



Alaska
2014

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Fairbanks

Denali National Park

Talkeetna

Anchorage

Kenai

Whittier

Yukon

College Fjord

Glacier Bay

Skagway

Juneau

Ketchikan

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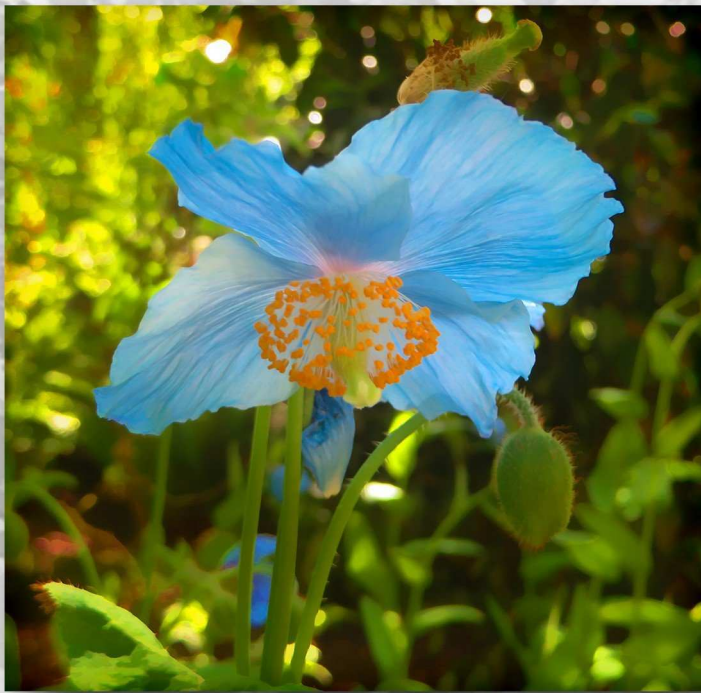
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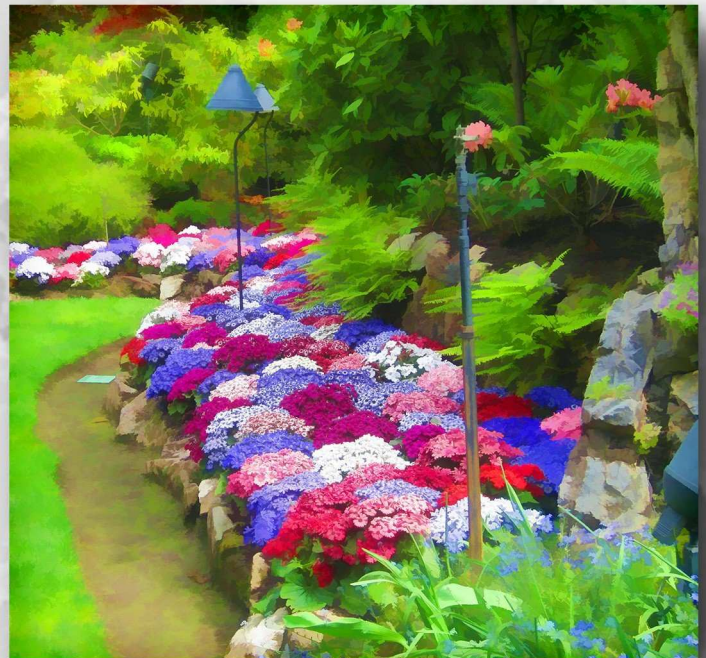
The pre-tour for our Alaska trip was to visit Victoria and tour the beautiful Butchart Gardens.

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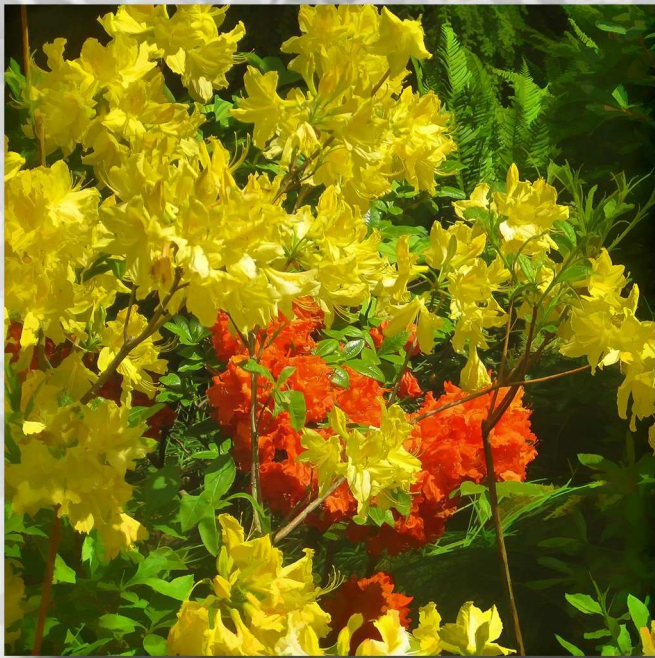
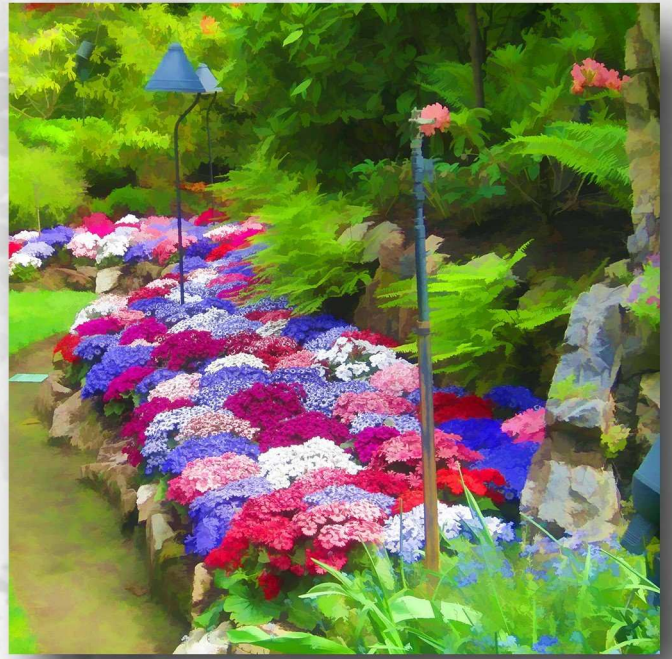
Those who did not do the pre-tour arrive in Vancouver and stay at the Westin Bayshore Hotel.

