

# Our Alaska Tour

## The White Pass and Yukon Route

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The White Pass and Yukon Route is a narrow gauge railroad built in 1898 during the Klondike Gold Rush. Numerous early prospectors lost their lives trying to get over the mountains to reach gold in the Yukon Territory. The completion of this railroad made travel and the transportation of supplies much safer. The nearly impossible task of building this railroad was completed at the cost of 10 million dollars in only 26 months.

The railroad suspended its operation in 1982 and was reopened in 1988 as a tourist train. With such an amazing view we are glad we were able to take the ride. Here are some of our pictures.



We are at the ticket office in Downtown Skagway, Alaska. It's June but notice we are wearing jackets. It was 56 degrees that day.



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Above: They are getting a train ready for the next trip up the mountain at the station in downtown Skagway.

Right; Behind Linda are the mountains leading to the Yukon territory.

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We are nearly at the top and are passing the international border from Alaska to the Yukon. Notice the flags from left to right: USA, Alaska, Unknown, Yukon, and Canada.

We brought our passports with us but since we never actually got off the train in Canada, nobody checked them.





They are getting ready to move the locomotives from the front of the train to the back of the train for the trip back down the mountain.



That's snow outside!

Notice who has the jacket on.

At least I have a double layer of t-shirts on.









We have nearly reached Skagway at the bottom of the mountain. Alaska has such breathtaking scenery.