

Alaska - Canada 2002

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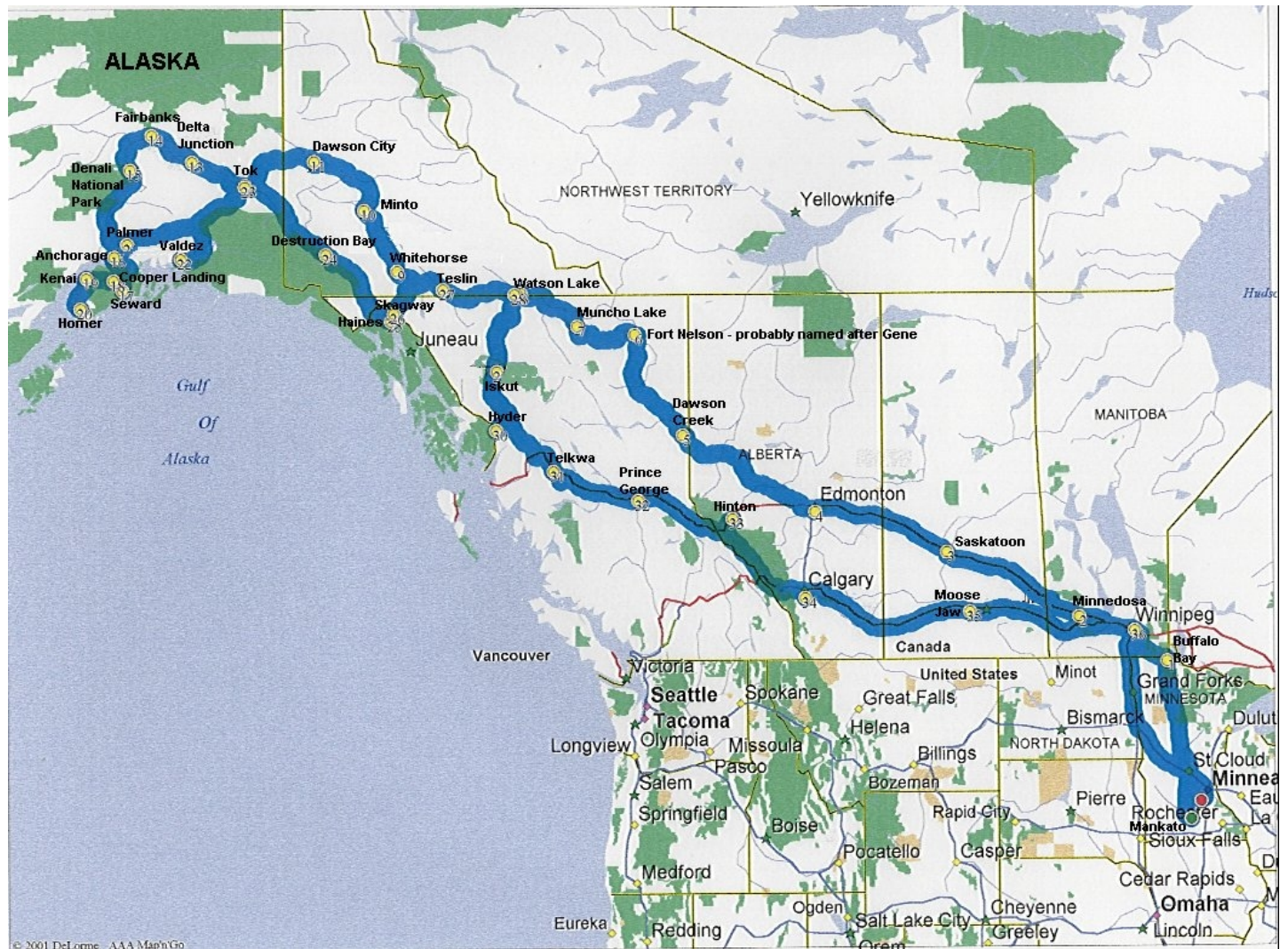
Beginning in Minneapolis, go first to Buffalo Bay in Canada for two days of fishing.