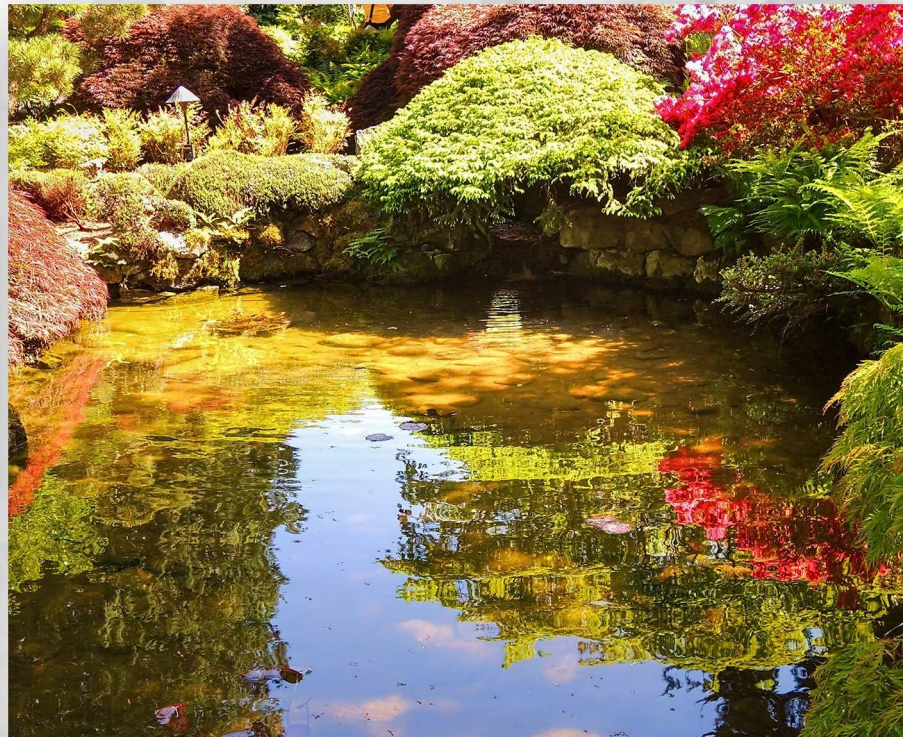
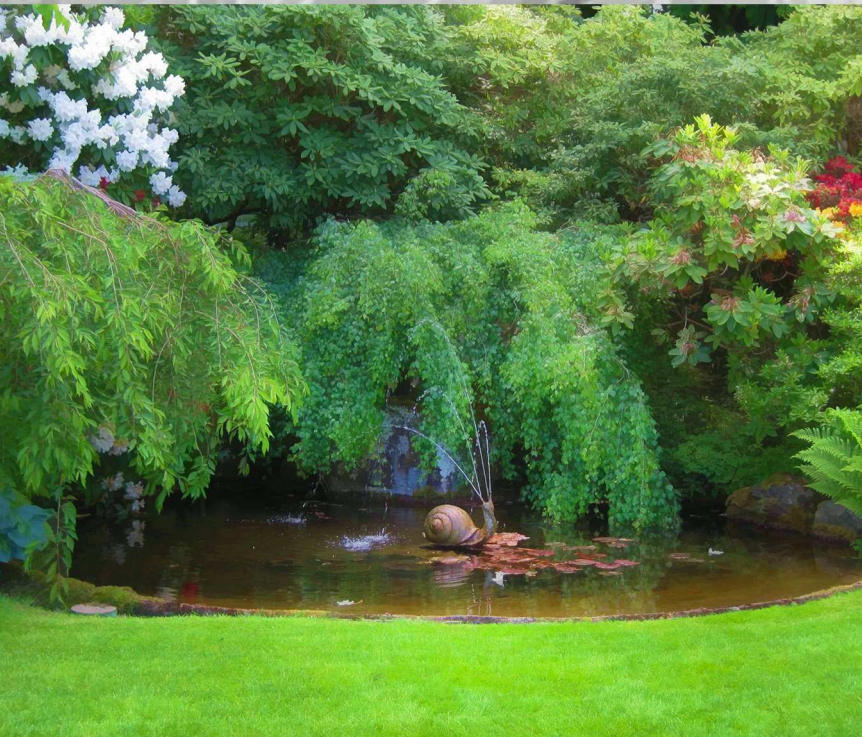
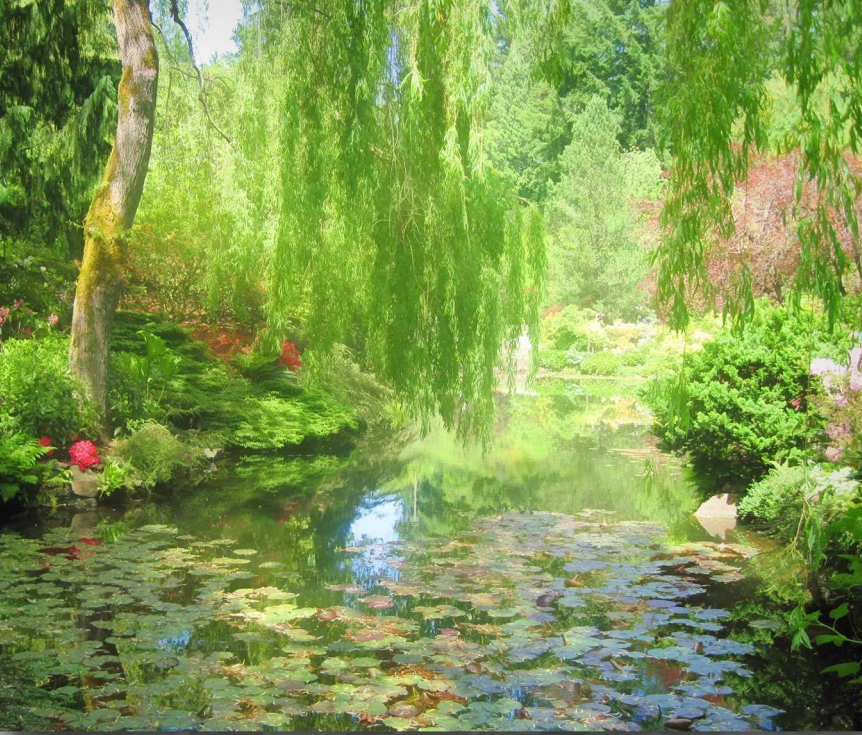
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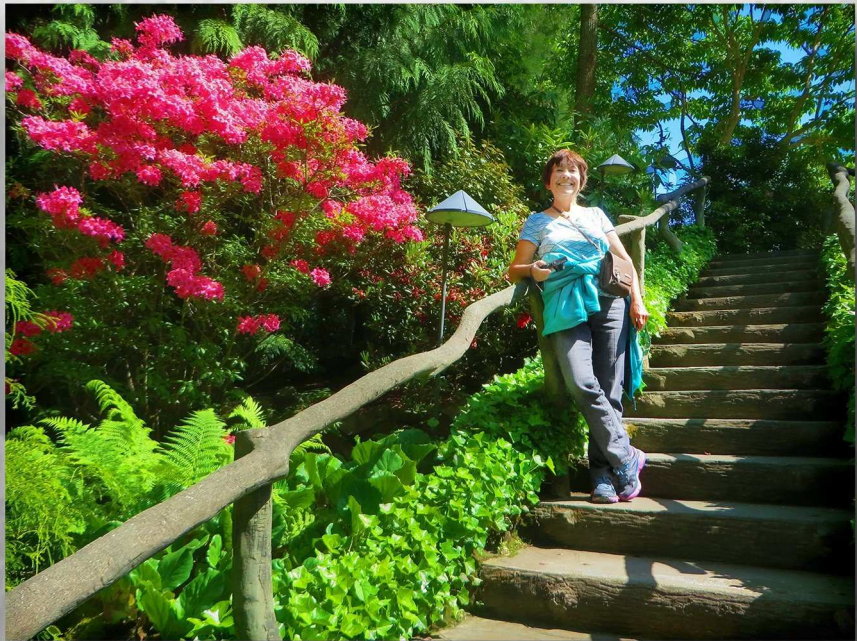
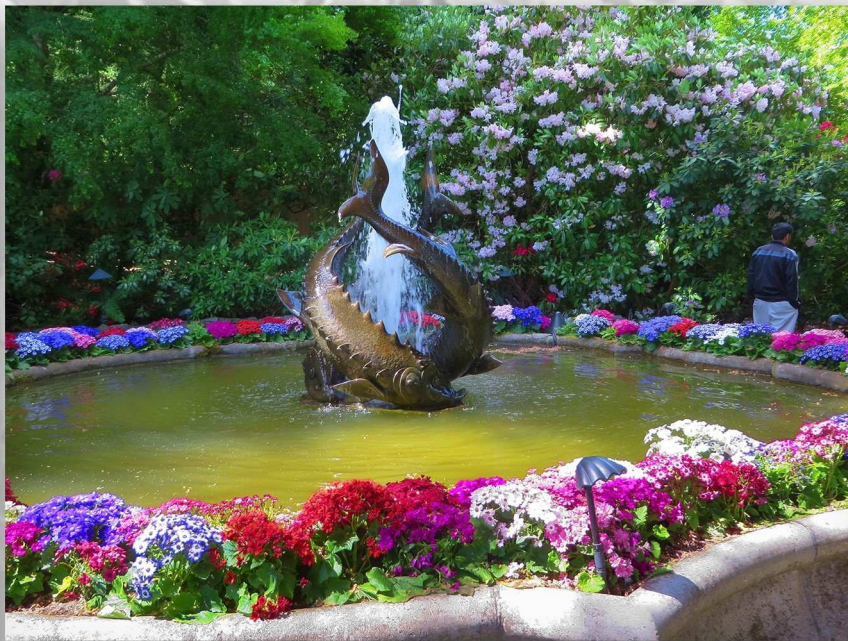
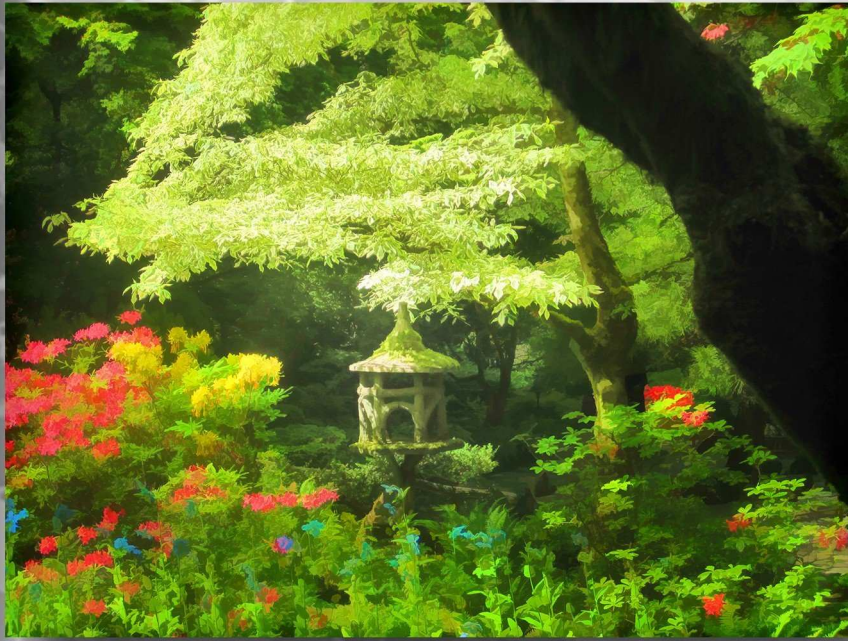
All of the traveling companions meet while we board the Island Princess. We depart from Vancouver via the Burrard Inlet passing by Stanley Park and under the Lions Gate Bridge.





