Phillips Cruises & Tours, LLC

Getting there is half the fun! 2016 SEASON

Here are some tips that make travel to Whittier successful and enjoyable. Many guests drive to Whittier, while others travel by rail or coach. Please review the information that best relates to your mode of transportation. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Driving to Whittier? Please allow 1.5 hours to drive from Anchorage to Whittier on the Seward Highway. Near Milepost 79, you will pass the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center on your right. In a very short distance you will make a left turn onto the Whittier – Portage Glacier road. Continue for approximately 10 minutes toward the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel. Please be advised that speeds are regularly checked along this road so be careful to obey the speed limit.

What is the Anton Anderson Tunnel?
Every guest coming to Whittier will travel through North America’s longest shared rail and car tunnel which operates on a timed schedule allowing one-way traffic through the tunnel. A round-trip fee is collected when vehicles go to Whittier. The tunnel to access Whittier is open at 30 minutes past the hour. To depart Whittier, the tunnel is open on the hour. Tunnel fares run $13.00 for vehicles under 28’ and $22-$38 for vehicles over 28’. Details at www.dot.state.ak.us/creg/whittiertunnel.

26 Glacier Cruise:  
9:00 AM Depart Anchorage  
10:30 AM Tunnel to Whittier  
12:30 PM Cruise Departs

Glacier Quest Cruise:  
10:00 AM Depart Anchorage  
11:30 AM Tunnel to Whittier  
1:00 PM Cruise Departs

Sunset Glacier Cruise:  
5:00 PM Depart Anchorage  
6:30 PM Tunnel to Whittier  
7:15 PM Cruise Departs

How to find us in Whittier? Our ticket office and boarding area is located at the first Marina you encounter and will be on the left approximately one mile after exiting the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel. Our ticket office has a red roof with a big yellow triangle sign on it.

Where to park in Whittier? Please allow 1.5 hours to drive from Anchorage to Whittier on the Seward Highway. Near Milepost 79, you will pass the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center on your right. In a very short distance you will make a left turn onto the Whittier – Portage Glacier road. Continue for approximately 10 minutes toward the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel. Please be advised that speeds are regularly checked along this road so be careful to obey the speed limit.

Already have your reservations? Guests with reservations may proceed directly to check-in under the blue awning at our shoreside observation deck and ticket booth to receive boarding cards and a seat map. Please have picture ID ready.

Need tickets?
Our cruises sell out quickly during peak season and cell phone coverage can be intermittent along the Seward Highway. We strongly urge guests to purchase tickets prior to arriving in Whittier. Reservation agents are available 7AM – 8PM during the summer at 907-276-8023. Winter hours 8AM – 5PM, Monday – Friday.
Welcome Aboard!

We strive to ensure your comfort and exceed your expectations by providing a smooth cruise featuring personalized narration, professional and courteous crew and top quality vessels to explore the pristine wilderness, magnificent glaciers and playful wildlife of Prince William Sound.

Lots to learn from U.S. Forest Service Rangers: U.S. Forest Service Rangers join us on the 26 Glacier Cruise and the Glacier Quest Cruise to provide narration about the history, Native people, World War II, geology, glaciers and wildlife in Prince William Sound. Children can participate in the Junior Ranger program and receive a Junior Ranger badge from a U.S. Forest Service Ranger upon completion of the program. Captains and crew provide the narration for the Sunset Glacier Cruise.

Complimentary Beverages: Hot coffee and tea, along with ice water are complimentary at self-service stations on each deck. The main deck galley features a full service bar where you may rent binoculars for the day or purchase snacks, cocktails, souvenirs and a variety of non-alcoholic beverages. Under State Law, it is illegal to bring your own liquor aboard. If traveling with children, we recommend bringing extra snacks and comfort items.

Complimentary Hot Meal: Shortly after departing the harbor, we serve a complimentary hot lunch at your reserved seat. 1. Fish Basket with Panko Crusted Baked Wild Alaska Cod, Alaska Chip Company potato chips and our own delicious coleslaw. 2. Chicken Basket with white meat chicken breast tenderloin strips, Alaska Chip Company potato chips and coleslaw. 3. Vegetarian / Gluten Free broccoli cheddar bake served with coleslaw and a rice pudding cup. Kids age 2-11 may choose an option above or enjoy a meal with an all-beef hot dog, fruit cup and Alaska Chip Company potato chips.

No Seasickness Guarantee: Prince William Sound is naturally protected from the strong currents found in the Gulf of Alaska by a series of barrier islands. We cruise in the western side of Prince William Sound through narrow passages and glacier lined fjords. The seas are generally calm in the fjords and our vessels are catamarans providing extra stability for a smooth and comfortable cruise.

Clothing: The weather in Alaska is very dynamic and changes throughout the day. We recommend wearing layered, informal clothing and comfortable non-skid shoes. It is also a good idea to pack a wind and water repellent jacket, sunglasses, a warm hat and gloves. Don’t forget your camera or smart phone!

Children: Our busy crew members appreciate conscientious parents that ensure the safety of their children and comfort of other passengers. Due to limited storage, it is recommended that strollers be left in vehicles. Baby changing stations are available on board. Bring extra formula, diapers and baby wipes.

Homeland Security: Weapons of any kind are prohibited on board. Coolers, luggage and large hand carry bags are not permitted. Backpacks and carry-ons are subject to search.

Change and Cancellation Policies
Changes made to a confirmed reservation are subject to a $25.00 change fee.

Phillips Cruises & Tours and The Magic Bus coach service
8 or more days: A $25.00 fee for changes or cancellations.
7 to 2 days: A 25% fee for changes or cancellation.
48 hours: No refunds are available for changes or cancellations.

Alaska Railroad Corporation
8 or more days before travel: A $25.00 change or cancellation fee.
7 days or less before travel: No refunds are available for changes or cancellations.

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