



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, stay 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.

"DENALI FALL COLORS"

Customized 7-Day / 6 Night Adventure:

... featuring Denali National Park, Wildlife, Flightseeing, Jet Boat, Glacier Viewing & Kenai Fjords National Park Whale Watching Cruise, Dog Sled Ride!!



OPTIONAL PRE TOUR \$609 pp (Plus Tax) UPGRADE (requires an additional pre-night hotel.)

Alaska's Arctic is one of the last great wilderness regions on earth. It is a remote, wild, and sparsely populated land of vast wilderness expanses. Today's Arctic Circle Adventure will be unlike previous travel you have encountered. Experiencing the expansive landscapes and fascinating cultures unique to Alaska's Arctic requires braving travel along the rugged Dalton Highway through remote country where the amenities common in today's modern world are rare or nonexistent.

Travel in Alaska's Arctic is always an adventure. Yet it is the spirit of you the adventurer which is unquestionably the key to making the most of today's travel experience. You are certain to come away from today's experience with a deeper

understanding of the culture, greater appreciation of the natural history, and wonderful memories of time spent in Alaska's Arctic. that is the spirit of Alaska's Arctic.

The tour is typically 11 1/2 to 12 1/2 hours in length. Approximately 7 hours are spent in the tour vehicle, 1 hour is spent in the aircraft. The remaining time is spent exploring the sights. The tour departs Fairbanks by air at 1:00 pm and returns by ground approximately between 1:00 am and 2:00 am. Due to rapidly changing weather conditions in Alaska's Arctic it is not unusual for afternoon flight departure time to be delayed from 15 minutes to over an hour. Guest safety is our foremost priority and potential delays are simply an unavoidable aspect of flying in Alaska's Arctic.

PRE-NIGHT

(Pre-night hotel available at additional cost)

FAIRBANKS: Upon arrival in Fairbanks, pick up the courtesy phones and call for your courtesy shuttle to your hotel or a local taxi depending on your choice of hotel and rest up for you tour to begin at check-out the following day. Our representatives will meet you at your hotel lobby (if you booked through AAU) in the morning to begin your adventure with other guests as they arrive.



DAY ONE

Today you will be met in the lobby of your hotel by your escort driver at approximately 8:00 AM, who will assist with your luggage and boarding process. Begin your Denali Fall Colors adventure, with a scenic drive from Fairbanks to Denali National Park. This 2-hour drive offers great views and possible wildlife sightings. Upon arrival in Denali National Park, you may choose one of the following two adventures:

A lunch stop is provided prior to your scheduled departure. (Meal not included.)

DENALI WILDLIFE PARK TOUR (Approx. 1:00 – 9:00 PM)

Everything about Denali National Park is big: the scenery, the mountains, the incredible beauty, and the animals. Early this morning, you will 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.

The bus 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 boxed meal and beverage for the trip. So, bring your camera and binoculars.

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.

Guests overnight in the Denali area. Relax and get ready for another day of fun. **(Box Dinner included on Denali Tour)**



DAY TWO

After a continental breakfast, enjoy a morning of leisure to visit the National Park headquarters. Films of the Denali region, the wildlife and birds are shown daily. Hiking trails from easy to steep, offer all guests the opportunity to enjoy the park in their timing. Finally, the new science center peaks the biologist in all of us, to read, learn and discover facts and fiction of this boreal forest. Ranger talks are also available and will offer something for everyone. Just tell your guide where you would like to go for the morning. Check-out will be by 11 AM and departing the park area by early afternoon.

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!" Land on the Sheldon Amphitheatre glacier beneath Mt. McKinley. The aircraft are equipped with skis, floats, and voice activated headphones. Passengers, each with comfortable window seats, enjoy narration by an experienced pilot-guide highlighting points of interest including geology, wildlife, and history. Flight time is 1.5 hrs and includes a glacier landing.

Overnight this evening at your Talkeetna accommodations. Dinner can be optionally enjoyed at one of several restaurants in Talkeetna, including the Wild Flower Café, the Mile-High Pizza Pie and several others. **(Breakfast included)**



DAY THREE

Today brings another fun-filled day of activity. This morning, begins another day of adventure:

2-Hour Riverboat Adventure: 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.

