



Alaska has called to you for years as the vacation of your dreams! How do you ensure your adventure will discover all the "secrets" of Alaska? Choose from one of our fully escorted wilderness adventures and experience the depth of Alaska's interior. Far from the coast, our local resident experts will treat you to the history & lore of Alaska.

Seasoned Alaskan guides accompany you through areas resplendent with wild beauty and take you deep into the land of the midnight sun. They serve as guide, historian and personal concierge, ensuring every aspect of your journey is effortless. Our tours combine the frontier spirit of this untamed land, the natural wonders and habitat of bear, moose, caribou and more. Choose from whitewater rafting, flightseeing, glacier hiking, wildlife tours, river jet boats, day cruises and more. From Anchorage to Denali National Park, St. Elias to Valdez stays in unique charming chalets with all the magnificence of Alaska at your doorstep. Premium service combined with Alaskan hospitality all the way!

Our [luxury private transport service](#) is customized with leather captain's chairs, full bay picture windows, complete narration and complimentary soft drinks. Our intimate tours are limited to 13 guests for your sightseeing pleasure. Optional custom itineraries can be designed based on availability.

## "ESSENCE OF ALASKA"

### 6-Day / 5-Night Adventure

... featuring Denali National Park, Wildlife, Flightseeing, Jet boats, Rafting, Glacier Viewing, Gold Panning, Glacier Treks & Native Cultural Centers!!



### DAY ONE

**ANCHORAGE:** Upon arrival in Anchorage, if you arrive on the day of the tour, contact one of our preferred hotels for a courtesy transfer to one of our two pick-up points. Our representatives will meet you at approximately 11 AM, to begin the adventure with other guests as they arrive.

**NATIVE HISTORY:** Begin your Alaskan adventure with additional guests. Your guide will meet you out front of the lobby of your hotel. Our mini-executive coaches are GOLD with a bear on side. Travel across town to the spectacular Native Heritage Center, a renowned cultural center and museum, an exciting place where all people can come to expand their understanding of Alaska's first people. 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM AAU will provide a picnic lunch today at the Heritage Center.

Here, you will share the rich heritage of Alaska's eleven cultural groups drawing upon the life ways of long ago, the wisdom of our elders, and the traditions that endure. The Welcome House is a celebration of contemporary Alaska Native cultures while the outdoor facilities and sites allow the exploration of ancient tradition and the presentation of stories from the past. The Center provides a unique opportunity to experience Alaska's many diverse Native cultures at one location. In facilitating the transmission of Alaska Native knowledge, heritage and tradition, the Center promotes self-esteem and pride among Alaska Natives. The Alaska Native Heritage Center improves understanding among all Alaskans and encourages appreciation of Alaska Native people and their traditions, history, and contributions to Alaska. Use your first hour to eat your lunch at the picnic tables, and then enjoy dances, young people's sports, informative films, as well as a museum area. Finally, be sure to walk the trail to each local "dwelling" representing each native culture such as Aleut, Athabascan, Tlinquit etc. *Here you can choose to join a guided tour (check available times at the information desk) or you can download the App to hear a narrated tour for each dwelling as you walk the tour on your own.*



Upon leaving the Anchorage area, we will travel north to the Matanuska Valley, the farming belt of Alaska. Along the way, we will visit the native village of Eklutna. Enjoy the Russian Orthodox influenced Chapel and native influenced "spirit houses", while sharing in their cultural traditions.

Continuing north, we will pass the "Palmer Hay Flats", and the Knik Arm of the Cook Inlet. This tundra-covered lowland is home to wildlife and several species of birds. Upon arrival in Wasilla, a Meet & Greet Dinner will be provided at a local area restaurant. Overnight in comfortable lodging adding a remote feel to your adventure. **(AAU Sack Lunch & Meet & Greet Restaurant Dinner included)**



## DAY TWO

**GLACIERVIEW:** This morning at 8:00 am, after included continental breakfast starts your day, AAU brings one of the most scenic drives in the state. As you head north to Glacier View, the Matanuska River winds its way north beside us, cutting a cavern of beauty through the Matanuska Valley. Several overlook stops reveal views of mountains, valleys, and glaciers in their full glory.