Then travel a northern route through Canada to Dawson City, taking 19 days.

Spend 36 days in Alaska, seeing Haines, Skagway and Hyder on the return route.

Return by a more southern route through Canada, back to Minneapolis, taking 14 days.

The total schedule is for 71 days, from May 30 to August 8, 2002.



Travel Schedule - Canada & Alaska 2002

Day Number	Date	Day of Week	Hours to travel today	Miles to travel today	Primary Highway Traveled	Stop Number	Spend the night at: City
1	5/30/02	Thursday					Mankato, MN, USA
2	5/31/02	Friday	9 1/2	385	68, 15, 10, 64, 89	1	Buffalo Bay, MB, CN (Fish Camp)
3	6/1/02	Saturday					Buffalo Bay, MB, CN (Fish Camp)
4	6/2/02	Sunday					Buffalo Bay, MB, CN (Fish Camp)
5	6/3/02	Monday	6 1/2	261	PH12, PH1, PH16	2	Minnedosa, MB, CN
6	6/4/02	Tuesday	8	359	PH16	3	Saskatoon, SA, CN
7	6/5/02	Wednesday	7 1/2	331	PH16	4	Edmonton, AB, CN
8	6/6/02	Thursday					Edmonton, AB, CN
9	6/7/02	Friday	9	378	PH43, PH34, PH2	5	Dawson Creek, BC, CN
10	6/8/02	Saturday					Dawson Creek, BC, CN
11	6/9/02	Sunday	7 1/2	286	PH97	6	Fort Nelson, BC, CN
12	6/10/02	Monday	4 1/2	155	PH97	7	Muncho Lake, BC, CN
13	6/11/02	Tuesday	4 1/2	158	PH97	8	Watson Lake, YT, CN
14	6/12/02	Wednesday	7 1/2	271	PH1	9	Whitehorse, YT, CN
15	6/13/02	Thursday					Whitehorse, YT, CN
16	6/14/02	Friday					Whitehorse, YT, CN
17	6/15/02	Saturday	4 1/2	152	PH2	10	Minto, YT, CN
18	6/16/02	Sunday	5	170	PH2	11	Dawson City, YT, CN
19	6/17/02	Monday					Dawson City, YT, CN
20	6/18/02	Tuesday					Dawson City, YT, CN
21	6/19/02	Wednesday	6 1/2	175	Ferry, PH9, SR-9,5,2	12	Tok, AK
22	6/20/02	Thursday	3	108	SR2	13	Delta Junction, AK
23	6/21/02	Friday	3	99	SR2, SR3	14	Fairbanks, AK
24	6/22/02	Saturday					Fairbanks, AK
25	6/23/02	Sunday					Fairbanks, AK
26	6/24/02	Monday					Fairbanks, AK
27	6/25/02	Tuesday	3 1/2	112	SR3	15	Denali National Park, AK
28	6/26/02	Wednesday					Denali National Park, AK
29	6/27/02	Thursday					Denali National Park, AK
30	6/28/02	Friday					Denali National Park, AK
31	6/29/02	Saturday	6 1/2	240	SR3, SR1	16	Anchorage, AK
32	6/30/02	Sunday					Anchorage, AK
33	7/1/02	Monday					Anchorage, AK
34	7/2/02	Tuesday					Anchorage, AK
35	7/3/02	Wednesday	3 1/2	122	SR1, SR9	17	Seward, AK
36	7/4/02	Thursday					Seward, AK
37	7/5/02	Friday	1 1/2	42	SR9, SR1	18	Cooper Landing, AK
38	7/6/02	Saturday	1 1/2	55	SR1	19	Kenai, AK
39	7/7/02	Sunday					Kenai, AK
40	7/8/02	Monday	2 1/2	80	SR1	20	Homer, AK
41	7/9/02	Tuesday					Homer, AK
42	7/10/02	Wednesday					Homer, AK
43	7/11/02	Thursday					Homer, AK
44	7/12/02	Friday	7	262	SR1	21	Palmer, AK
45	7/13/02	Saturday	7	257	SR1, SR4	22	Valdez, AK
46	7/14/02	Sunday					Valdez, AK
47	7/15/02	Monday					Valdez, AK
48	7/16/02	Tuesday	6 1/2	247	SR4, SR1	23	Tok, AK
49	7/17/02	Wednesday	6 1/2	230	SR1, SR2, PH1	24	Destruction Bay, YT, CN

