

# YUKON PROSPECTOR ENSEMBLE EXPERIENCE



## ENSEMBLE EXPERIENCE *Complimentary Shore Event in Skagway*

- Glimpse the era of the Klondike Gold Rush
- See Skagway's historic district on a scenic drive
- Travel along the Klondike Highway to White Pass Summit
- Cross Yukon Suspension Bridge for exhilarating wilderness views
- Enjoy a sample of Bison chili
- Learn to pan for gold

The era of **the Klondike Gold Rush comes alive in Skagway**, gateway to the Yukon Territory. The Gold Rush was such a boon that by 1898, Skagway was Alaska's largest town and home to 20,000 people; hotels, saloons, dance halls and gambling all prospered. However, when gold yields dwindled in 1900, Skagway's population dropped to less than 1,000.

On your *Ensemble Experience* you'll learn of Skagway's fascinating history and explore its natural beauty. You'll begin with an introduction of its highlights, **viewing some of Skagway's historic buildings** as your coach drives through the historic district.

You'll then **drive up the scenic Klondike Highway to White Pass Summit**. The road runs parallel to the famous railroad and provides scenic views of the train climbing towards the summit.

**The magnificent Alaskan wilderness unfolds** as you climb 3,000 feet in 21 miles.

You'll **see the original Klondike Trail of '98 worn into the rocks**, a permanent tribute to the thousands who passed this way in search of fortune. You'll also have scenic stops at Pitchfork Falls and the Moore Bridge Turnout and hear captivating stories of the "Klondike Gold Rush" en route.

When you reach **White Pass Summit, the international boundary between the U.S. and Canada**, admire the wild beauty of the Tormented Valley of British Columbia.

Then **cross the Yukon Suspension Bridge over the white-water rapids** of the Tutshi River for an exhilarating moment viewing the Yukon, Canada's vast north. Before leaving **enjoy a prospector sample of Bison chili**.

On the return to Skagway, you'll stop at a **gold camp where a prospector will teach you how to pan for gold**. Finishing your search for gold -- and nuggets of truth in the wild stories you'll hear about the gold rush, you'll return to the pier.

*Ensemble® Experience shore excursions are capacity controlled, subject to change without notice, and require a minimum number of participants. All times are approximate. Your Ensemble® Traveler host onboard will advise final details.*