Next, you will have the option of choosing between two types of river rafting, slow float or white water. The "Glacier Run" float trip is great for relaxed sightseeing and photo opportunities. This easily negotiable class II water makes it a great way to experience rafting and the great outdoors. This raft

excursion lasts 2 ½ hours.

The "Lion's Head" raft trip offers the roar of whitewater. This is an excellent first-timers whitewater trip that is popular with experienced enthusiast as well. The most popular trip for over 28 years, this class III & IV whitewater experience offers you a hand-on adventure. This raft excursion lasts 3 ½ hours.

Around 1 PM, it's off to Sheep Mountain Lodge, for an included bite to eat. Sheep Mountain Lodge offers spectacular homemade soups, halibut tacos, chili with sourdough rolls, triple berry pie, and glacier cookies!! This area is also a great viewing spot for Dall sheep. So, keep your cameras handy.

After your lunch, at around 3:00 pm, discover the true beauty of glaciers up close. Ice cram-p-ons and walking sticks are your first step to enjoying your glacier trek adventure. You'll experience glacier walking as well as the natural history of the Matanuska Glacier. Enjoy the splendor of the "frozen river" as you walk out to a glacial lake at the face of an ice fall. No experience is necessary to join in the fun; however, the terrain presents shale rocks, muddy silt, slippery ice, and small ice fissures. Intermittently placed picnic benches allow guests to choose their own participation level. Great photo ops from all picnic benches.



After the day's fun, guests are ready to rest this evening, so a local favorite Pizza House will regale you with flavorful eats, so you can take it back to your comfy accommodations. Rest up, as tomorrow brings another day of high adventure. (Continental Breakfast included. If continental breakfasts are not sufficient for you, please bring supplemental food or snacks. Lunch & Dinner meal not included; restaurant stops provided)



## DAY THREE

**TALKEETNA:** Rise & Shine, enjoy your continental breakfast, as you depart at 8-8:30 AM. Next, it's off to visit the home of Mt. McKinley. Today will present one of many highlights of your adventure. Talkeetna is a local town sporting the most photographed scenes in our state, the towering peaks of Mt. McKinley & the Alaska mountain range. Only 1 ½ hours north, this town is a hub of international mountain climbers.

Here you will have time to enjoy lunch on your own (**NOT INCLUDED**). Consider "Mountain High Pizza Pie", for wonderful hummus & vegetable pita sandwiches, or the "West Rib" for Musk Ox

burgers or "Twister Creek" for their infamous sweet potato fries. Here, you will be able to **choose ONE** of the following adventures to enjoy in Talkeetna:

**ACTIVITY ONE- FLIGHTSEEING:** (12:30 PM - 2:30 PM – 1 HR Flight Time plus travel & prep time) All activity times are approximate and may change for custom departures) Denali Flightseeing & Glacier Landing: This magnificent flight takes you within six miles of Mt. McKinley's summit. As your flight departs Talkeetna, you begin to see how the last ice age has shaped the land. Moments later you enter a world of rugged high mountain peaks and wide glacier filled valleys. Listen as your pilot describes the natural wonders of Denali National Park. See the Sheldon Amphitheater, beautiful Ruth Glacier, and the Great Gorge (the world's deepest - almost 2 miles from top to bottom). "No visit is complete without this experience!" Passengers, each with comfortable window seats, enjoy narration by an experienced pilot-guide highlighting points of interest including geology, wildlife, and history. (Flightseeing available **ONLY** on **DELUXE** package or upgrade of \$250.00 per person on the **QUALITY** package)

**GLACIER LANDING:** \$100.00 pp Upgrade Land on the Sheldon Amphitheatre glacier beneath Mt. McKinley, the aircraft is equipped with skis, floats, and voice activated headphones. Glacier Landing is approx. 20 min. (Can be added on either Deluxe or Quality pkg.)