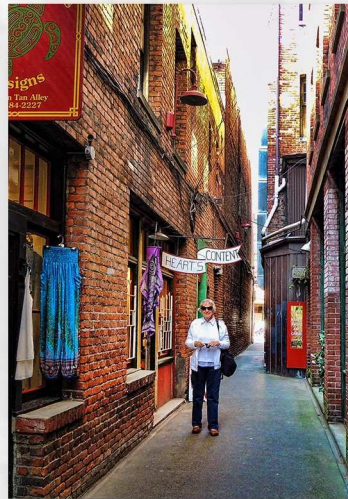
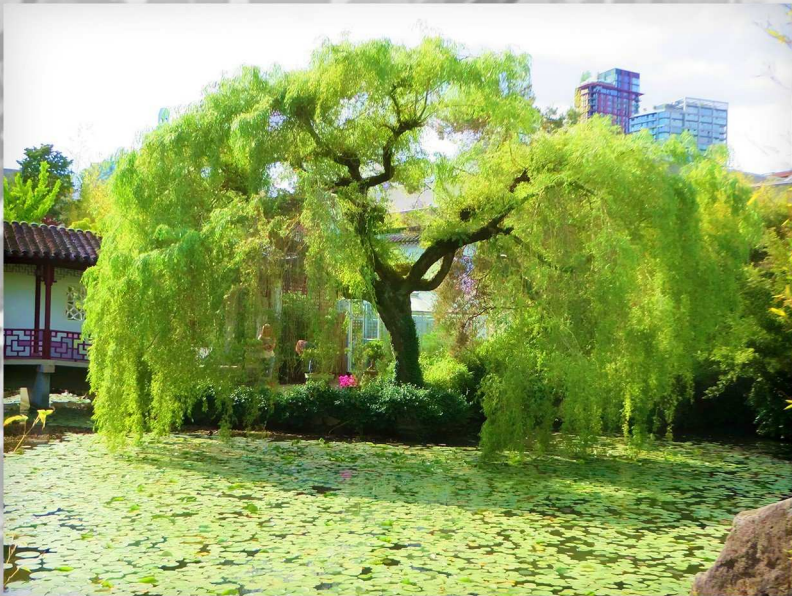










