

# Alaska's Evolving Role in the Global Cruise Landscape

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# **Cruise Industry Update**

#### Industry returns improving

- Incidents are getting behind us
- Caribbean environment is gradually improving
- New market growth is optimistic
- Lower fuel costs help

#### Headwinds are still out there

- Weaker European demand
- Currency challenges persist

#### We've still got a lot of work to do

- Yields not yet back to 2008
- Shareholder returns are not where they need to be

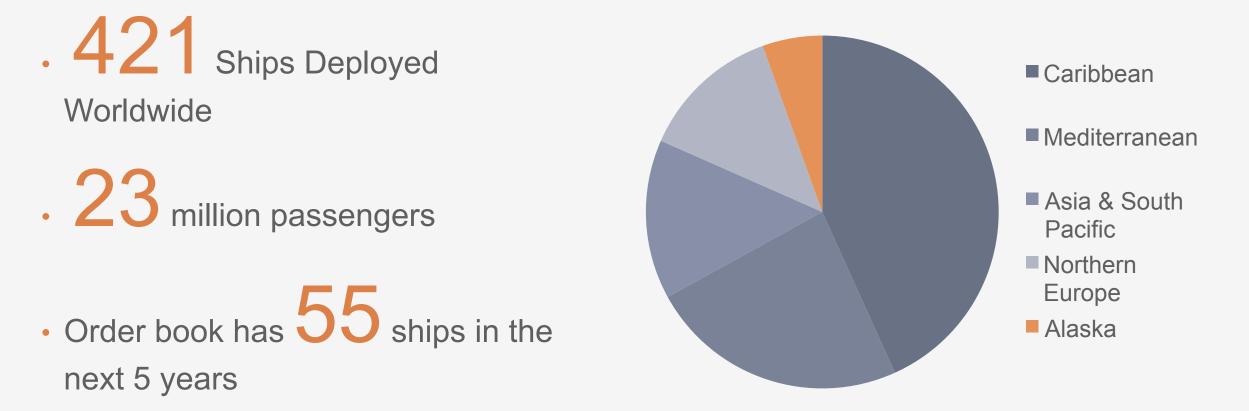






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**Key Destinations** 



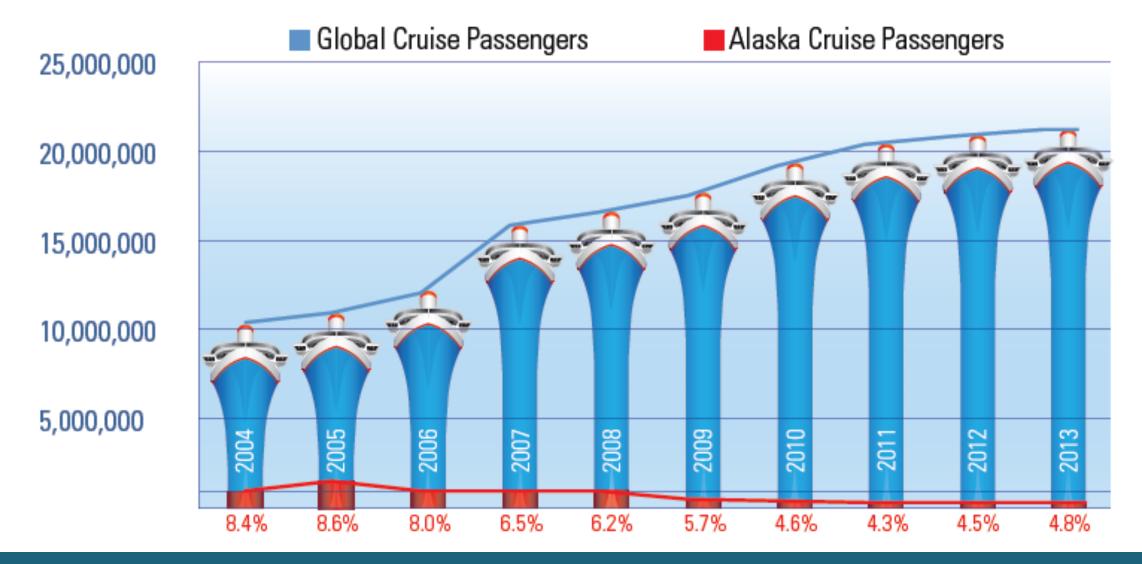


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## Alaska's Market Share



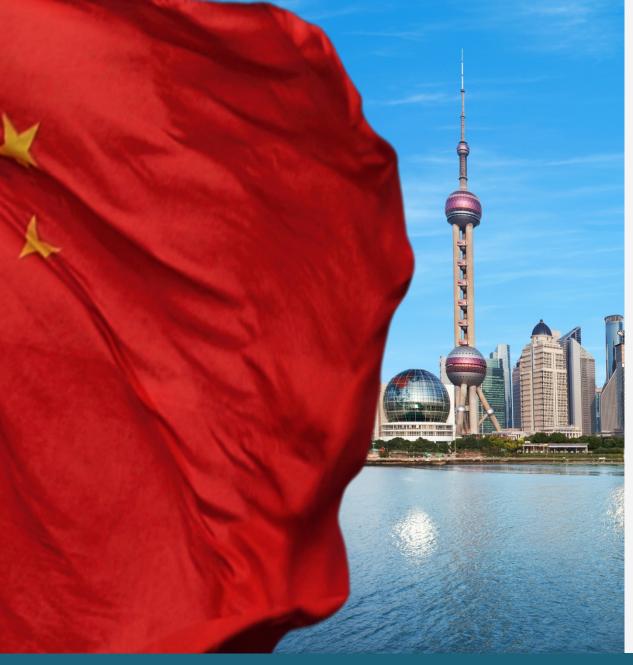


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# Asia Now Third Biggest Cruise Market

#### • March 10 2015

 Asia has overtaken Northern Europe as the third biggest region in terms of passenger capacity, according to independent data from the 2015-2016 Cruise Industry News Annual Report.

#### • 2015

 Asia will grow by 20 percent, accounting for just over 2.2 million passengers with 69 ships sailing in the region. Asia capacity now accounts for just over 10 percent of the global cruise industry, trailing only the Caribbean and Mediterranean.











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# Alaska Overview

#### **Opportunities**

- New product development
- Repeat visitation
- Average length of stay

#### Strengths

- Desirability of brand
- Global appeal
- Guest experience

#### Weaknesses

- Seasonality
- Operational costs
- Complementary deployment

#### **Threats**

- Key market growth
- State fiscal situation
- Global competition







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# **Deployment Drivers** Commercial

### Operational









**Financial** 



# **Planning Process**

#### OVER-ARCHING DEPLOYMENT

Establishing the overarching deployment of capacity in each particular region given customer demand and profitability

#### ITINERARY PLANNING

Determining the day-byday itineraries to achieve the plan considering Guest Satisfaction, Operational Details and Port Infrastructure

#### TIMING

Generally we publish 18-24 mos out from earliest departure











# **Deployment Considerations**

- Consumer Demand
- Competitive Capacity
- GeoPolitical Issues
- Dry-docking/Maintenance needs
- Ship Class Variations
- Historical Yields / Improvement Opportunities
- Ticket Revenue Fuel Cost Port Cost = Itinerary\$