**ACTIVITY TWO- RIVERBOAT:** (11:30 AM – 2:30 PM 2-HR Riverboat Plus travel & prep time) Your exciting trip will begin aboard the fifty-one passenger "Talkeetna Queen" as it whisks you into the heart of the wilderness in comfort. This is the most technologically advanced river jetboat in Alaska designed to safely navigate rivers that were previously inaccessible. It is glass-domed, environmentally controlled, and has an onboard restroom for your comfort. You will visit an authentic trapper's cabin and view how trappers lived in "Bush" Alaska at the turn of the century.



Your experienced guide will display raw furs from the local area and demonstrate trapping methods. Naturalists will acquaint you with the wildflowers and plants that grow in abundance along the river system and you will learn about the edible plants that were used by the Native Indians for cooking and medicines. As you travel ten miles of river you will have opportunities to view nesting bald eagles, beaver activity, and moose and you just might see black bear and grizzly bear roaming the shore. Wildlife, folklore, artifacts and a panoramic view of Denali in the Alaska Range combine to make this an unforgettable Alaskan river adventure. (Available on **DELUXE & QUALITY** packages, your choice of one)

This afternoon between 2:30 & 4:30 pm, enjoy free time for last minute shopping or a river walk, before continuing our adventure to Denali National Park. An optional stop at the Kahiltna Birchworks will share the workings of birch syrup making and more. Crossing over Hurricane Gulch, have your cameras ready. The vistas are breathtaking. Upon arrival in Denali National Park, this evening at 7:30 PM, a local Salmon Bake is included. Famous for its fresh fish, this Salmon Bake is where all the locals come to eat. Rustic old barn style eatery with sloped floors, antique décor & Alaskan delights. Tonight, is yours to enjoy as tomorrow brings another day of fun. Tonight's accommodations are near Denali National Park. (Continental Breakfast included – Lunch not included, local bistro's available to purchase food are within a short walk, Dinner not included, restaurant stop provided)



## DAY FOUR

**DENALI:** Everything about Denali National Park is big: the scenery, the mountains, the incredible beauty, and the animals. Departure this morning is between 8-8:30 AM after your included continental breakfast in your room. Your guide will escort you to the Wilderness Access Center to embark on the Denali Park Shuttle Tour, an excellent way to spot the wildlife for which Alaska is so famous: moose, bear, wolves, caribou, Dall sheep.

Depending on departure dates, generally this tour begins at 9:30 AM with arrival at the center at 9:00 AM. The park shuttle (school bus style) stops every 1 hr 10 min. for restrooms and whenever wildlife is sighted as you travel. Opened in June 2008 the completely reconstructed Eielson Visitor Center was built as sustainable construction and features informative interpretive exhibits. This is the turnaround point, allowing 30 minutes to explore the visitor center or the surrounding area with a short hike. This shuttle time is 8 hours' roundtrip, including all stops. AAU arranges for and includes a picnic style sack lunch and beverage for the trip. So, bring your camera and binoculars and extra snacks if you need treats for the 8-hr bus ride.

Mount McKinley National Park was established in 1917 to protect its large mammals, not because of majestic Mt. McKinley. In 1980, the boundary was expanded to include both the Denali caribou herds wintering and calving ground and the entire Mt. McKinley massif. This more than tripled the size of the park and was renamed Denali National Park and Preserve. It was also designated an International Biosphere Reserve significant for the potential for sub-arctic ecosystem research.



Denali is an Athabascan word meaning "The High One". The mountain is officially named Mt. McKinley but is also referred to as Denali. Mt. McKinley is the highest peak in North America at 20,320 feet. It creates its own weather system and is often covered in clouds. Mt. McKinley is only visible about 1/3 of the time, so visitors to the park only have about a 30% chance of viewing Mt. McKinley.

Denali is one of the greatest wildlife viewing areas in the world. Visitors have a chance of seeing grizzly bears, caribou, moose, Dall sheep, foxes, and wolves. Many smaller animals also inhabit the park such as arctic ground squirrels, hoary marmots, pikas, snowshoe hares, and beavers. For those interested in bird watching, there are a variety of birds that migrate to the park for the summer. The list includes arctic tern, American golden plover, long tailed jaegers, the surfbird, arctic warbler, the

wheatear, willow ptarmigan, golden eagles, and ravens. Approximately 150 species live in and around the Denali area during the summer months. Your wildlife viewing will end around 4:30-5:30 PM. Our guide will meet you, and whisk you away to a relaxing dinner.