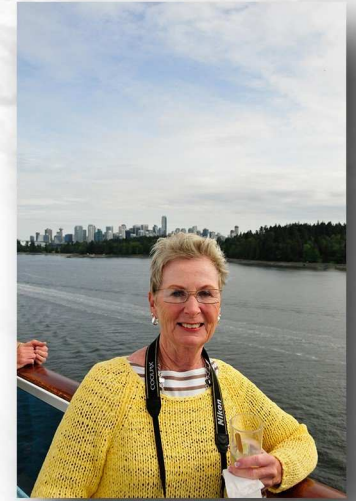




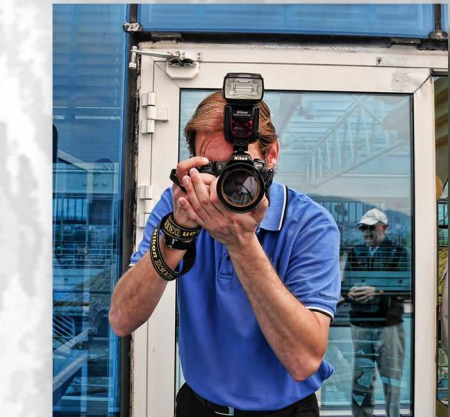
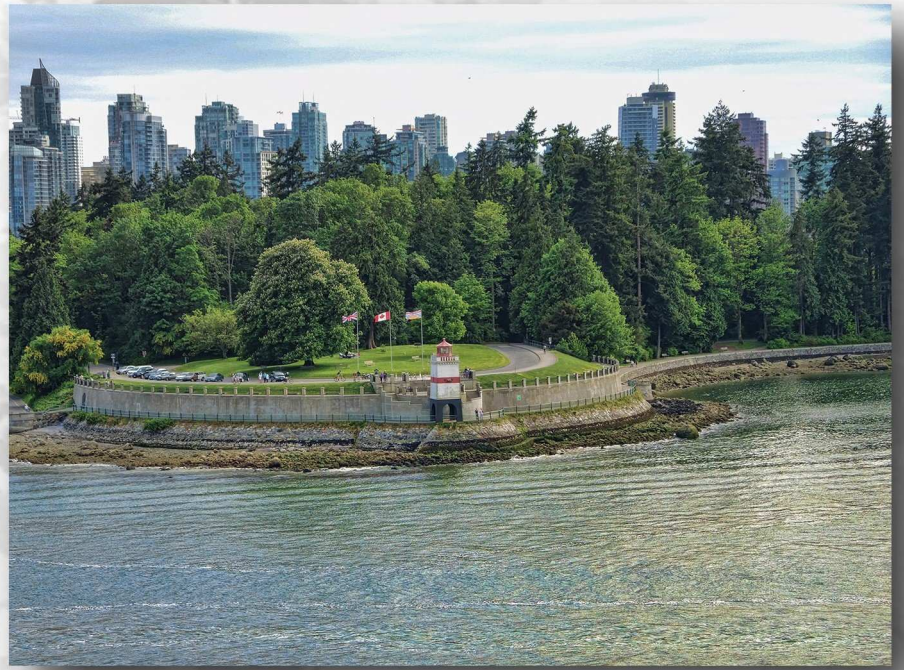
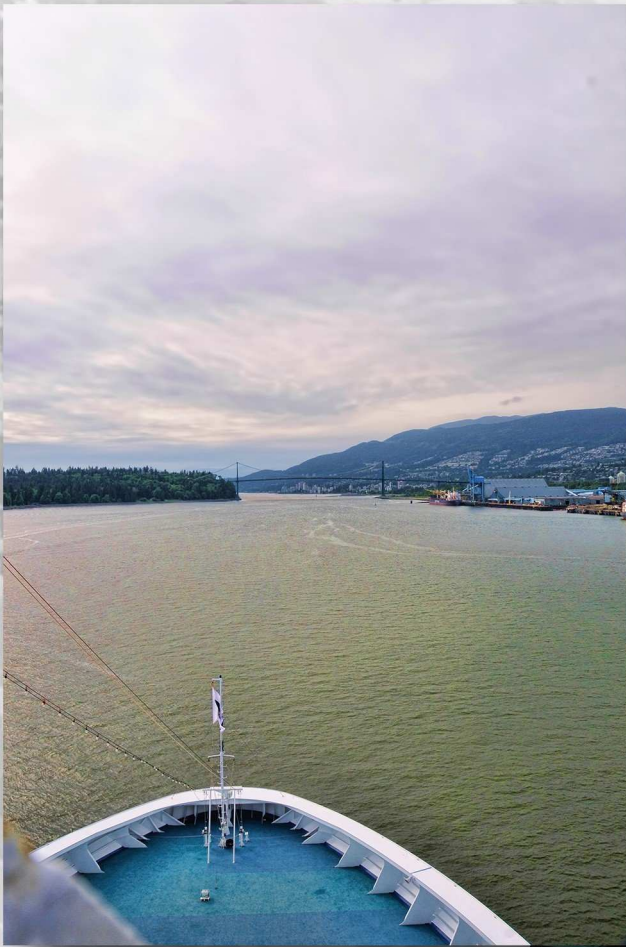
Vancouver













Friday May 23 2014

After a day at sea we reach our first port of call, Ketchikan. We took a walking tour with our guide who is a member of the Tlingit Tribe. The tour ended in the old "red light" district of Ketchikan called Creek Street.

Saturday May 24, 2014

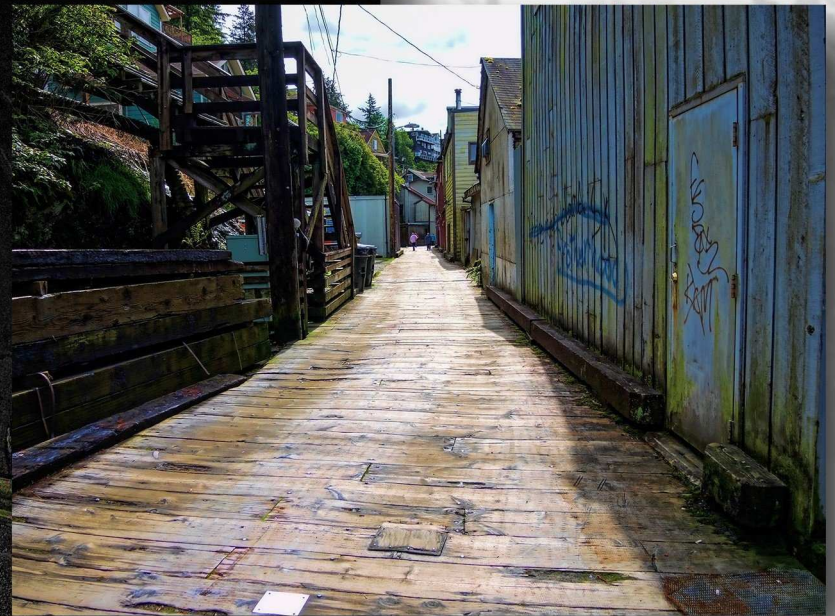
The Capital of Alaska, Juneau, was next on the agenda. Some of us took a tram to the top of the mountain and others took a helicopter ride to the Mendenhall Glacier.



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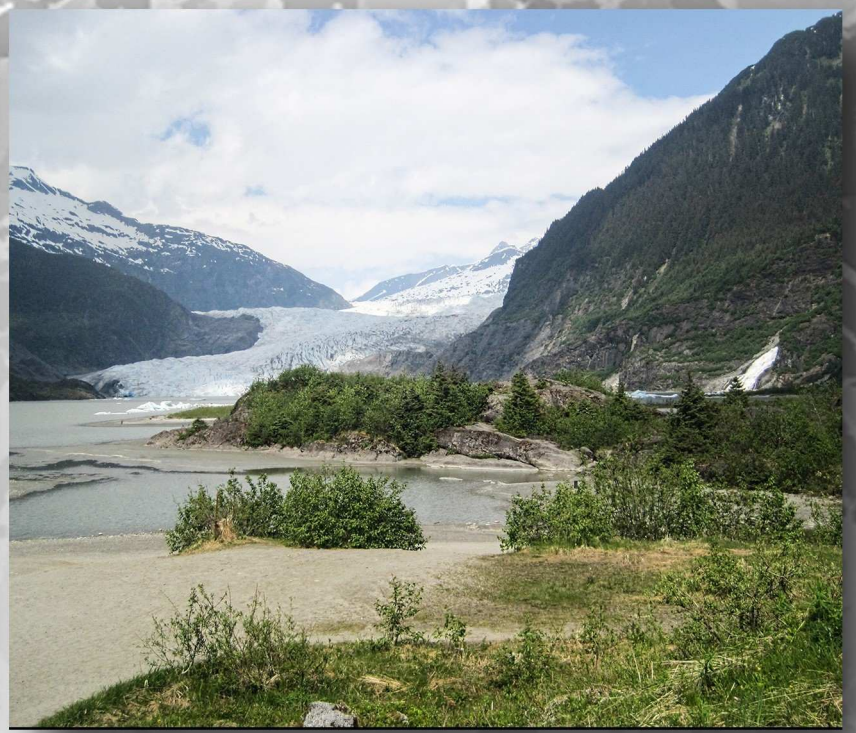
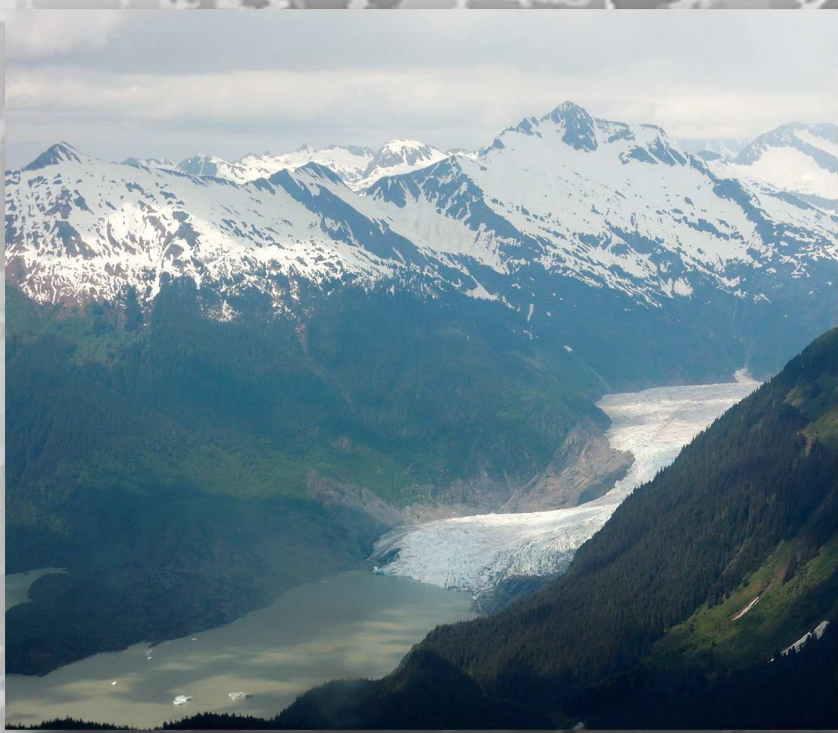


















