

Dear NAWJ Alaskan Cruise Shipmate,

I look forward to welcoming you to my beautiful state and home for the past 35 years: Alaska! You are in for a treat. I “cruised” the Inside Passage on the Alaska State Ferry in June of 1976, on my way to a clerkship with the Alaska Supreme Court. I fell in love with Alaska and never left. The sheer beauty of Alaska will astound you, and our local judges in Ketchikan and Juneau have provided the attached list of sights, shops, restaurants, and things to do while you are in port. And Glacier Bay will be a peak experience. Alaska’s Chief Justice - and NAWJ member - Walter ‘Bud’ Carpeneti and his wife, Annie, will be accompanying us onboard, and our Anchorage and Palmer NAWJ members will be joining us at the reception at my home in Anchorage. So we are excited to welcome you to our amazing state. I look forward to seeing you on the ship.

Warmly (even if it may be a bit chilly on deck),

Dana

NAWJ Cruise Information:

Embarkation times

Embarkation times are printed on the Signature Preferred Boarding Pass page in your Express Docs, which you can print out after completing Online Check-in. Generally, early embarkation will commence at 11:30am.

Start online check-in early

For your convenience, and to expedite your departure, we encourage you to start the process as soon as possible. During online check-in, you can securely submit your Immigration, Disembarkation and credit card registration forms. In order to have the most accurate information available onboard your ship, please complete the online check-in process at least 30 days prior to your departure.

<http://www.hollandamerica.com>

NAWJ Hospitality Desk

NAWJ would like to welcome you on Monday, May 23rd from 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. at the NAWJ Hospitality Desk. The desk is located at Hospitality Desk 2.

Dinner Onboard the Ship

All NAWJ attendees are reserved in the Main Upper Dining Room for the 8pm seating. There is assigned seating for the Sunday dinner but after that feel free to mix and mingle at the reserved NAWJ tables. Once onboard, you may also wish to make a reservation for dinner at one of the separate restaurants (Pinnacle Grill, which has an extra charge or Caneletto, an Italian restaurant without any extra charge).

Dress Code

Daily life aboard ship and in ports of call is laid-back and casual. Holland America encourages you to wear whatever makes you feel most comfortable-sportswear, shorts, slacks, and so on. You will be encountering some chilly weather, so Dana suggests casual clothes that can be easily layered, along with a raincoat and waterproof hat or umbrella and gloves. You'll want to pack an extra layer or two so that you aren't cold. You'll also want comfortable shoes for walking. You may wish to bring a swimsuit -our ship has a pool and whirlpools. Holland America asks that guests wear shoes and a cover-up over a bathing suit when walking through the interior of the ship.

Evening dress falls into three distinct categories. Each night a daily program will be delivered to your stateroom announcing the suggested dress for the following evening. Comfortable, relaxed clothing is fine for day, but T-shirts, jeans, swimsuits, tank tops and shorts are not allowed during the evening in the dining room, Lido restaurant, or public areas. During informal nights, business casual/smart casual (tie optional) is standard.

On festive formal evenings, women usually wear cocktail dresses and men usually wear a jacket and tie or business suit for the Alaska cruises (tuxedos are rare in Alaska.) There are approximately two formal nights per week.

Gratuity

Holland America, which many years ago maintained a "no tipping necessary" policy, is now more in line with other cruise lines. The line automatically adds \$11 per person, per day to onboard accounts, which is then shared among waiters, stewards and other service personnel. That amount can be adjusted in either direction by visiting the front desk. A 15 percent gratuity is automatically added to bar bills; note that gratuities are not automatically tacked on to spa treatments.

Yoga Information

Private NAWJ Yoga classes have been arranged during the cruise (see the detailed conference agenda for more information). If you wish to participate in this activity please bring your own yoga mat --and a yoga strap or cloth belt to help you with the poses!

Private Party Information

On Monday and Saturday evenings, NAWJ will be hosting private cocktail parties onboard for all NAWJ Conference Registrants (see the detailed conference agenda for more information).

Juneau reception:

During our visit to Juneau, the Juneau Judges and Bar would like to welcome us with a reception from 5:30-7:00p.m. The reception will be held in the Treadwell Room at the top of the historic Baranof Hotel, which is walking distance from our ship. The room has a wall of windows with a fabulous view of downtown Juneau and the waterfront. No Host Bar.

Disembarkation and Bus Information

On Sunday, May 29th, all passengers will disembark the ship. NAWJ will have two buses onsite to transport all NAWJ attendees to Anchorage. We anticipate the buses will depart Seward by about 8:00 a.m. and arrive at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage by 11:30 a.m. For any attendees on the Holland Land Tour staying at another hotel, the buses will drop you off after unloading at the Hotel Captain Cook.

Anchorage Arrival and Activity Information

We will have two activities available during the afternoon in Anchorage: 1) a guided shopping tour of downtown Anchorage and 2) a bus tour of the city. Dana also recommends the Anchorage Museum, which is about a mile walk from the Captain Cook Hotel.

Justice Fabe Reception Information

On Sunday evening all NAWJ Conference Attendees will enjoy a reception and dinner hosted by Justice Dana Fabe. Buses will board at the Hotel Captain Cook at 5:15 p.m. and depart at 5:30 p.m. This event will be casual dress, and we hope to spend some of the evening out on Dana's deck overlooking Cook Inlet if the weather cooperates. It may be chilly, so dress accordingly. Buses will board to return to the Hotel Captain Cook at 8:30 p.m.

Red Eye Passenger Information

For any attendees departing ANC on Sunday night (red eye), a bus will depart the Hotel Captain Cook for the airport at about 9 p.m., after the guests staying at the hotel have gotten off after returning from the reception at Justice Fabe's home. For these passengers who are leaving on a red eye flight, please bring your luggage with you to the reception. We will identify one bus for this so that all luggage is on the same bus. We are working on a place at the Captain Cook Hotel for you to store your baggage during the day.