This evening, dinner is at a local hot spot featuring the Bus from the movie "With-in the Wild". Hosted at a local brewery, industrial warehouse style restaurant. Overnight again in the Denali area. (Continental Breakfast & Sack Lunch included – Dinner meal not included; restaurant stop provided)

## DAY FIVE

Today is at your leisure in the Grand Denali National Park area. Many guests love the Visitor's Center and all it has to offer. From Alaskan movies, hikes, ranger talks, dog sled demonstrations, the park has much to enjoy. Or choose to visit "Glitter Gulch", the locals nick name for the boardwalk of shops with trinkets to prove "you were there"! Another option for the more active, is to get out there and enjoy the great trail system in the park, starting at the Visitors Center. A great beginning to moderate trail is "Horse Shoe Trail". Ask your guide for more information.



Discover the Muir Science Center and the great geology and wildlife of the park. A café is available right next to the Park Visitor Center as well as theater, bookstore and more. These are all included in your package. Your guide is available to help take you to your choice of above events or shops. After all your morning adventure, a lunch stop is provided before returning to Wasilla. **(Lunch NOT INCLUDED, as guests are all enjoying different activities)**

(Consider adding one of the optional adventures listed below:)



**ATV 4-Wheeler Adventure:**  
**\$135.00 Per Person Single Unit**  
**\$235.00 Double Covered Unit (2 people)**  
**\$335 Triple Covered Unit (3 People)**

8: 00 AM – 10:00 AM: Get ready for some adventure! Whether a novice or expert ATVer, this tour will be a memorable ride in the scenic Alaskan wilderness on your own Single or Side by Side ATV. Ride on several terrain types - coal mining tails, rocky creek beds, hill climbing, water and mud crossings. Total tour covers about 10 miles, with approx. 1 ½ hours on the trails. **Must be 16 yrs old & a licensed driver to operate. Children under 16, can ride with a licensed driver in a side-by-side unit. Larger family units available – ask your tour advisor.**

**Midnight Sun Golf: \$115.00 Per Person**

Tee Times 7 AM – Sunset (Includes clubs, balls & hand-cart)

Black Diamond is a Challenging Course with Alaskan Hazards, such as a tundra marsh or the occasional moose hoof print.

It's a relatively short course which makes it accessible and fun for any style of play and the course design makes for a quick round, which can fit into almost any travel schedule. See you on the greens!



**Denali Zip Line: \$149.00 Per Person**

Experience life above the trees ziplining just outside of Denali National Park! Your adventure begins with a three-mile trail rides through the scenic Alaskan wilderness. After gearing up, certified guides will lead you along 6 sky bridges and 7 thrilling zip lines, including the dual racer finale! The built-in, hands-free braking system allows you to relax and enjoy the breathtaking mountain views. Challenge yourself by traversing to the top of the boreal forest on the uniquely designed Ascending Bridge Tower. Soar through the trees and over the tundra on over half a mile of ziplines. Complete this once in a lifetime experience by racing to the finish zipping along side your friends and family! All safety gear provided – full body harness, helmet, and gloves. Plan on around 3 hours.



- **Must be at least 8 years of age.**
- **Minimum weight is 70 lbs. Maximum weight is 280 lbs.**
- Pregnant women or guests with injuries, seizure disorders, back or neck problems, or hearing or vision impairments are not allowed to participate.
- Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed
- Wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and layered clothing.

Upon your return, there will still be time to clean up and then have some leisure time in Denali National Park on your own, for lunch, hikes, or shopping. We will leave the park by no later than 2 PM.

Upon arriving in Wasilla at 6:30 PM, a dinner stop will be provided at a local area restaurant. **(NOT INCLUDED)**. Then it is back to your comfy accommodations for a relaxing evening. Overnight in Wasilla. **(Continental Breakfast included, lunch and dinner are not included, however several bistros are within a short walk)**



## DAY SIX

**WASILLA:** Rise & Shine, as the midnight sun never sets! Continental breakfast is included for you to begin your day. Around 9 AM, today experience spectacular views of Hatcher's Pass and the Independence Gold Mine, built in the early 1900's. Try your hand at gold panning, even though it won't pay for your vacation! We bring our own gold pans and just have fun trying the "real thing". This is not a salted trough. On a sunny day, you will be amazed at the "sparkle" in your pan, but is it real?

