

Anchorage to Whittier

ANCHORAGE: Begin your day At 10 AM in your lobby of your hotel if you have a group of 6 or more. With our escort whisking you off to Whittier, passing through Anchorage along the shores of Cook Inlet, there's a special mystique to Alaska. The name conjures up adventure, raw natural beauty -- glaciers, mountains and seas, unmatched the world around -- fascinating wildlife, a unique cultural heritage, and independent, pioneering people. A unique part of Alaska, the Kenai Peninsula offers up mountainous passes and gorges along the magnificent Turnagain Arm of Cook Inlet.

Your first stop will be at Potters Marsh, a state game refuge, a very popular stop for bird watching from a boardwalk. This is a nesting area for waterfowl as well as arctic tern, Canada geese, swans, and ducks. From hawks, to eagles, guests love this walk to view salmon as well as the birds. We even see an occasional moose.

GIRDWOOD: Next, enjoy the hopping town of Girdwood, our local ski resort area in winter and hot spot for Tram views in summer. Here you will have a stop for a deli-style lunch along with the infamous views of Turnagain Arm of the Cook Inlet.

Upon completion of your lunch, leisure time is offered for photos and visit a Jade shop in Alyeska. Jade is Alaska's state precious stone and found in many stores but this store is the prime shopping stop!

Following your stop, a beautiful drive further down the Seward Hwy corridor, stops at Windy Point & Beluga point will allow for Dall Sheep sightseeing as well as Beluga Whale spotting. Binoculars are provided on board as well as complimentary beverages.

ALASKA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTER: Here come "Them Thar Bears..."! Join the fun at the 140-acre Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, where jaws drop in awe - even those of longtime Alaskans who've studied grizzlies and other animals up close. AWCC's mission is to provide refuge for orphaned, injured, and ill animals--those that can't survive in the wild. The center, which opened to the public in 1993, also educates visitors about Alaska's wildlife. On your visit, you might see a Siberian boar snoozing, moose foraging, baby moose napping, plus caribou, elk, bison, baby Sitka black-tailed deer, eagles, and other animals. The musk oxen are worth the visit all by themselves. Set on the shores of Turnagain Arm, surrounded by mountains and hanging glaciers, the center is the perfect setting to learn about Alaskan wildlife. The animals are located in different areas grouped around several road loops. Each habitat area has a sign explaining the history and habits of the particular animals.

PORTAGE GLACIER: Enjoy this afternoon's visit to Portage Glacier. Leisure time offers a great area to view the icebergs in the lake as well as hanging glaciers that will keep your camera busy. Begich-Boggs Visitors Center offers a unique opportunity to learn about the Chugach National Forest, America's second largest national forest. Award-winning exhibits, educational presentations, the film "Voices from the Ice," information services, and an Alaska Natural History Association bookstore are available. Join a Forest Service Interpreter or go it alone on this short 1/4 mile loop trail located just outside our doors. Interpretive signs along the trail help paint the picture of Portage Glacier's retreat revealing a landscape full of new life. A stop to view salmon spawning is included depending on season.

WHITTIER: Finally, your adventure concludes at 4 PM with a ride through the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel, the longest tunnel in North America, 2.5 miles! It is the first tunnel designed for -40° F. and 150 mph winds. The tunnel is located fifty miles southeast of Anchorage near Portage Glacier, and connects the port city of Whittier on Prince William Sound to the Seward Highway and South-central Alaska. It opened to vehicle traffic on June 7, 2000 after extensive conversion from a World War II railroad tunnel. Today ends with a drop-off at the Cruise Terminal.

RATES:

\$169.00 per person includes narrated tour, escort guide, transportation, wildlife conservation park fees, tunnel crossing fees and complimentary beverages. Rates do NOT include meals or driver gratuities. (10-15% per person standard) Please review all terms and conditions prior to booking. Must have group of 6 or more guests to book this tour.

REQUIREMENTS:

Children under the age of 8 or under 80 pounds require a booster seat. Client must contact our office with details and a booster seat will be provided. Children under the age of 4 or under 40 lbs require a full child car seat. Client must contact our office with details and a car seat will be provided.

DEPOSIT / FINAL PAYMENT:

100% Payment is due at time of booking.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Once reservation is confirmed, payment is nonrefundable. All cancellations must be in writing. Travel Insurance is highly recommended. Please review all terms and conditions prior to booking. TERMS & CONDITIONS are listed on-line at www.alaskaadventureunlimited.com/terms-conditions/