

Hubbard Glacier, Alaska, USA

No town, no pier — just 400-foot walls of ancient ice collapsing into the sea with a boom heard miles away. Hubbard Glacier is North America's largest tidewater glacier and one of the few still advancing, making every ship visit a front-row seat to a living, roaring spectacle.

Scenic cruising — no docking or tendering

Typical time: 3-6 hrs in bay

No shore spending (onboard only)

English

Active calving glacier

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: No pier — ships cruise Disenchantment Bay, 0.5–1 mile from the face

Glacier Size: 76 miles long, 7 miles wide at its face; ice cliffs up to 400 ft above waterline

Best For: Glacier calving, wildlife spotting, photography, onboard naturalist talks

Don't Miss: Bow deck as the ship rotates — and listening for 'White Thunder' calving booms

Getting around: **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Glacier Wilderness Explorer (Ship-Launched)** — Board a custom expedition catamaran or small vessel directly from your cruise ship and cruise through Disenchantment...
- Wildlife Spotting from Deck** — Harbor seals haul out on ice floes near the glacier face.
- Zodiac or Kayak Launch (Expedition Lines)** — Smaller expedition ships (Lindblad, Quark, Hurtigruten) deploy Zodiacs and kayaks to paddle among icebergs within...
- Onboard Naturalist Program** — Most Alaska cruise lines station a naturalist on the bridge deck during the glacier visit.

BEST WALKS

- Deck Walk: Bow to Stern for Best Views** Onboard · Any fitness level · 30–90 min — Make a full circuit of the ship's outer decks as the captain rotates.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		44°	34°	18d
Jun		56°	49°	16d
Aug		60°	53°	20d
Sep		56°	47°	20d
Oct		48°	40°	20d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:02AM–8:36PM · Jun 4:00AM–10:38PM · Aug 5:37AM–9:07PM · Sep 6:48AM–7:37PM · Oct 7:58AM–6:08PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress warmly, even in summer. The cold air rolling off 400 feet of ice drops deck temperatures fast. Fleece and a windproof layer are non-negotiable, even on a July afternoon.
- Get to the deck early. Ships announce glacier arrival via PA — once that happens, the best rail spots fill within minutes. Post up near the bow for calving views.
- Shoot in burst mode. Calving happens fast and unpredictably. A continuous burst setting on your camera or phone gives you a