The park is open to hike and enjoy at arrival. However, the buildings are not open for walk-through viewing. A park naturalist is available after 11 AM when the Visitor Center opens, for about 30 minutes, to share the history of the mine, as well as flora & fauna of the area. Hatcher Pass is a favorite of guests, for its beauty, wildflowers, berries and wildlife and the best photography in later summer! This tour ends by 11:30 AM. Independence Mine does not open until June 15<sup>th</sup>, and sometimes later, depending on the snowmelt. So be aware that your tour may substitute this morning adventure with a fun trip to the Musk Ox Co-op, if snow is still in the pass. Lunch will be INCLUDED at a local area favorite restaurant.

**PALMER:** This afternoon, at 1 PM you will travel to Knik Glacier through the Butte, with arrival at 2 PM. Your adventure will take you aboard an airboat ride to Lake George, the base of Knik Glacier. Lake George, an ice dammed lake was once responsible for floods of cataclysmic proportions. Knik Glacier, 28 miles long, 6 miles wide and over 1000 feet thick, is one of Alaska's grandest natural attractions.

Knik Glacier, born in the Pleistocene Glaciation period (the beginning of the Ice Age) 600,000 years ago, covered the Anchorage bowl and the entire Cook Inlet. While it remains active, with motion imperceptible to the naked eye, this glacier is in a constant state of change. Participants should be able to step in and out of a Jet Boat or Air Boat window, which requires some agility. Participants should also be able to navigate a loose gravel trail with a slight incline. Participants must have the ability to walk unassisted.



After traveling all over the state of Alaska, the Knik Glacier always turns out to be a trip highlight. We consider ourselves very fortunate to live in such a magnificent landscape. It will be our pleasure to share it with you.

**ANCHORAGE:** At approximately 5:30 PM, your guide will take you to your Quality or Deluxe hotel (based on your package) for an evening of leisure. Located in Southcentral Alaska on the shores of Cook Inlet, the Municipality of Anchorage is a unique urban environment situated in the heart of the wilderness. 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. Here you will find four-star restaurants and small cafes, an outstanding Museum of History and Art and a multitude of other fun activities. This evening, you will say good-bye to your AAU Guide. (Continental Breakfast included. Lunch & Dinner not included; however, many restaurants are close to your hotel location.)

Finally, some guests opt to add on a day in Anchorage, to enjoy the "BEST OF THE BEST" a wilderness Grizzly Bear Viewing Adventure. (Details and costs listed below). With this amount of flexibility, you can customize your tour just as you always dreamed!

**PACKAGE RATE:**

**6-Day Deluxe Package**

\$4299.00 Per Person Double Occupancy  
\$3999.00 Per Person Triple/Quad Occupancy  
\$4999.00 Per Person Single Occupancy  
\$220.00 Per Person Tax

**(Inclusive of all activities including Flightseeing)**

**6-Day Quality Package**

\$4049.00 Per Person Double Occupancy  
\$3749.00 Per Person Triple/Quad Occupancy  
\$4749.00 Per Person Single Occupancy  
\$220.00 Per Person Tax

**(Inclusive of all activities except Flightseeing)**

**VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ:**

**Please review terms & conditions below as well as more details online.**

<https://alaskaadventureunlimited.com/terms-conditions/>

*\*AAU Adventures are a combination of guided and choreographed adventures. Our AAU Guide will be with you days 1 – 6. Day 1 is arrival day and Day 6 is completion day. If you wish to add on days, these days are AAU choreographed adventures such as the 2-Day Kenai Peninsula adventure featuring the Alaska Railroad & the Kenai Fjords or the 1-Day Bear Viewing tour. Rates include all accommodations, transportation, all activities based on package purchased. (unless stated as optional), and complimentary beverages onboard. Rates include some meals which are **3-5 Continental Breakfasts (Depending on Denali hotel, 2 Lunches, 1 Dinner)**, but does not include gratuities, tax (\$220), fuel supplement if applicable, alcoholic beverages, or optional activities not listed. Day Five & Ten upgrades are not included. Itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the escort due to weather, road maintenance & time factors.*