After your River Boat Adventure, you will travel south to Willow to visit an accomplished musher who presents his story of Alaska and the Iditarod in a provocative fashion that captures the essence of the Iditarod. He weaves in the history of sled

dogs from early native use, gold rush use, the famous Serum run to Nome during the 1925 diphtheria epidemic-the focus is on the husky. The uniqueness of the Iditarod from the standpoint of length, diversity of competition and the NO HELP rule are highlights. Training and care of Iditarod dogs is demonstrated.



The logistics of the race and food drops, checkpoints, veterinarian care, the Iditarod Air Force and trail conditions inspire questions. Race strategy and the changes to the Iditarod Race Vern has seen in his twenty-five years of racing elicit more dialogue. Clothing and survival gear along with sleds and equipment are topics that are backed up with demonstrations. Stories from the trail are exciting and fun. Ride in comfort in Our New Dog Mobile. As there is no snow this time of year or a sled, the dogs pull you in a free wheeled buggy as this is how they train during the summer months. Better for the dogs! Safe and Fun! Our wilderness trail is over bridges and through the woods. You can see and feel the power and love the dogs have for what they do. Finally taking the summer pups for a walk is a fantastic experience. You will soon see why we fell in love with the Alaskan Husky. Pups tell the story of their care and they inspire us. You will walk away from the hike feeling great!

From here you will travel 30 miles south to Wasilla for your overnight. A dinner stop will be provided. **(No meals included.)**



DAY FOUR

WASILLA: Rise & Shine, as the midnight sun never sets! Continental breakfasts will be available in your private room as you begin your day.

Today experience spectacular views of Hatcher's Pass. Here you will share in the area's flora & fauna. A perfect opportunity to photograph water cascades with a beautiful background story as well as enjoying the opportunity to hike on your own, taking pictures of the alpine flowers and scenic mountain views. Keep an eye out for

wildlife. Marmots dot the area and fill it with life, as well as red fox, cross fox and an occasional moose.

In the afternoon, it's off to Sheep Mountain Lodge, for a bite to eat. Sheep Mountain Lodge offers spectacular homemade soups, triple berry pie, and try their glacier cookies drizzled in chocolate syrup!! This area is also a famous viewing area for Dall sheep. So, keep your cameras handy.

After a stop for a hearty lunch, discover the true beauty of glaciers up close. Ice cram-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 scenic lake hidden under 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.



A dinner stop is provided. Overnight again at your Wasilla accommodations. **(Breakfast included)**



DAY FIVE

PALMER: Today enjoy the Palmer Musk Ox Conservation Center, a private non-profit organization dedicated to the development and domestication of the musk ox, *Ovibos Moschatus* for the purpose of providing additional subsistence income opportunities for Alaska's first people. The Musk Ox Project began to introduce a gentle, non-intrusive form of agriculture to the Arctic in 1954. Our musk oxen are the foundation of an Alaskan cottage industry for natives living in remote coastal villages.

The soft under-wool of the musk ox, qiviut, is harvested once a year and delivered to Oomingmak, an Alaskan native knitter's co-operative. The knitters work at home in Eskimo villages throughout Alaska creating scarves, nachaqs (Eskimo smoke rings) and luxurious caps. Each village has its own signature pattern derived from traditional designs. Come to view the animals, learn about the project and take advantage of this unique opportunity to see and photograph one of the Arctic's oldest living species and take an informative tour led by a knowledgeable guide. See tame cows, powerful bulls, and newborn calves that will make your heart melt.



must have the ability to walk unassisted.

PALMER: This afternoon's 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

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: Next, your guide will take you to your local hotel 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.



Enjoy downtown shopping at any of the artist hot spots, or relax and enjoy the nightlife of Anchorage, "the city of lights". Infamous restaurants dot the downtown area and offer wonderful opportunities to enjoy fresh salmon to prime rib. Be sure to get to sleep early, as tomorrow is early to rise. **(Breakfast included)**



DAY SIX

SEWARD: Today, board your First-Class Gold Star glass-domed train. You will experience a unique and scenic area of Alaska, the Kenai Peninsula! Ride the famous Alaska Railroad, LISTED AMONG THE MOST SPECTACULAR RAIL TRIPS IN THE WORLD. Observation platforms and huge wrap-around domed windows provide inspired views of the

spectacular sights en route as you travel through mountain passes full of wonder, south to the port city of Seward. The train winds along the magnificent Turnagain Arm of Cook Inlet, over gorges, and within a mile of three majestic glaciers - Spencer, Bartlett and Trail.

