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THIS MAKES FOR A TOUGH TURNAROUND

The trip from Anchorage along the road beside Turnagain Arm was busy with truck and bus traffic. There were two cruise ships in, one at Whittier and one at Seward. Both of these ships carry around 3,000 passengers each and they all must be transferred by bus to Anchorage and the airport, or put on tour busses, or the train to travel to Fairbanks.

Of course the same amount of people is arriving, to be transported to board the ships the same day! In addition there are a lot of supplies that have been trucked to dockside and must



be put onboard, as well as everyone's luggage. Unlike most ports the distance from the airport in Anchorage is 30-40 miles to Whittier thru a mountain tunnel, and 115 miles to Seward down a two lane road.

We watched the Celebrity Millennium, shown here, back out and turn around in front of us, at 10:00 at night. There are so many cruise lines coming to Alaska, there is a logistics problem scheduling dock space at these two ports.

We had a real surprise call yesterday, when we called our daughter Vicki, she announced that she was arriving at the Anchorage airport to travel with us back down to Seattle. We are looking forward to it.

Tomorrow we leave for Homer, AK. It is the farthest town south on the Kenai Peninsula. The halibut capital of Alaska. We just have to get some of their fresh halibut for dinner! The last trip it was \$17.50/lb. Who knows this year!

Dave & Bonnie