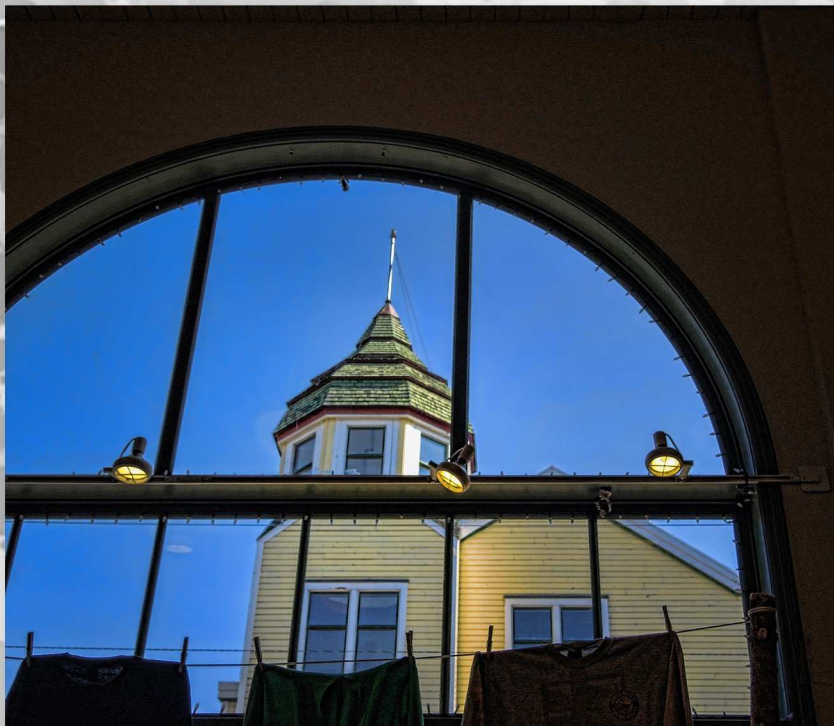


Sunday May 25, 2014

Skagway was the jumping off point for prospectors to start their 500 mile hike into the Klondike gold fields in Canada in the 1890's. The White Pass and Yukon Railroad was built in 1898 for that purpose. Today, part of it serves as a tourist attraction.











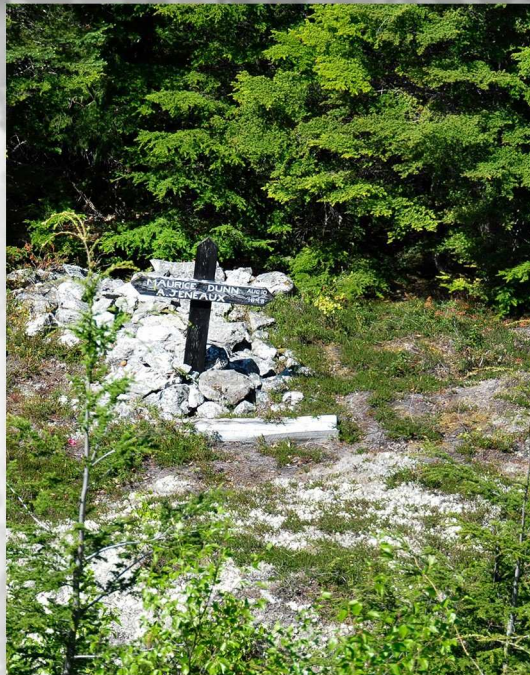






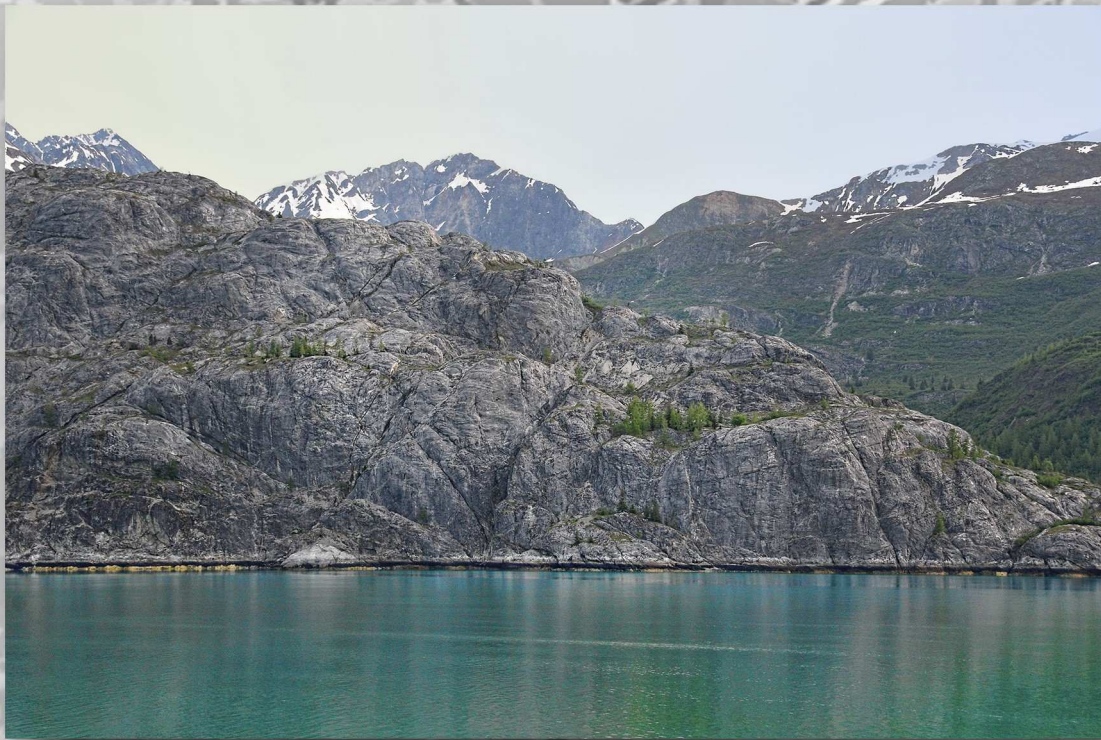












Monday May 26, 2014

The scenic cruise of Glacier Bay National Park was spectacular. Margerie Glacier at Mile 63 is perpendicular to the Grand Pacific Glacier at Mile 64. The Island Princess rotated 360 degrees in front of the glaciers so that everyone could get a good view.

