

CRUISE ALASKA WITH THE NORTHWEST REGION

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The Northwest region is sponsoring a seven day cruise to SE Alaska next summer and we invite all volkssporters to come along with us. The dates are July 28 to August 4, 2018 round trip from Seattle.

We have reserved 50 to 60 rooms, double occupancy on the Norwegian Bliss, a new ship that will begin sailing in 2018. Cabins can be inside with no window, an oceanview outside with a window, a balcony cabin or if you want to splurge, a suite. Prices are not firm at this submission. The maximum for an inside cabin will be \$1150 per person up to \$2150 for a balcony cabin double occupancy. We will have a price for a single occupant shortly.

The cruise will stop in Ketchikan and Juneau where there are seasonal walks. A new walk will be sanctioned in Skagway around the town and trail. We will also cruise the Sawyer Glacier and on the way back, stop in Victoria, Canada where you will be able to do the walk that goes by the cruise ship terminal. You can also sign up for any excursions offered at the various ports. We expect to have a place on board to meet and socialize.

While we don't know at this submission what the process will be to pay, we do know that the region will have to submit all names, cabin information and a \$250 deposit per person to the cruise agent by October 28, 2017 in order to hold rooms for this large a group.

At this time if you are interested, you need to send the following to Elisabeth (Buffy) Wittenberg at ewittenberg@wamail.net **as soon as possible** to reserve your place on the list. She will email you other information as soon as it is available.

- Names
- Address
- How many people will be in the cabin.
- Whether you want a roommate.
- Type of cabin – inside, oceanview, balcony, or suite.
- Email address to send further information to.
- Best phone number to reach you.

To see more about Norwegian Cruise Lines go to www.ncl.com. For an article on the new ship Norwegian Bliss, go to <https://www.ncl.com/press-releases/norwegian-cruise-line-debut-new-ship-designed-alaska-cruising-2018> .