

Cruising Alaska from June 29th to July 20th

Yes, we are finally back!! It has been an extremely busy time frame with cruise preparations as well as catching up with home tasks and personal care, upon our return. The cruises have been worth the extra work for sure! This cruise has been special, since we were joined by Kevin and his girlfriend, Maria on the second back to back cruise to Alaska. We all looked forward to this adventure. Kevin & Maria joined us on July 19th, for the 2nd ‘Back to Back Cruise.’ Bob & I were on the ship from June 29th to July 20th.

The pictures below were taken while docked at the ship’s first stop, *Icy Strait Point*, which is part of the town of *Hoonah* located on *Chichagof Island*. This location is the *only private cruise ship destination in Alaska*.



After 2 sea days, the *Ruby Princess* docked at Icy Strait Point on July 2nd



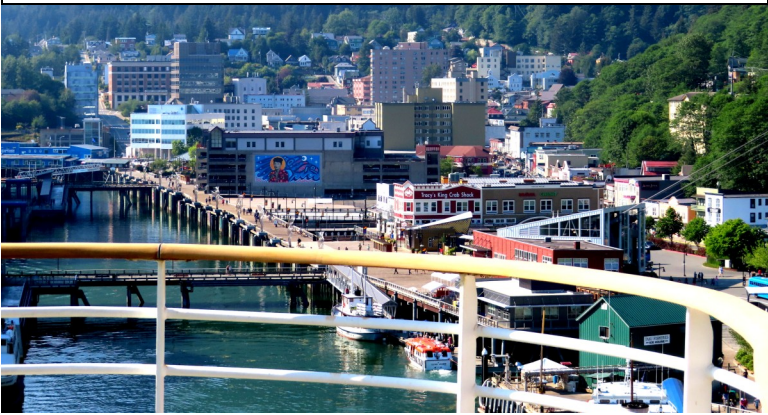
Next stop was Juneau on 7/3, the capital city of Alaska. Juneau is the second largest city in the US by area. We stopped again at Juneau on the second cruise, after Kevin and Maria arrived on board. The bottom picture on the right is the MENDENHALL GLACIER AND VISITOR CENTER which is only 13 miles from Juneau, which made this a “must do”!!! This was the best photo of the Glacier.



Welcome aboard, Kevin and Maria!!



Juneau, capital city of Alaska  
Photo taken from upper deck of the Ruby Princess



MENDENHALL GLACIER



Needless to say, there was a lot of ‘picture taking’ at this spot!!

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Another area with great scenery, is Glacier Bay with plenty to see. Here are some pictures to show what we saw. It is difficult for us to describe the magnitude of this scenery. When you are looking at the glacier wall, you think you are close, but are more like about six miles away. Below is a smaller ship which, if I remember correctly, was doing some kind research activity.



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Seals were frequently seen like this, floating on ice.



The picture above is **Haines**. As you can see it was not overly warm there! The snow covered mountains, & clouds make a great back drop picture for the town too.