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50	7/18/02	Thursday	6	214	PH1, PH3, SR7	25	Haines, AK
51	7/19/02	Friday					Haines, AK
52	7/20/02	Saturday					Haines, AK
53	7/21/02	Sunday	2	18	Ferry	26	Skagway, AK
54	7/22/02	Monday					Skagway, AK
55	7/23/02	Tuesday					Skagway, AK
56	7/24/02	Wednesday	4 1/2	149	PH2, PH8, PH1	27	Teslin, YT, CN
57	7/25/02	Thursday	4 1/2	152	PH1, PH37	28	Upper Liard, YT, CN
58	7/26/02	Friday	5 1/2	200	PH37	29	Iskut, BC, CN
59	7/27/02	Saturday	5	182	PH37, PH37A	30	Hyder, AK
60	7/28/02	Sunday					Hyder, AK
61	7/29/02	Monday	5 1/2	212	PH37A, PH37, PH16	31	Telkwa, BC, CN
62	7/30/02	Tuesday	5	228	PH16, PH97	32	Prince George, BC, CN
63	7/31/02	Wednesday					Prince George, BC, CN
64	8/1/02	Thursday	6	275	PH97, PH16	33	Hinton, AB, CN
65	8/2/02	Friday					Hinton, AB, CN
66	8/3/02	Saturday	7	303	PH16, PH93, PH1	34	Calgary, AB, CN
67	8/4/02	Sunday					Calgary, AB, CN
68	8/5/02	Monday	9 1/2	445	PH2, PH1	35	Moose Jaw, SA, CN
69	8/6/02	Tuesday	9	409	PH1	36	Winnipeg, MB, CN
70	8/7/02	Wednesday					Winnipeg, MB, CN
71	8/8/02	Thursday	9	478	PH100-75, I-29-94, US-169	37	Minneapolis, MN, USA

8200 miles total.

Opportunities in Canada & Alaska

Stop #	Location	# of Nights
0	Mankato, MN, USA	1 night
Take a tour of Pneumat Systems, Inc.		
1	Buffalo Bay, MB, CN	3 nights
Learn how to fish from the experts.		
2	Minnedosa, MB, CN	1 night
Go fishing, swimming, or boating in Minnedosa Lake.		
3	Saskatoon, SA, CN	1 night
Take a boat tour on the river through Saskatoon, leaving hourly (noon until dusk) from the wharf across from Kinsmen Park.		
4	Edmonton, AB, CN	2 nights
Don't even consider going to the West Edmonton Mall! (I didn't think that would keep you away from the world's largest shopping mall.) See live harness and thoroughbred racing at Northlands Spectrum. Top attractions here are: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. West Edmonton Mall2. Alberta Legislature Building3. Fort Edmonton Park4. Muttart Conservatory5. Provincial Museum of Alberta6. Edmonton space and Science Center		
5	Dawson Creek, BC, CN	2 nights
Take a group picture at Alaska Highway Milepost "0". Visit the Visitor Infocentre and Dawson Creek Station Museum. See the show at Pioneer Village. Check out the wooden grain elevator, Gene. Shop at the Saturday Farmer's Market. Sink a hole in one at the golf course. Dining: Alaska Café & Pub		
6	Fort Nelson, BC, CN	1 night
Tour the Fort Nelson Heritage Museum. See the show at Phoenix Theater. Buy a decorative wood item made from Diamond Willow, a tree unique to this area. Dining: BJ's restaurant in the Ft. Nelson Hotel.		