Lamplugh Glacier is called the Blue Glacier. The blue color is due to the density of the ice.

Tuesday May 27, 2014

The college Fjord has glaciers that are all named after east coast colleges.



Margerie Glacier



Grand Pacific Glacier





Lamplugh Glacier





College Fjord







Wednesday May 28, 2014

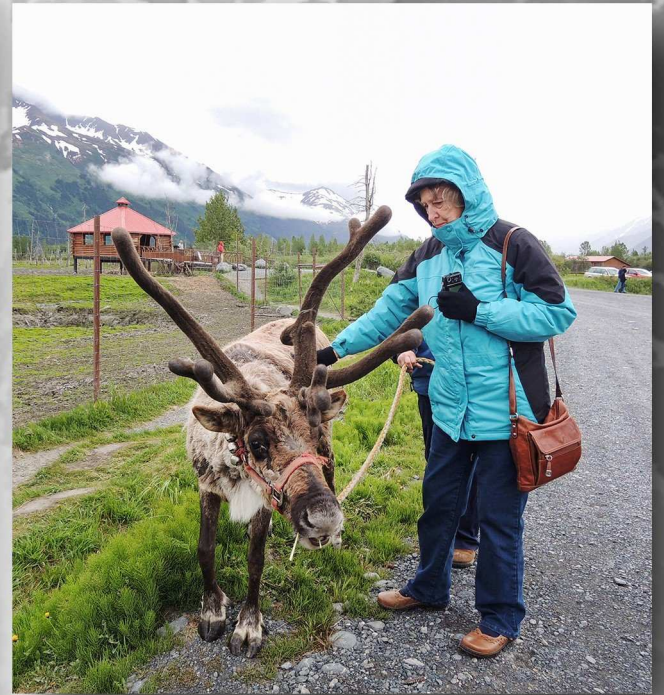
The sea part of our Alaska trip ended at Whittier, from where we took busses through Anchorage to the Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge. Along the way we stopped at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center.

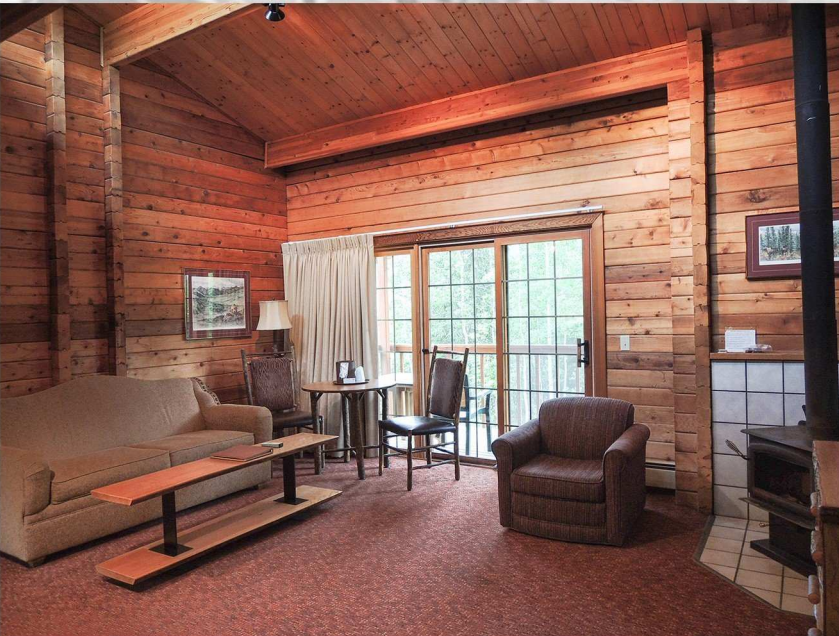
Thursday May 29, 2014

There were good hiking trails around the lodge and some of us took a raft trip on the Upper Kenai River. It was very slow and very cold.



















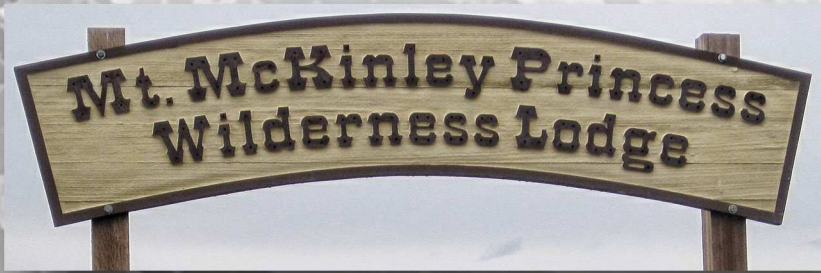








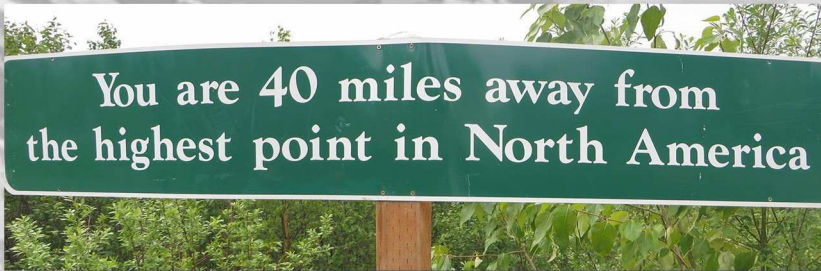
Friday May 30, 2014



Today we transferred from Kenai to Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge. The lodge had a view of Mt. McKinley, but the mountain was almost always over-cast.

Saturday May 31, 2014

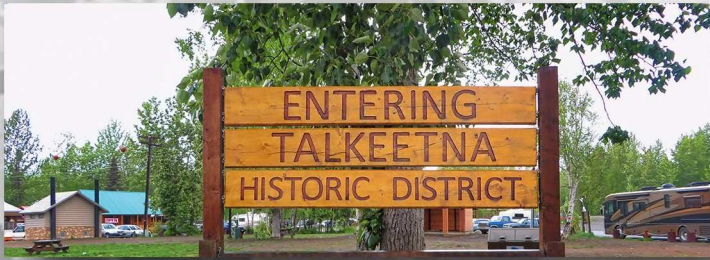
Some of us toured Talkeetna, a small town that was the inspiration for the TV series "Northern Lights". Others took a jet boat cruise from Talkeetna. The weather was very cold. Later in the day we took busses to our next stop, Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge.