*25% Deposit is due at time of booking. 50% is subsequently due on Nov 15, 2021. 100% Final Payment is due Feb 15, 2022. Bookings after Feb 2022 are due in full at time of booking. **Cancellations will incur full 100% penalty.** Travel insurance is available. AAU reserves rights to alter rates/itinerary due to extreme changes in economic/weather conditions.*

*Travel Insurance: If you become ill or injured prior to or during one of our adventures, we will do everything we can to help, but any and all expenses for cancellation, care or evacuation are entirely your responsibility. Trip delays such as road closures, floods, mechanical breakdowns or backcountry injury may cause you to miss your flight home, your hotel reservations or your next activity. Our tours are non-refundable. Travel insurance is available. It is your choice to accept the risk of not purchasing insurance. We like personal choice! But thanks for understanding our perspective if something happens.*

*\*\*Accommodations are chosen at time of booking. They can vary from private cabins to hotels or lodges based on availability and block space. They all include private bathrooms. Quality package properties available in Anchorage are properties similar to Comfort Inn. Deluxe package properties are similar to Embassy Suites. In smaller towns, all package properties will be quality 3-4-star, local lodging, and the same for both moderate & deluxe packages. Ask your agent at booking.*

*\*\*\* Activities/Excursions: All activity times are approximate and may change for custom departures. These are listed for planning purposes only.*

*\*\*\*\*Driver/Guides: Each of our guides are long time Alaskans. They share local stories of their lives, their experiences and their knowledge. They are not certified naturalists, biologist, or geologists. We have supplemented their knowledge with training regarding our parks, wildlife and flora/fauna. Many of our guides are educators, hunting guides, school coaches, as well as active hikers, hunters & fishermen. At each of your activities, guides from many other states offer supplemental knowledge, such as bus drivers in the National Parks, rafting guides with experience from other rivers, pilots specializing in remote flights, railroad staff given Alaskan facts to share while onboard, experienced boat captains & deckhands, and more,*

*\*\*\*\*Meals: We choose from a variety of good quality restaurants and allow you order from the menu - entree, non-alcoholic beverage and dessert at dinner. Non-market price items only. Plenty of Alaskan seafood choices. Steak options and limited vegetarian. Not all restaurants are able to accommodate Gluten free diets. Travelers are recommended to prepare for any special dietary needs and bring along.*

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**IF YOU WANT TO ADD A DAY TO YOUR TOUR PACKAGE.... Consider adding the following one-day Bear View. This tour requires an additional post night connecting hotel.**

**UPGRADE CHOICE: BEAR VIEWING**

**\$925.00 pp (Plus Tax) Lake Clark National Park Bear Viewing**

**\$985.00 pp (Plus Tax) Katmai National Park Bear Viewing**

Our premier Ursus Bear Habitat Encounter introduces you to two styles of observing large coastal bears feeding and interacting with their young in their natural habitat. This small plane adventure affords you the experience of participating in a photo safari across Cook Inlet to Katmai or Lake Clark National Parks. Silver Creek is a more personalized premium coastal viewing encounter landing on the beach with only 4-6 participants, seeing the bears in their natural habitat and the Katmai National Park offers the views of the bears feeding in the waterfalls from platforms with hundreds of other guests. Choose from the below two options for the BEST bear viewing adventure in Alaska!



**LAKE CLARK NATIONAL PARK BEAR VIEWING (JUN, AUG & SEPT)**

Lake Clark National Park is located on the western shores of the Cook Inlet. This ocean front setting is the ultimate bear habitat. The creek running through the middle of the prairie land is loaded with Silver Salmon, attracting a resident Brown Bear population to the area all summer long. The tall grass and Iliamna Volcano backdrop make for the best pictures.