En route to Muncho Lake:

- Watch for Stone Sheep in the highway, licking salt from the road.

7 **Muncho Lake, BC, CN** 1 night

Good place to try your luck fishing.

Take a narrated boat cruise around the lake.

Check on the dates of the annual lake trout derby.

Dining: Wilderness restaurant.

En route to Watson Lake:

- 1-Soak in Liard River Hot Springs. MP-496
- 2-See the town of Fireside where the largest fire in BC's history destroyed over one million acres.

8 **Watson Lake, YT, CN** 1 night

Post a personalized sign for posterity at Sign Post Forest, Historic Milepost 635.

See the slide show at the Alaska Highway Interpretive Center.

Don't miss the Northern Lights Centre, a top attraction in the Yukon.

Fish or canoe in Watson Lake.

Explore the area from a helicopter.

Dining: Gateway Lodge

En route to Whitehorse:

- Cross the Great River Divide (rivers divide between Artic and Pacific Oceans)
- Buy cinnamon rolls from Ellen at Johnson's Crossing.
- Watch for brilliant pink fireweed.

9 **Whitehorse, YT, CN** 3 nights

Get up-to-date information at the Yukon Visitor Reception Centre.

Visit the wildlife park, and a wildlife exhibit.

Tour the paddle sternwheeler SS Klondike.

Learn about the ice age at the Beringia Interpretive Center.

Shop for jade, ivory, and furs.

Board the vintage Waterfront Trolley for a scenic ride along the Yukon River.

Relive a USO Canteen Show.

Study the history of transportation at the Yukon Transportation Museum.

See The Frantic Follies Vaudeville Review.

Take a Greyline coach tour of the city.

Tour preserved period buildings, souvenir shops, and Douglas DC-3 weather vane.

Top attractions here are:

1. SS Klondike
2. MacBride Museum
3. Beringia Interpretive Centre
4. Whitehorse Fish Ladder

Dining: Angello's Restaurant
Cellar Restaurant

10 **Minto, YT, CN** 1 night

Visit the location of the former riverboat landing and trading post.

Take a river tour to Sheep Mountain and Fort Selkirk.

11 Dawson City, YT, CN 3 nights

Pan for gold.

Visit gold mines – Bonanza Creek, Parks Canada, El Dorado Creek Mine.

Tour the restored 1898 cabins of Jack London and Robert Service.

See where gold was first discovered at Discovery Claim #1.

Hear a report on what it was like in the Gold Rush days.

Go to the top of the Midnight Dome for a midnight-sun panorama.

Cruise the Yukon River to Pleasure Island aboard a genuine Yukon paddle wheeler.

Meet a Klondike Character at the Dawson City Museum.

Enjoy the evening Gaslight Follies featuring high kicking can can girls and hilarious skits.

Try your luck at blackjack, roulette, or poker and see an entertaining floor show.

Top attractions are:

1. Diamond Tooth Gerties
2. Palace Grand Theatre
3. Dredge #4
4. Robert Service Cabin

En route to Tok:

- Ferry crossing of the Yukon River just out of Dawson City.
- We finally make it to Alaska. Take a break in Chicken, Alaska.

12 Tok, AK 1 night

Tok, formerly Tokyo, is the major point of land entry to Alaska.

Gift shops feature articles representative of Alaska.

Visit one of the many Siberian husky or Alaskan malamute kennels.

Eat buffalo burgers, reindeer sausage, or enjoy a salmon bake.

13 Delta Junction, AK 1 night

Tour the visitor's center.

Have your picture taken at the "end of the highway".

Get a first view of the Trans Alaska Pipeline where it crosses the Tanana River.

Take a one-hour tour of Pump Station No. 9.

Shop and/or eat at Rika's Roadhouse & Landing, built in 1910.

En route to Fairbanks:

- Stop and see Santa at North Pole, Alaska. The Santa Claus House is a unique gift shop.