You will receive priority check-in at select depots and are seated on the second level of the two-story fully-domed car. GoldStar passengers will ride in the newest and most luxurious, double-decked dome cars on the train. These cars are positioned near the front of the train with the best views from the upper-level outdoor viewing platform. This is the only



railcar ever built with an upper-level outdoor deck. GoldStar passengers receive breakfast on board the dining car, as well as complimentary non-alcoholic beverages throughout the trip, and two drinks of beer, wine and spirits at the private bar located on the upper level of the GoldStar car. GoldStar passengers also have access to an open air, glass-roofed, viewing deck on the upper level to the rear of the car, and have priority seating in the dining car which is located directly below them on the first level. GoldStar passengers may walk through all of the Alaska Railroad cars and have access to the Adventure class dining area.



RESURRECTION BAY: Today's all-inclusive adventure begins with a cruise through Kenai Fjords National Park, "Alaska's # 1 Wildlife and Glacier Cruise". These custom vessels have walk around viewing decks and inside seating with large picture windows for great viewing of the close-up glacier experience.

Wildlife and marine life is abundant throughout. Listen to narration provided by our experienced Captains and Crew. Kenai Fjords Tours' wildlife and glacier cruises take you deep into the heart of Kenai Fjords National Park and an incredible abundance of marine and land-based wildlife –whales, porpoise, Steller sea lion, along with more than 80 different species of birds make Kenai Fjords National Park their home. Enjoy a diverse array of sights, from rugged coastline to emerging

rainforests and calving glaciers. Lunch is included with your tour.

Upon disembarking this evening, relax at your Seward accommodations. **(Breakfast & Lunch included)**

DAY SEVEN

This morning, your return motorcoach to Anchorage begins at 10:30 AM, and arrives in Anchorage at 1:30 PM.

You can however choose to take an "evening" motor coach (6:30 PM arriving Anchorage 9:30 PM). You may also **UPGRADE** to return by Gold Star Rail (6:00 PM arriving Anchorage 10:30 PM) for **\$125.00 Per Person. (Rail Pkg Includes Dinner)**

A day at leisure will allow you to enjoy activities such as viewing the halibut & sharks coming in to the small boat harbor, or visit North Americas only cold-water research facility, Alaska Sealife Center for only \$35 pp. (Pay on arrival)



Whatever time you choose, a day in Seward is always fun. However, if you did not get enough time to enjoy Anchorage, then take the early motor coach back and consider adding an Anchorage day tour or visiting the Alaska Native Heritage Center (\$30.00 pp). Anchorage offers many ways to leisurely enjoy the city.

As your adventure comes to a close, you will have gained memories that will last a lifetime. With this amount of flexibility, you can customize your tour just as you always dreamed! With good-byes to new friends, once you arrive in Anchorage, you can choose to go right to the airport. Flights should not leave Anchorage until at least 3:30 PM this afternoon.

You can optionally add a post-night hotel here if you wish to stay in Anchorage to catch a day flight or take part in an additional activity.

DELUXE PACKAGE RATE:

- Double Occupancy: \$4699.00* Per Person plus \$260.00 per person tax**
- Triple/Quad Occupancy: \$4399.00* Per Person plus \$260.00 per person tax**
- Single Occupancy: \$5499.00* Per Person plus \$260.00 per person tax**
- * Plus any additional pre or post hotel nights or optional activities**

Rates include all accommodations, transportation, all activities based on package purchased. (unless stated as optional), and complimentary beverages onboard. Rates include some meals **4B, 1L, 1D but does not include gratuities, tax (\$260), fuel supplement if applicable, alcoholic beverages, or optional activities not listed. 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 Safe" insurance is available. AAU reserves rights to alter rates/itinerary due to extreme changes in economic/weather conditions.

We choose from a variety of good quality restaurants and allow you order from the menu - entree, non-alcoholic beverage and dessert. 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.

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. Covid-19 Policies vary and "Travel Safe" insurance is available. Please review our cancellation policies online. 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 nu AAU at time of booking, but can change based on availability. They can vary from private cabins to hotels or lodges based on availability and block space. They all include private bathrooms.**

OPTIONAL DAY TOUR Alaska Coastal Bear Viewing Tour - Upgrade \$925 - \$985.00 pp (Plus Tax)

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 BEAR VIEWING

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

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