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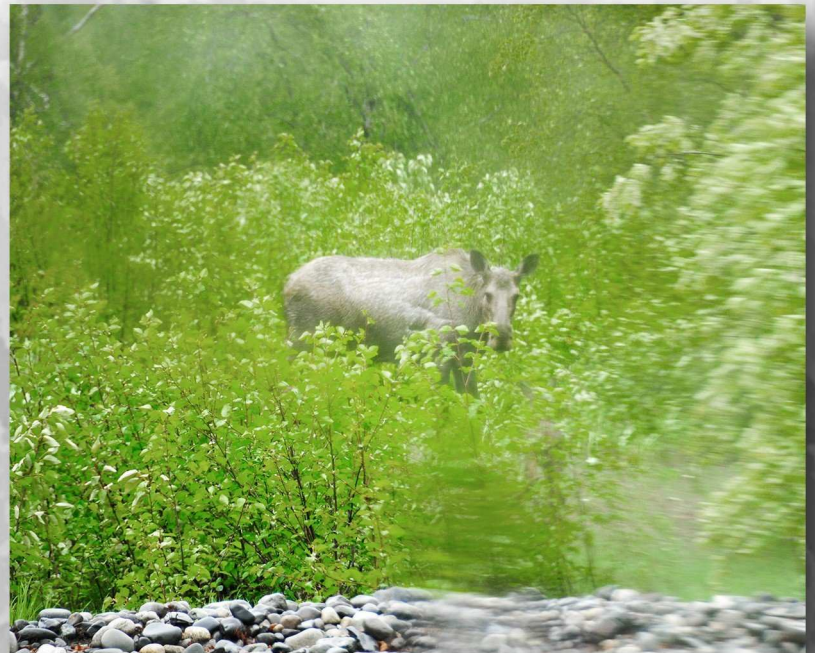
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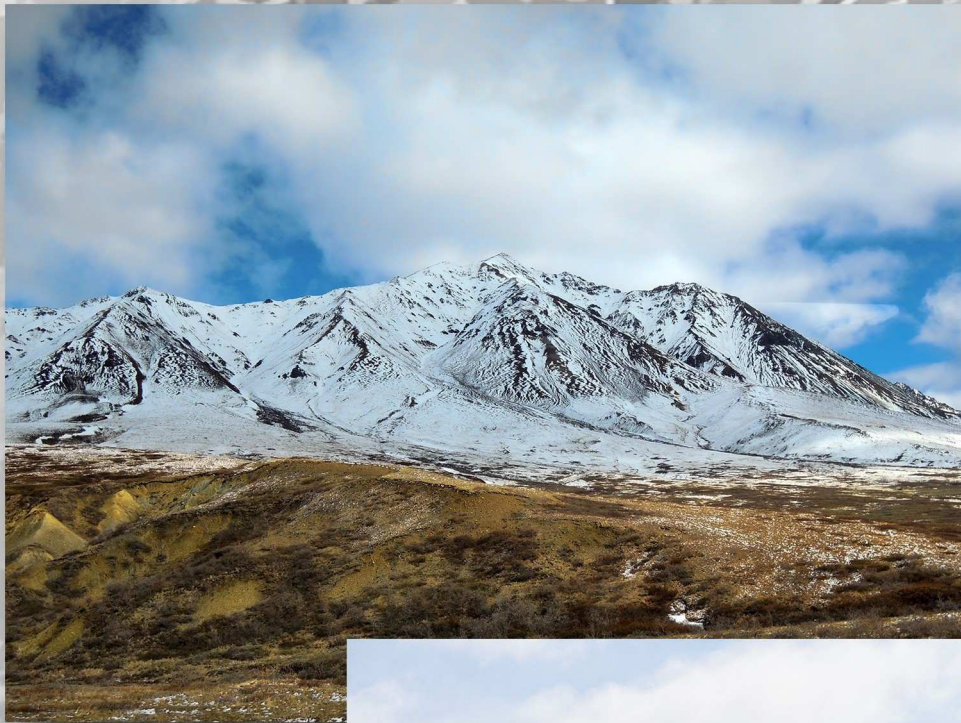
Sunday June 1, 2014

The scenery on our tour of Denali National Park was spectacular. It had snowed the night before and highlighted the mountains, making them even more beautiful. Denali National Park has 6 million acres of untouched wilderness, and is noted for viewing wildlife and Mt. McKinley.





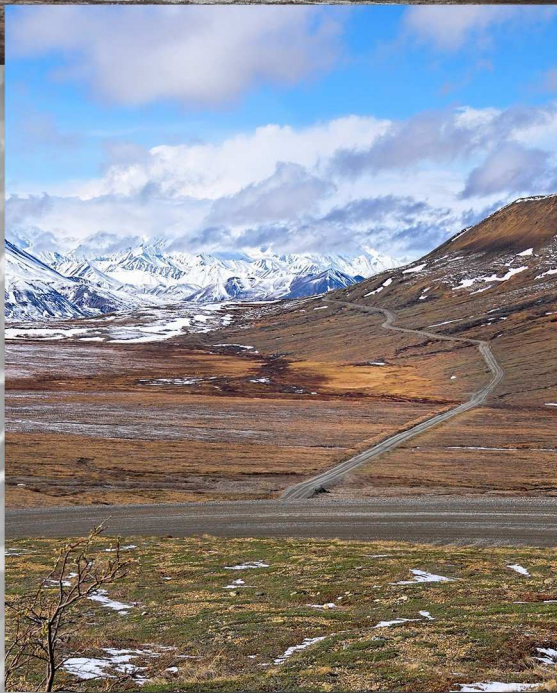
































Monday June 2, 2014

Transfer day, from Denali to Fairbanks via train, a beautiful 4 hour trip. Our destination was the Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge.

Tuesday June 3, 2014

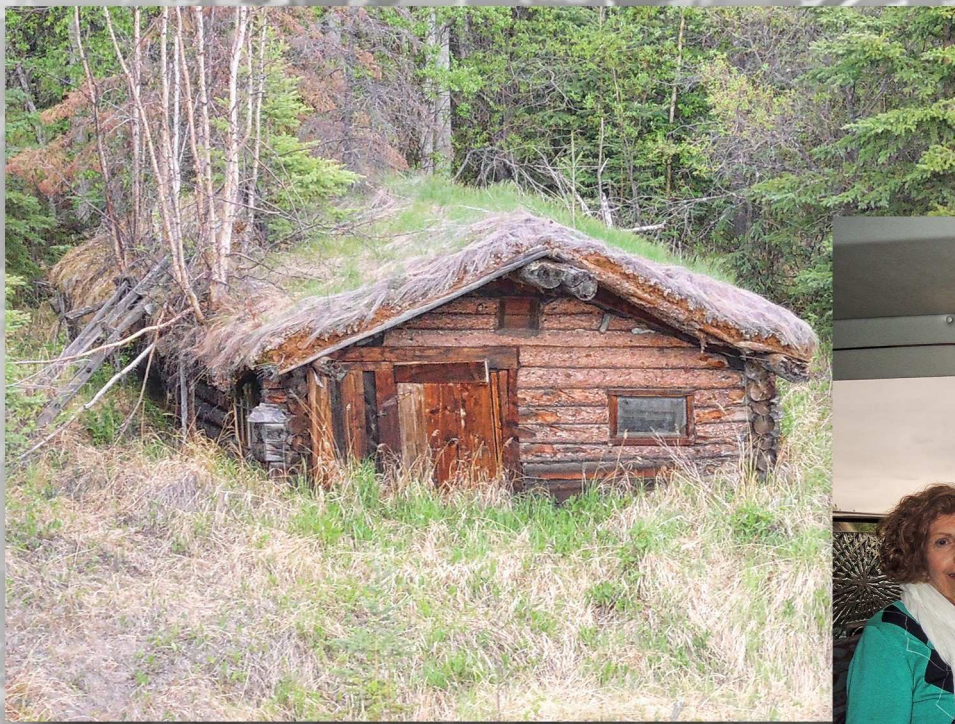
We had 2 excursions this day. First we saw the Alyeska Pipeline and took a train ride to see how gold was mined. We even got to pan some gold. Later, we took a boat ride aboard the sternwheeler Riverboat Discovery on the Chena and Tanana Rivers. We saw dogs being trained for the Iderod, a bush pilot take off and land, and visited the Old Chena Indian Village.