14 Fairbanks, AK 4 nights

Ride the Riverboat Discovery down the Chena and Tanana rivers. (A must do!)

Experience the Little Eldorado, a working gold mine.

Stop by the Farmer's Market on Saturday.

Visit historic churches: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and Immaculate Conception Church.

Charter an aircraft flight to an Eskimo village.

Hop aboard the Tanana Valley Railroad and ride to a present day working gold mine.

Tour the University of Alaska museum.

See the exhibits at the Alaska Public Lands Information Center.

Ride a bus excursion to Farmer's Loop, the Alaska pipeline, and the downtown area.

Observe musk oxen, caribou, and reindeer at the university's animal research station.

Visit Alaskaland, a frontier theme park.

Hit the links – Fairbanks has the northernmost golf course in North America.

Enjoy 21 hours of daylight, temperatures as warm as 90.

- Dining: Cripple Creek Resort, then enjoy the rip roarin' Cripple Creek Saloon stage show.
River's Edge Restaurant (in the RV park). Try the Halibut!
Pikes Landing on the Chena River

En route to Denali:

- Eat at Mondrosa Roadhouse in Nenana – “the biggest hamburgers in Alaska”.

15 Denali National Park, AK 4 nights

If weather cooperates, see the great Mt. McKinley.

View big game deep in the park: 3 hour and 8 hour tours available.

Go rafting on the Nenana River.

Follow a park ranger on a nature hike.

Catch a sled dog demonstration or a campfire program.

Take saddle safaris, jet boat excursions, helicopter rides, or airplane flyovers.

Visit an Alaskan husky sled dog homestead.

See the Alaska Cabin Night dinner theater performance.

Tour the Usibelli Coal Mine.

En route to Anchorage:

- Buy fresh produce at roadside stands.

16 Anchorage, AK 4 nights

Look for Alaska made products at the Downtown Saturday Market.

Take a 5 hour Glacier Cruise in Prince William Sound (leaves from Whittier)

See the movie, “Alaska the Greatland” on a 180 degree, domed screen.

Visit the Alaska State Museum of History and Art.

Shop and browse downtown in Alaska’s largest city.

Charter a plane for a flightseeing trip over Prince William Sound.

Experience the Alaska Native Heritage Center.

Rent a four wheel ATV to explore the backcountry.

Check on the animals at the Alaska Zoo.

Ride the trolley for a lively one-hour tour of the town.

Try once again for a hole in one on an Alaskan golf course.

Go kayaking, canoeing, rafting, sailing, motor boating, and swimming.

Stand on the 3rd floor observation deck to view the Port of Anchorage.

Dining: Sourdough Mining Company
Regal Alaskan

En route to Seward:

- Ride the lifts at Alyeska Ski Resort
- Stop and see the Portage Glacier.

17 Seward, AK 2 nights

Sail through the Kenai Fjords National Park for a view of sea lions, whales, seals, sea otters, and more.

Take a scenic drive to Exit Glacier for a view of North Country lifestyle.

View the massive Harding Ice Field.

Experience the Sea Life Center – the world’s first cold water marine institute.

Visit the Seward Museum and the Chugach Heritage Center.

Dining: Peking Restaurant

18 Cooper Landing, AK 1 night

Avoid the crowds for a day (hopefully).

Relax by the river.

Go on a natural history float.

Take advantage of one of the many sport-fishing charters.

En route to Haines (maybe a long lunch stop at Haines Junction?):

- See the video at the Kluane National Park Visitor Centre.
- Visit the Catholic Mission built from an old Army hut.
- Buy fresh bread, pastry, muffins at the Village Bakery.

25 Haines, AK 3 nights

....Make reservations for the ferry ride to Skagway!....

Watch a historic salmon cannery in operation.

See Alaska Indian arts – totem carvers, mask makers, dancers.

Take a wildlife-viewing trip into Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve.

Visit the American Bald Eagle Foundation.

Tour historic Fort William H. Seward.