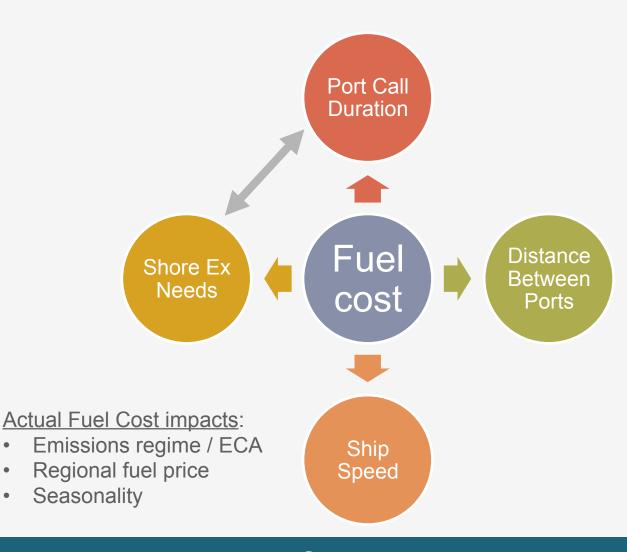








# **Itinerary Planning Considerations**



- Port cost
- Guest satisfaction
- Port awareness / Interest
- Shore excursion availability breadth / quantity
- Port infrastructure dock v. tender
- Onboard experience evening program
- Port balance Marquis v. Boutique v. Sea Days
- Optimum cruise length

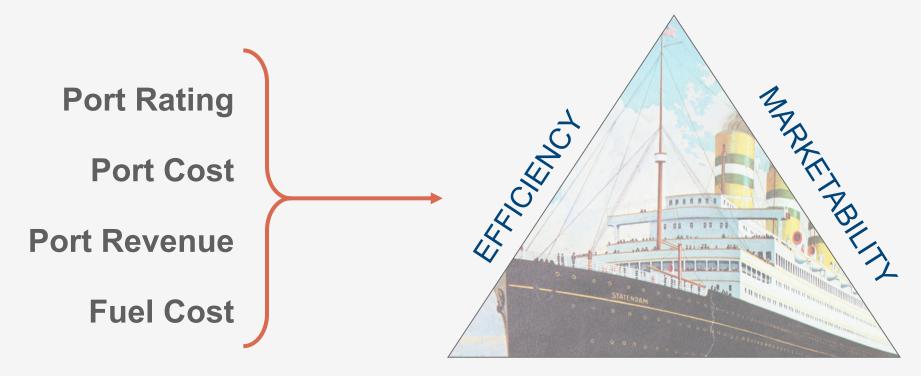
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- Supplying ship / Crew movement
- Regulatory work / rest hours, Jones Act, etc.
- Port availability conflicts create inefficiency



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# **Itinerary Efficiency**



#### PROFITABILITY

Itinerary efficiency metrics are used to help determine highest value itinerary without compromising ratings and marketability













# We Are Bullish on Alaska

- Highly desirable domestic destination
- Popular with first time cruisers
- Excellent outcomes from service perspective
- Land tours, more streams of profit
- Replaced 2-day motorcoach trip with 1-hour flight between Dawson City and Fairbanks
- Revised rail to operate Anchorage/Denali only
- Fairbanks/Denali became a 2.5-hour motorcoach transfer for more time in Denali and/or Fairbanks

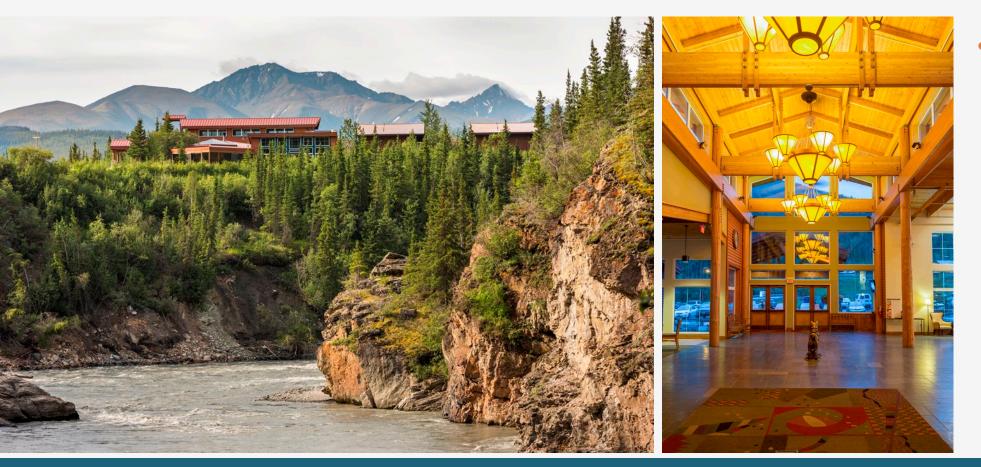








## We Are Bullish on Alaska



 Major investment in McKinley Chalets











# A Commitment of Resources

- Total Employees in AK: 3618
- Total Year Round: 509
- Total Seasonal: 3109
- Total Seasonal Alaskans: 1036





