Hubbard Glacier.

## Day 8

Seward, Alaska is a port city and an alpine resort town. Imagine a sparkling body of water, Resurrection Bay, with towering mountains lining its shores. Mt. Marathon, where the famous Fourth of July race is held, lies in front of the Harding Icefield which extends down the coast. Marine life abounds, eagles and seabirds fill the air, and mountain goats, bear and moose, all inhabit the surrounding forest. Disembark in Seward.

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POST-CRUISE TOUR  
DENALI EXTENSION

JULY 29TH-AUGUST 2nd, 2011

\$905.00\* PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$1,268 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY

## TOUR PRICE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING FEATURES:

- ⊙ Motor coach transfer from Seward, (disembarkation point) to Anchorage
- ⊙ 1 night accommodations at the Westmark Hotel, (or similar) in Anchorage
- ⊙ Transfer from Anchorage hotel to Anchorage Rail Station
- ⊙ Transfer from Anchorage to Denali aboard the luxury glass dome rail cars (8:15am-3:45pm)  
– breakfast & lunch available for purchase onboard train not included in package price
- ⊙ Transfer from Denali rail station to Denali McKinley Chalet Resort or similar
- ⊙ 2 night's accommodations in Denali at the 3 star McKinley Chalet Resort or similar
- ⊙ Tundra Wilderness Tour :  
6-8 hours tour into Denali National Park, offering scenic views of the park's landscape and Mt. McKinley and the wildlife who call Denali Park home – bears, caribou, Dall sheep, moose, wolves
- ⊙ Box Lunch on Wilderness Tour
- ⊙ Transfer from Denali hotel to Denali rail station to board the luxury glass dome rail cars for Denali to Anchorage transfer (12:40pm-8:00pm) – meals available for purchase onboard train not included in package price
- ⊙ Transfer from Anchorage rail station to Anchorage Airport

## DAY TO DAY ITINERARY:

**JULY 29TH:** disembark and board transfer to Anchorage between 8-9am (subject to change).

Overnight in Anchorage at the Westmark Hotel or similar.

**JULY 30TH:** Transfer from the Anchorage hotel to Anchorage rail station to board the luxury glass dome rail cars to Denali, (8:15am-3:45pm). Breakfast & lunch is available for purchase onboard the train, but is not included in the tour package price. Transfer from Denali rail station to Denali McKinley Chalet Resort or similar for first overnight.

**JULY 31ST:** Tundra Wilderness Tour is approximately 6-8 hours in length and departs in the morning between the hours of 5:30-7:30am; returning back to the hotel between 12:30-2pm. Departure times are not assigned in advance and can be arranged once group is in Denali. Box lunch is included. Free afternoon & evening to explore at your leisure.

**AUG 1ST:** Transfer Denali hotel to Denali rail station to board the luxury glass dome rail cars to Anchorage approx 12:40pm-8pm. There is a dining car where food is available for purchase and wonderful views of the scenery, weather permitting. Airport shuttle from rail station to Anchorage Airport

## NOTES ON PRICES:

\*Price is subject to change due to availability at time of booking

\*Airfare will increase by \$25 plus any additional airfare for deviation on Alaska Air; price is subject to availability

\*Extra nights in Anchorage at the Hilton or Ramada are available for an extra cost

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