Go Glacier flightseeing with Mt. Flying Service

See Pioneer History displays.

Fish for trout and salmon.

26 Skagway, AK 3 nights

Visit the Skagway Visitor Center and the Skagway Museum.

See a play about Soapy Smith.

Tour the most visited national park in Alaska, and take advantage of a variety of ranger programs.

Watch a movie about mining in the old days.

Shop in the historic district (along with the cruise ship crowds).

Take a carriage ride.

Ride the White Pass and Yukon Route Railroad summit excursion for a spectacular view.

Dining: Westmark Hotel

(If you want to catch the ferry back to the US, you can do so in Haines or Skagway)

27 Teslin, YT, CN 1 night

Watch natives making canoes, snowshoes, sleds, moccasins, gun cases, etc.

Learn about the early days at the George Johnston Museum.

Study the impressive wildlife display at the Yukon Motel.

Buy ice cream, confections and souvenirs at the Totem Pole.

28 Upper Liard, YT, CN 1 night

An easy day to play catch-up: wash the car, wash the clothes, etc.

Check out the Northern Beaver Trading Post and Wolf It Down Restaurant.

Play a late round of golf on the 9 hole course – tee time not required.

29 Iskut, BC, CN 1 night

Another easy day: Enjoy the scenery.

There is an RV wash station in the park – hint, hint.

Horse trips, canoe rentals and river rafting may be available.

30 Hyder, AK 2 nights

Our last stop in Alaska! (Hyder is in Alaska, Stewart is in Canada.)

Tour a number of historic buildings in Stewart.

Watch the bears fishing in Fish Creek.

Take a self-guided auto tour out Salmon Glacier Road.

See both active and abandoned mine sites.

Photograph bears and eagles drawn to the streams by the salmon swimming upstream.

Dining: King Edward Hotel

En route to Telkwa:

- At Hazelton, stop and tour the 'Ksan Historical Village and Museum.

31 Telkwa, BC, CN 1 night

Moose, mule deer, grizzly and black bears, mountain goats and caribou are found in the area.

Take a 14-mile drive from Smithers up Hudson Bay Mountain. Enjoy the plateau above the timberline.

Visit a unique shop specializing in handmade fishing rod cases, leather water bottles, and other leather goods.

32 Prince George, BC, CN 2 nights

Enjoy flower gardens and a view of the city at Connaught Hill Park.

Picnic at Fort George Park, and ride the Fort George Railway.

See the Prince George Railway and Forestry Museum.

Tour the Pacific Western Brewery.

Take a guided interpretive tour of Huble Homestead.

Pull out the fishing gear one more time – there is easy access to lakes and rivers.

Dining: Log House Restaurant

33 Hinton, AB, CN 2 nights

Visit Canada's largest Rocky Mountain park, Jasper National Park.

Tour a pulp mill complex.

En route to Calgary:

- Drive through a ribbon of national parks with 5-mile long glaciers and turquoise-colored lakes.
- Watch for moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goats.

34 Calgary, AB, CN 2 nights

Visit Canada Olympic Park and the Olympic Hall of Fame

Climb or ride to the top of the 90-meter tower used during the Olympics for a view of the city.

Learn the history of Lord Stathcona's Horse Regiment, Princess Patricia's Light Infantry, and The King's Own Calgary Regiment at the Museum of Regiments.

Try to replace all that money you just spent – visit the Silver Dollar Casino.

Top attractions here are:

1. Calgary Zoo
2. Glenbow Museum
3. Heritage Park

35 Moose Jaw, SA, CN 1 night

Observe a newspaper being printed on the oldest flatbed cylinder press still operating in Canada.

See antique tractors, trucks and cars at Sukanen Ship and Pioneer Village.

Today was a long drive. Eat dinner and go to bed!

36 Winnipeg, MB, CN 2 nights

Tour the Winnipeg Commodity Exchange where agricultural futures and options are exchanged.

Take your pick from several museums.

Try again at the Crystal Casino?

Shop in Canada one last time.