Your Lake Clark National Park Bear Viewing Adventure Begins when you depart Anchorage on one of our aircraft and head south along the Cook Inlet. The flight in itself will be a spectacular flightseeing tour; this scenic route takes you by 3 active volcanoes, numerous salmon streams, glaciers, and other Alaskan sights. The flight down takes about 1 hour, once there the aircraft will land on the beach at low tide. Once you are on the ground, your pilot will give you a brief bear orientation

The Lake Clark Bear Viewing Begins after a brief bear orientation aimed at group safety. You will head out into this ideal bear habitat to watch these creatures interact with each other in the wild. Your pilot will take you through the park, adding to your safety and answering any questions you may have about the bears. The area is excellent for viewing the bears because of the layout and geography; it is a long stretch of prairie grassland and beachfront. Watch as they frolic in the grass with their cubs, dig for clams, and take afternoon naps. Lake Clark National Park is beginning to be well known as the best bear viewing in Alaska, and for good reason. This area is home mostly to Brown Bears, but it is not uncommon to see a few Black Bears in the area as well.

Mobility Impaired: This tour requires a moderate amount of walking on uneven terrain (approximately 1-2 miles) If you are concerned about you or someone in your party's ability to do so, please contact our office to review the options.

**What to Bring and Wear:**

-  Footwear – Rubber or waterproof boots. If you do not have any boots, Regal will provide you with a pair.
-  Camera – Plenty of film or digital storage space
-  Binoculars – If you do not have any you may share some with the bear guide
-  Layered Clothing – Always be ready for any temperature range, bring a rain shell in case of rain

**Lunch is provided:**

-  A Box lunch is provided including items such as sandwich, fruit, potato salad, granola bar, potato chips, etc. If you have allergies, please let us know for customization.

Depart Anchorage 9 a.m. Return Anchorage 3:30 p.m. 6.5 hours total (4 hours of bear viewing, 2.5 hours' flight) Times are approximate and are for general planning only.

***\$925.00 Per Person plus \$14 per person NP fee. Minimum 2 persons for guaranteed departure. Bear sightings cannot be guaranteed. Due to volatile weather in remote bear viewing regions, travel insurance is available.***

### **KATMAI NATIONAL PARK BEAR VIEWING (JULY & SEPT ONLY)**

The federally-protected Katmai National Park and Preserve is world famous for Alaska brown bear viewing. Accessible only by air, this is Alaska wilderness in its rawest form. Our fly-out Katmai bear viewing adventure takes you to Brooks Falls, where three bear viewing platforms connected by elevated boardwalks allow for close, unobstructed and extraordinary bear viewing in Katmai National Park. In July, lured by spawning salmon, as many as fifty bears can be seen at once along the 1.5-mile Brooks River.



Katmai bear viewing at Brooks Falls is self-guided, but Katmai National Park Rangers provide an initial briefing upon arrival and are available for questions. An on-site wait list for the Lower River bear viewing platform may be implemented when visitation reaches capacity, to ensure quality bear viewing. Departing from Lake Hood, Anchorage, you fly over Cook Inlet, the Alaska Range, remote islands, before landing on either Brooks or Naknek Lake in Katmai National Park and Preserve. Katmai is home to the world's largest population of Alaska brown bears and the famed Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes – a forty square mile, 100 to 700-foot-deep ash flow deposited by Novarupta Volcano in 1912.

#### **The Katmai Bear Viewing Experience**

Intimate two to three-hour scenic flightseeing tour from Anchorage; flight times vary depending on weather and plane type.

- Box lunch provided upon arrival at Katmai National Park
- Katmai bear viewing at Brooks Falls – watch them catch jumping salmon!
- Wildlife watching on return flight for beluga whales, moose and Dall sheep
- A window seat and 2-way headset; ask your pilot questions!
- Detailed knowledge (and personality) of an Alaska bush pilot
- Meticulous attention to comfort and safety
- Courtesy shuttle from the Anchorage airport and many Anchorage hotels

Depart Anchorage 8 a.m. Return Anchorage 6 p.m. 10 hours (4 hours of bear viewing, 5.5 hours flight) Times are approximate and are for general planning only.

***\$985.00 Per Person plus \$14 per person NP fee. Minimum 2 persons for guaranteed departure. Bear sightings cannot be guaranteed. Due to volatile weather in remote bear viewing regions, travel insurance is available.***