

The following information will be of assistance in planning your trip to Alaska. Please accept this informal way of answering your inquiry as time does not allow us to reply individually to all who write.

SCHEDULES

May 17, 1981, through September 20, 1981:

Daily:

Train No. 2 (Denali Express)

Depart Anchorage	8:30 a.m.
Arrive Denali Park	2:30 p.m.
Depart Denali Park	2:45 p.m.
Arrive Fairbanks	6:15 p.m.

Train No. 1 (Anchorage Express)

Depart Fairbanks	10:30 a.m.
Arrive Denali Park	1:45 p.m.
Depart Denali Park	2:00 p.m.
Arrive Anchorage	8:15 p.m.

Both of the above trains travel non-stop between Anchorage and Denali National Park (formerly Mt. McKinley National Park), with scenic dome cars and comfortable, reclining seats. Full dining and beverage service is available. Reservations are required.

Train No. 4:

Operates on Saturday, Monday,
and Thursday, northbound.

Depart Anchorage	9:45 a.m.
Arrive Denali Park	4:15 p.m.
Depart Denali Park	4:25 p.m.
Arrive Fairbanks	8:15 p.m.

Train No. 3:

Operates on Sunday, Tuesday, and
Friday, southbound.

Depart Fairbanks	11:30 a.m.
Arrive Denali Park	2:45 p.m.
Depart Denali Park	3:00 p.m.
Arrive Anchorage	10:15 p.m.

Trains No. 4 and 3 make all stops, including flag stops, and are ideal for back-packers, fishermen, and mountain climbers. Baggage service is available. Food and beverages are served. Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more persons.

Prior to May 17, 1981, and after September 20, 1981, one train per week will operate between Anchorage and Fairbanks or Fairbanks and Anchorage. Departure from Anchorage is at 9:00 a.m. each Saturday morning, arriving in Fairbanks at 8:55 p.m. The return trip leaves Fairbanks at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning, arriving in Anchorage at 8:40 p.m.

Reservations are definitely required for the Express trains. Any change in the number of people traveling should be made at least two weeks in advance. Tickets may be purchased the morning of your departure from Ticket Agents in Anchorage, Fairbanks, or at Denali Park with either cash, check, or money order. Credit cards are not accepted by The Alaska Railroad in payment for transportation charges.

Ferry Service: The Alaska Marine Highway offers direct passenger/vehicle ferry service between Seattle, Washington or Prince Rupert, B.C. and Skagway, Alaska with stops at Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Sitka, Juneau and Haines. For more information and reservations write the Alaska Marine Highway, Division of Marine Transportation, Pouch R, Juneau, AK 99811.

Road and bus connections from Haines and Skagway, Alaska to Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska:

HAINES: Alaska Yukon Motor Coaches connects with the Alaska Marine Highway at Haines, Alaska, traveling to Anchorage with a stop-over at Tok, Alaska. Write them at Fourth & Battery Bldg., Suite 555, Seattle, WA 98121 or at 327 F Street, Anchorage, AK 99501 for reservations and schedule information.

SKAGWAY: The White Pass and Yukon Railroad operates passenger/vehicle service between Skagway, Alaska and Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada. This scenic 111 mile railroad follows the route of the gold rush trail of '98. Write to them for reservations at Box 2147, Seattle, WA 98111. (When traveling south it offers an easy way of reaching the Alaska Marine Highway.)

WHITEHORSE: From Whitehorse you may either fly or join the Alcan Highway by auto or by bus. Alaskan Coachways operates scheduled service between Whitehorse and Fairbanks with stop-over at Tok, Alaska. Alaskan Coachways also serves various Canadian cities south of Whitehorse. Write them at 208 Wendell, Fairbanks, AK 99701, or

Alaska Yukon Motor Coaches also offers routes including Whitehorse, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Tok, Skagway.

There are no continuous rail connections between Alaska and the Continental United States or Canada for passengers.

WHITTIER: The rail service between Anchorage or Portage and Whittier, Alaska is operated jointly by The Alaska Railroad and the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation. During the summer months, departures from Portage are timed to meet arrivals and departures of the vessels operated by the Alaska Marine Highway (M.V. Bartlett) which connects Whittier with the city of Valdez, Alaska. (See Ferry Service for address.)

Columbia Glacier Cruises, a privately owned firm, also operates a vessel between Whittier and Valdez, with a close look at the Columbia Glacier. Write them for reservations at Box 34, Anchorage, AK 99510.

Fares for the rail trip between Portage and Whittier are as follows:

\$18.75 one-way, standard vehicles, including the operator
\$3.50 one-way, each passenger in the vehicle
\$3.50 one-way, foot passengers from Portage to Whittier

Denali National Park Tours:

1. The National Park Service provides free shuttle bus service through the entire Park at 30 minute intervals, leaving from either Riley Creek Campground or McKinley Park Station. Schedules may be obtained upon arrival at the Park.
2. Outdoor World Ltd. operates an 8 hour wildlife tour departing McKinley Park Station hotel at either 6:00 a.m. or 3:00 p.m. daily. The 6:00 a.m. tour returns to the Depot in time for train connections. Reservations are required for these tours. There is a fee charged by the operator of these tours.

NOTE: McKinley Village has scheduled shuttle service to McKinley Park Station for wildlife tours and Park activities.

For information about other camping areas and the shuttle bus service, contact Denali National Park, Superintendent Office, P. O. Box 9, McKinley Park, AK 99755.

BAGGAGE

Personal baggage on the train is limited to 150 pounds, not exceeding three (3) pieces per adult ticket; or, 75 pounds, not exceeding two (2) pieces per child's half-fare ticket.

Excess baggage is available at an additional charge.

Pets may be transported if they are suitably confined in cages or travel carriers such as used on the airlines. Charges are assessed at excess baggage rates. Rental carriers are available at \$3.00 each.

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT ALASKA, BUT -

Whether you plan to travel by air, ship, or motor vehicle, one or more of the following are a must for all visitors to Alaska:

Alaska Travel Guide:	National Distribution Offices, Dept. A Box 21038, Salt Lake City, UT 84121
The Milepost:	Box 4-EEE, Anchorage, AK 99509
Lou Jacobin's Guide To Alaska	Far North Publishing Co., Inc. 1426 Maple Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90015
World's of Alaska & the Yukon	State of Alaska, Division of Tourism, Pouch E, Juneau, AK 99811

There is a charge for all of the above publications, except "World's of Alaska & the Yukon" which is published through a cooperative marketing program of the State of Alaska and private industry within the state.

All of these publications include area maps, access routes through British Columbia and Alaska, ferry schedules and rates, mile-by-mile highway logs, side trips, campground locations, customs requirements, food costs, etc.