37 **Minneapolis, MN, USA**

Choose from:

- Mall of America
- Casinos & Horse Racing
- Valley Fair Amusement Park
- Golf
- Minnesota Zoo
- Metrodome

General Notes

You will probably want "The Milepost". It is a 750+ page mile-by-mile guide to Alaska and northern Canada. The 2002 edition will be published in March 2002. It can be purchased at Camping World, many bookstores, or you can order online at: <http://www.themilepost.com/>
Preorder now and they will ship to you immediately after production.

Entering Canada:

Proof of citizenship is required:

- Passport with photo, or
- Birth or baptismal certificate with additional photo ID, or
- Voter registration and driver's license.

Dogs and cats must have a current health certificate showing rabies vaccination within past 36 months.

Vehicle registration cards for all vehicles are necessary. If the vehicle is not yours, you must have written permission from the owner.

Canada has strict gun laws. If you plan to transport a gun, know what the law requires.

Radar detectors are illegal.

Obtain from your insurance company a Canadian Insurance Card (Canada Non-Resident Inter-Province Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Card).

Bring clothing to dress in layers. Expect warm days and cool nights.

Pavement on a great amount of the highway is chip-coated.

You probably want your coach and tow car to have a front shield.

To prevent gravel from lodging in a belt pulley or from damaging the radiator, some travelers cover the underside of the coach engine compartment with hardware cloth.

Recommended spares: air cleaner, belts, and filters.

In case of breakdown, tow rates and distances can be high. Consider tow insurance.

Campground Schedule - Alaska 2002

Spend the night at:

Stop #	<u>City</u>	<u>Campground</u>
	Mankato, MN, USA	Minneopa State Park, MN
1	Buffalo Bay (Fish Camp)	Warroad Municipal Park (MN)
2	Minnedosa, MB, CN	Minnedosa Campground
3	Saskatoon, SA, CN	Saskatoon 16 West RV Park
4	Edmonton, AB, CN	Klondike Valley Campground
5	Dawson Creek, BC, CN	Northern Lights RV Park
6	Fort Nelson, BC, CN	Westend Campground
7	Muncho Lake, BC, CN	J&H Wilderness RV Park
8	Watson Lake, YT, CN	Downtown RV Park
9	Whitehorse, YT, CN	Mackenzie's RV Park
10	Minto, YT, CN	Minto Resort
11	Dawson City, YT, CN	Bonanza Gold RV Park
12	Tok, AK	Tok RV Village
13	Delta Junction, AK	Smith's Green Acres RV Park
14	Fairbanks, AK	River's Edge RV Park
15	Denali National Park, AK	Denali RV Park & Motel
16	Anchorage, AK	Golden Nugget Camper Park
17	Seward, AK	Bear Creek RV Park
18	Cooper Landing, AK	Kenai Princess Park
19	Kenai, AK	Beluga Lookout RV Park
20	Homer, AK	Oceanview RV Park
21	Palmer, AK	Fox Run RV Campground
22	Valdez, AK	Eagle's Rest RV Park
23	Tok, AK	Tok RV Village
24	Destruction Bay, YT, CN	Destruction Bay Lodge & RV
25	Haines, AK	Hitch-up RV Park
26	Skagway, AK	Garden City RV Park
27	Teslin, YT, CN	Yukon Motel & RV Park
28	Upper Liard, YT, CN	Junction 37 Services Cmpgd
29	Iskut, BC, CN	Tatogga Lake Resort
30	Hyder, AK	Camp Run-A-Muck
31	Telkwa, BC, CN	Ft. Telkwa RV Park
32	Prince George, BC, CN	South Park RV Park
33	Hinton, AB, CN	Folding Mountain Resort
34	Calgary, AB, CN	Pine Creek RV Campground
35	Moose Jaw, SA, CN	Prairie Oasis Tourist Complex
36	Winnipeg, MB, CN	Traveller's RV Rst & Cmpgnd
37	Minneapolis, MN, USA	Minneapolis Southwest KOA