

## Portage Glacier Cruise Tour

Depart Anchorage for a 1-hour drive south of Anchorage, traveling along the breathtaking Turnagain Arm; famous for its unusual bore tide. This drive has been voted one of the Top Ten Most Scenic Drives in America by Conde Nast Traveler magazine. Watch for eagles, Dall sheep, moose and perhaps some Beluga Whales feeding on Hooligan. Spend your afternoon enjoying the Portage Valley and a Portage Glacier Cruise. First you'll visit Portage where the 1964 earthquake caused the land to drop between 6 and 12 feet along the Turnagain Arm. High tides flooded the area, forcing the estimated 50 to 100 residents of Portage to move. Rustic old buildings and Ghost Forests are visible signs of remains by the invading saltwater. You will then travel down Portage Glacier Road into Portage Valley. Glaciers from an earlier period carved the steep mountain slopes in this magnificent valley. Explorer Glacier can be seen high on the mountain, and a stop will be made to take pictures. Once in the valley you will get to visit Begich Boggs Visitor Center to see the glaciology exhibits. From the center you will be able to see Portage Lake and icebergs that have calved from the Portage Glacier. This lake was created from the recession of Portage Glacier. Enjoy a short walk along the shore of the lake to see icebergs up close. After exploring the center get ready for a Glacier Cruise that will take you face to face to an active fresh water calving glacier. Board the M/V Ptarmigan for an unforgettable one hour cruise across iceberg-dotted Portage Lake. Take a seat in the enclosed lounge or on the open-air observation deck. This one-hour up-close-and personal glacier cruise brings you to the face of Portage Glacier. Narrated by a forest service representative, the cruise is informative and breathtakingly beautiful. Gaze up at this ancient wall of ice and witness it "calving," or sloughing off icebergs with its movements. Afterwards enjoy a quick ride over to Girdwood, where you will have the opportunity to purchase a ticket to enjoy a Alyeska Tramway ride. View magnificent peaks and breathtaking scenery as it ascends Mt. Alyeska to 2,300 feet above the valley floor. Upon arrival at the top of Mt. Alyeska relax and enjoy lunch while taking in the spectacular views. This fabulous tour will leave you with many memories and photos to take back to share with your relatives and friends!

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## Portage Glacier Cruise Tour (Continued)

### Option # 1 – With Transfer

**Tour Includes:** Roundtrip Narrated Transfers, 1-Hour Portage Glacier Cruise, and Logistics Staff Coordination.

**Daily Departures From Anchorage:** Departs Hilton Anchorage at 9:00AM and Returns to Hotel at 4:00PM **OR** Departs Hilton Anchorage at 12:00PM and Returns to Hotel at 7:00PM.

**Note:** Optional Tram Ride available at an additional cost. Lunch is on your own or may be purchased in addition to the tram ride.

### Option # 2 – Without Transfer

**Tour Includes:** 1-Hour Portage Glacier Cruise, and Logistics Staff Coordination.

**Daily Departures From Portage:** Cruise Departs at 10:30AM, 12:00PM, 1:30PM, 3:00PM and 4:30PM.



## Six-Mile Whitewater Rafting Hope, Alaska

You will depart Anchorage for a 1½-hour drive traveling along the breathtaking Turnagain Arm, famous for its unusual bore tide. This drive has been voted one of the Top Ten Most Scenic Drives in America by Conde Nast Magazine. Be sure to watch for eagles, Dall sheep and moose during your trip to Hope. Try to include enough time to stop and take pictures at one of the many rest stops along the way. Once in Hope you will embark on a wonderful adventure. The clear water, lush vegetation and high canyon walls; combined with some of the most challenging whitewater in North America make this tour worthwhile. The Six-Mile Creek has three canyon segments, which are as beautiful as they are thrilling. The first two canyons are a challenging Class IV and a good warm up for the third and most challenging Class V. You can choose from two different trips – Canyons 1 & 2 or all three.

### Option #1 (Canyons 1 & 2)

**Tour Includes:** 1½-Hours of Guided Whitewater Rafting, Life Jackets, Dry Suits, Neoprene Gloves, Boots, Helmet and Logistics Staff Coordination.

**Daily Departure From Hope:** Departs at 9:00AM and Returns at 11:00AM **OR** Departs at 2:00PM and Returns at 4:00PM.

### Option #2 (Canyons 1, 2 & 3)

**Tour Includes:** 3½ to 4-Hours of Guided Whitewater Rafting, Life Jackets, Dry Suits, Neoprene Gloves, Boots, Helmet, and Logistics Staff Coordination.

**Daily Departure From Hope:** Departs at 9:00AM and Returns at 1:00PM **OR** Departs at 2:00PM and Returns at 6:00PM.

**Note:** Transportation is on your own. To request a rental car please fill out information on registration form.