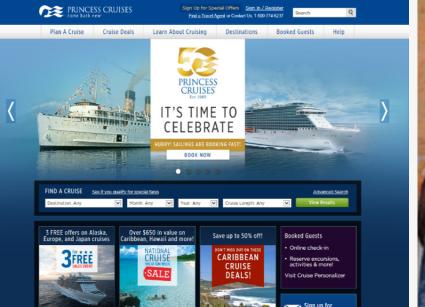


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# Substantial Marketing Investment Drives Demand







Dynamic, experiential websites

300+ shows per season, plus 110+ shows online

ATIA Member – buy leads, planner ads, web banners, convention sponsor, support scholarships and education



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Princess mailed **+9 million** pieces of Alaska-related direct mail in 2014



With Special Bonus Offers

Book an ocean-view stateroom or above on select Alaska cruises or Land+Sea Journeys to receive:

- Onboard spending credit of up to US\$300 per stateroom\*
- Up to 10% savings on select summer shore excursions when booked before February 28, 2014\*
- 50% reduced deposit\*
- FREE or reduced cruise fares for 3rd/4th guests\*
- FREE hotel stay with the purchase of a suite\*

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Yukon + Denali Land+Sea Journeys Fares from \$1,399\* Ocean-view from \$1,499\*

Alaska Cruises Fares from **\$599**\* TV, magazine and newspaper ads reached millions of potential guests



HAL sent **+9.5 million** emails over 26 Alaska-focused campaigns in 2014



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# Challenges Impacting Alaska's Competitiveness

- Long distances traveled, high cost of fuel
- Regulatory Impacts
  - ECA
  - Wastewater Permit
  - Emissions
  - NOAA/Harbor Seals
  - Pilotage







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# Challenges Impacting Alaska's Competitiveness

- Passenger Taxes
  - \$34.50 passenger tax
  - Not being used to meet passenger and vessel needs
- State Budget Implications
  - Potential Targeted Taxes
  - Local Taxes











# We Need Your Help

- Keep Alaska a good place to do business
  - Smart tax policies
  - Reasonable regulation
  - Support tourism-friendly candidates to office
- Keep the product fresh
- Effective co-op marketing opportunities
- Talk to us









# Conclusion

- With nearly 1 million passengers, Alaska been able to build back capacity to near record levels
- Outlook is positive with a projected 2% growth for next year
- However, there is extreme competition for ships globally
- Other destinations seeing much higher growth
- Costs remain high with many regulatory burdens in AK











## What Can We Do?

- Alaska should be aggressive in seeking new business through expanded capacity and outreach to new lines
  - 1 new ship can bring in 50,000 new visitors
- Alaska needs to ensure it remains competitive
  - Regulations need to be reasonable and based upon science
  - Tax level should be in line with other destinations and federal tax restriction for marine/ interstate commerce should be followed
- Everyone can make a difference



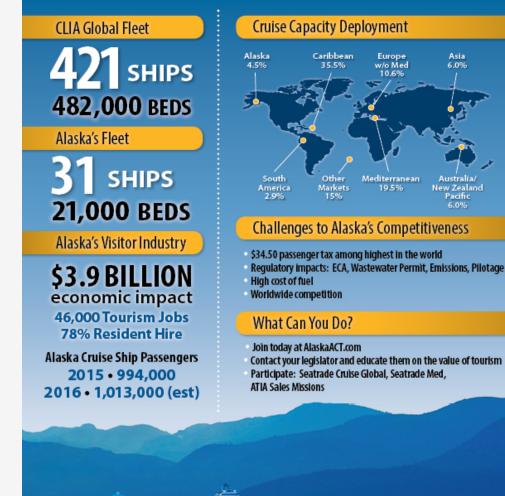








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Asia 6.0%

New Zealand Pacific 6.0%