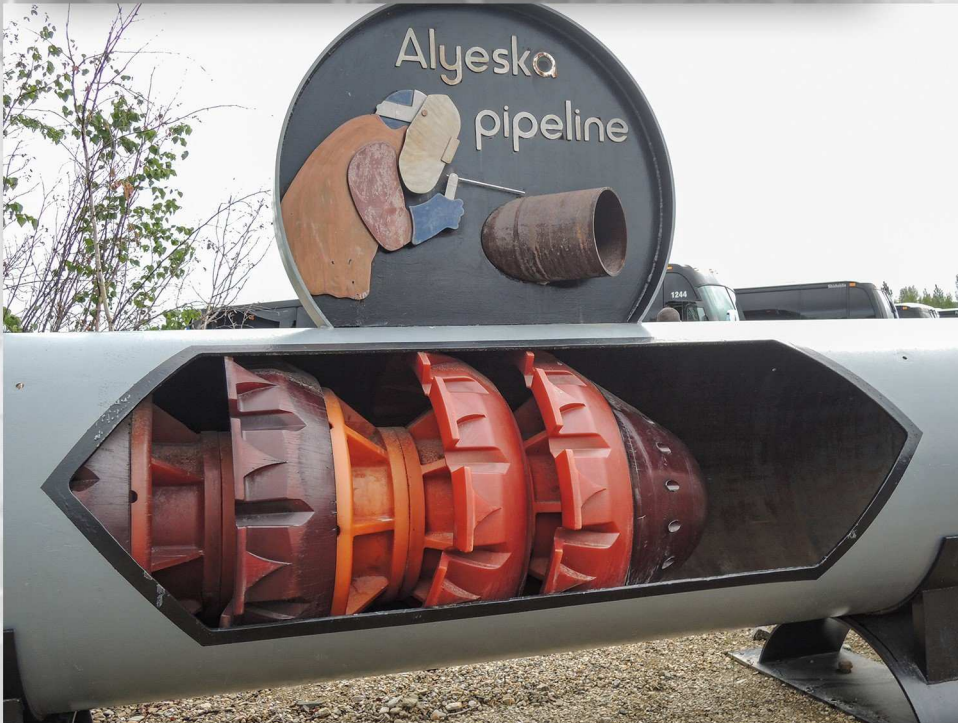
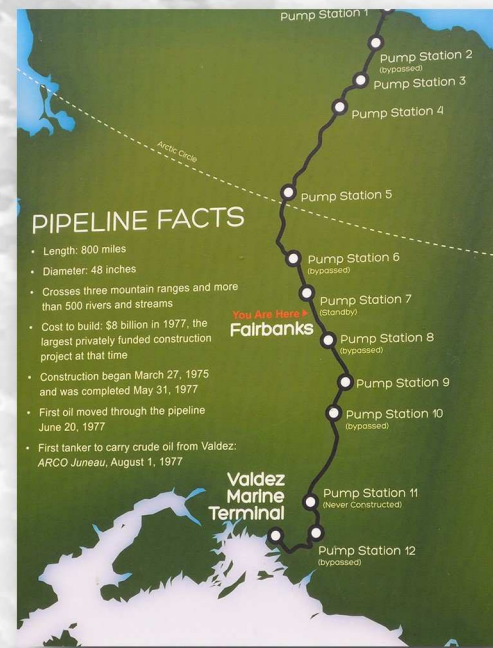
This concluded the land part of our Alaska vacation. The next day we started traveling home.





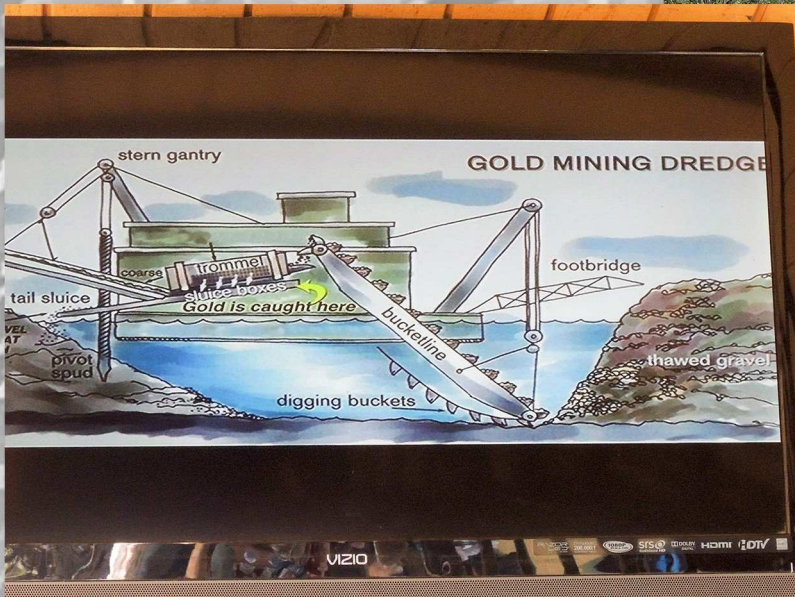


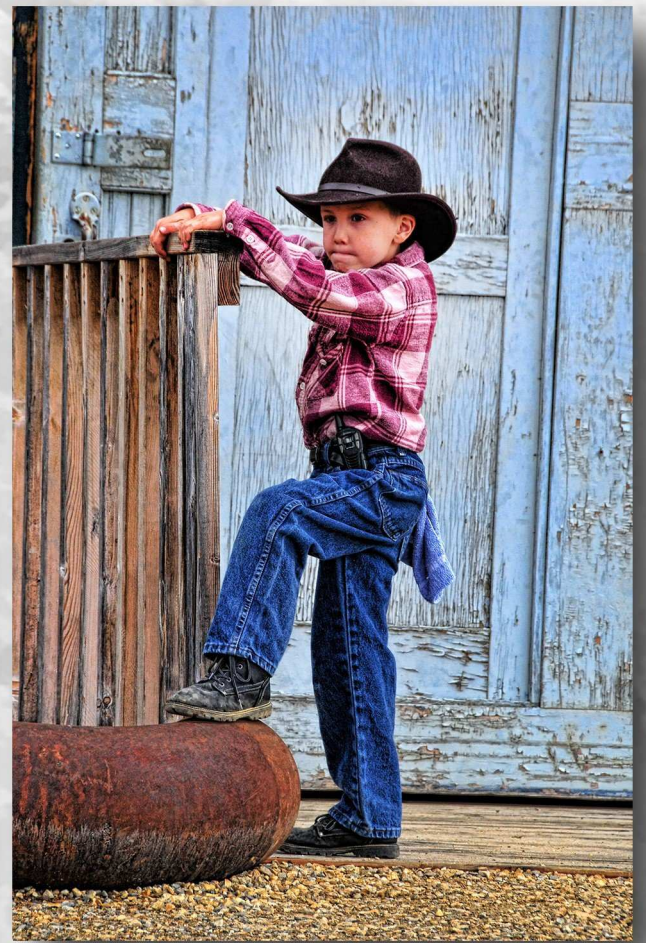




























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