

September 5, 2007

Dear Family,

Michael and I have decided to take an Alaskan Cruise next September. We have booked a cruise for September 14, 2008 on Princess Cruise Lines ... sailing on the Dawn Princess.

This Cruise is a 10 day round-trip cruise leaving and returning to San Francisco.

Most Alaskan Cruises are 7 day one-way cruises leaving from Seattle or Vancouver Canada and they end in Alaska. So you need to fly to Seattle/Vancouver and fly back from Alaska. So while a 7 day cruise may be less expensive ... when you add the two air fares, the prices are comparable, and this cruise is for 10 days, so it is a longer cruise.

Some people like to end in Alaska and stay and travel in Alaska before returning home. This is not the cruise for that type of trip. While we have stops in Alaska and day trips in each port we do sail back to San Francisco.

I am sending this letter and flyer out to everyone in the family as Michael and I would love it if everyone in the family who would like to come with us ... would make plans to join us next year. We feel like a year's notice would give lots of time to plan and save up. It would be a sort of reunion cruise, and it would be a fun way to spend 10 days together.

If you want to book through your own travel agent, please feel free to do so. I am enclosing the info for our travel agent and he will be glad to help you with your reservation if you are interested. You can stop by any travel agent and pick up a Princess Cruise book (free) and check out the complete cruise.

Michael and I have already booked our reservation. Those who have ideas for a better/different cruise please make it for 2009, so we can join you ... as we are committed to this one for 2008.

We have booked a balcony cabin if enough people book early, our agent has a section of balcony cabins and some of us can have our rooms together. If you need time to think about it, take your time. I am not trying to pressure anyone. But if you want to go, you can make your reservation and hold it with a deposit, and pay the rest later.

I hope everyone will give it some thought. We would love it if you would join us. Our travel agent just got back from Alaska in September ... and he said all the leaves were changing colors and it was simply beautiful. The weather was good ... and things were not as crowded as they are in summer. So it sounds like it will be perfect.

[Click here to see more information.](#)

Hope you will join us.

Valerie

P.S. anyone wishing to drive to San Francisco, remember to consider parking, which is expensive and limited, for your vehicle.

P.P.S. I am sending this to all the cousins ... please pass the info on to all your children and grandchildren you wish to include. I am not intending to leave anyone out ... all are welcome ... so please extend the invitation to all your families.