



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 guided & choreographed wilderness adventures and experience the depth of Alaska’s South Central & Interior. Our local resident guides will treat you to the history & lore of Alaska, along with personal stories and a touch of Alaska flavor.

Our 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 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 trekking, wildlife tours, river jet boats, day cruises and more. From Anchorage to Denali National Park, St. Elias to Valdez, stay in unique charming accommodations with all the magnificence of Alaska at your doorstep. Premium service combined with Alaskan hospitality all the way!

Our executive mini-coaches are customized with leather captain’s chairs, full bay picture windows, complete narration and complimentary bottled water or soft drinks. Our intimate tours are limited to 13 guests for your sightseeing pleasure. Itineraries can be customized slightly based on availability and your group size.

“SOUL OF ALASKA”

Customized 8-Day / 7 Night Adventure:

... featuring Denali National Park, Wildlife, Flightseeing, Jet boats, Glacier Viewing & Kenai Fjords Whale Watching Cruise, Musk Ox, Alaska SeaLife Center, Winner Creek Trek & Optional activities such as Bear Viewing!!



DAY ONE

ANCHORAGE: This morning, our representatives will meet you at one of our 2 pick-up locations between 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM, 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. 1:00 PM – 3:30 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, Athabaskan, 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.*

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 Box Lunch & Meet & Greet Restaurant Dinner included)**



DAY TWO

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.

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 crampons 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 **enjoy** of the Talkeetna, Susitna & Chulitna rivers:

TALKEETNA 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.



OR... Choose to upgrade to enjoy flights of Mt. Denali.

FLIGHTSEEING: \$250.00 pp Upgrade (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.

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

This evening, enjoy dinner on your own at one of many restaurants. Overnight at your Talkeetna accommodations. (Continental Breakfast included – Lunch & Dinner not included; local bistros & restaurants available to purchase food are within a short walk.



DAY FOUR

DENALI: This morning, enjoy continuing our adventure north 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, lunch is available for purchase at the Morino Grille.

Everything about Denali National Park is big: the scenery, the mountains, the incredible beauty, and the animals. Departure this afternoon is between 1-1:30 PM. 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.

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 7:30-800 PM. Our guide will meet you, and whisk you away to your Denali accommodations. **(Breakfast & Lunch not included – Dinner is a boxed meal to take with you into the park)**

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". As 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)**



(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)
\$325.00 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 meal not included; restaurant stop provided)**



DAY SIX

PALMER: Rise & Shine, as the midnight sun never sets! Continental breakfast is included for you to begin your day. Around 8:30 AM, today you will travel to Knik Glacier through the Butte. 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. A boxed Lunch will be included, to enjoy while watching icebergs float by.

ANCHORAGE: At approximately 2:30 PM, your guide will begin the return to Anchorage with a stop at Eklutna, for views of the native spirit houses.

Finally, 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. A moderate hotel property is included. (Upgrade to Deluxe \$60 pp) Be sure to get to sleep early, as tomorrow is early to rise. Late this afternoon, you will say good-bye to your AAU Guide and begin your AAU choreographed 2-Day Kenai Peninsula adventure featuring the Alaska Railroad & the Kenai Fjords. (Continental Breakfast is provided. Lunch & Dinner not included; however, many restaurants are close to your hotel location.)



DAY SEVEN

SEWARD: Early this morning, (usually 5:30 AM) transfer service will whisk you off to the Alaska rail station, where you will board the Adventure Class Alaska Railroad. (Upgrade to Gold Star Domed Rail \$250.00 Per Person)

Luggage should be dropped in front of the train station upon your arrival at the white tents, and it is subsequently taken on the train, then to your hotel in Seward, while you disembark the train, transfer by bus (5 min) to begin your Kenai Fjords day cruise. When you complete your cruise, and return to your lodging, your luggage will be waiting for you.

AAU Adventure Class passengers are seated on the first level of the train, for the 6:45 AM departure. They have access to a vista dome car, but there is no assigned seating in that dome. Passengers may visit the vista dome car for about 20 minutes at a time, to allow other passengers to sit in the dome. Adventure class passengers may walk through all of the Adventure cars. AAU Guests will have already enjoyed breakfast provided by your hotel before boarding.

Here all 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, 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. Arrival in Seward at 11:05 AM.

RESURRECTION BAY: Upon arrival in Seward, you will meet the transfer bus outside the train depot with the Kenai Fjords logo on the side of the bus. Begin an 11:30 AM, all-inclusive adventure, 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 are 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 cruise. This is either a chicken wrap type style, or a vegetarian option. (Ask your tour advisor)

Upon disembarking this evening at 5:30 PM, you have leisure time to visit local shops & restaurants. A restaurant "Rays on the Waterfront" has wonderful seafood and King Crab, and there are other restaurant options as well. You can call for a courtesy shuttle to take you back to relax at your Seward accommodations, where you could enjoy dinner at the "Resurrection Roadhouse" on their wrap-around deck view of the river while eating local favorites. (Hotel Continental Breakfast included & Lunch aboard Day Cruise included. Dinner is not included -- several nearby restaurants available with courtesy Seward shuttle.)

DAY EIGHT

Today begins a day of fun and adventure. You have a choice of activities today. Read the options below and choose to enjoy a visit to the Alaska SeaLife Center or select an activity UPGRADE. You will have time to enjoy the Center in the morning and add an afternoon activity upgrade if you desire.

ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER:

Open at 9 AM, The Alaska SeaLife

Center is one of the only non-profit organizations in the world that has both a public aquarium and fully supported research facility in the same building. With state-of-the-art laboratories, aquarium animals that participate in research and our extensive field work, the Alaska SeaLife Center has quickly become the cold-water research facility in the United States. We are affiliated with the University of Alaska Fairbanks and also collaborate with numerous state, federal and international agencies and universities—which can mean only one thing—our research is conducted by some of the top marine scientists in the world!



For nearly a decade, the ASLC has been studying the marine ecosystems of Alaska and the species who call it home. This includes species of marine mammals, sea birds, fish and invertebrates—some of which have been listed as threatened or endangered species. But the Alaska SeaLife Center is perhaps best known for specializing in marine mammal and sea bird research. Since 1998, the Alaska SeaLife Center has helped pioneer research on Steller sea lions, eiders, harbor seals, sea otters, fur seals and other species experiencing population declines in Alaska. In all our efforts, we strive to develop cutting-edge technology and techniques, while minimizing our impact on the species and environment we study.

Here you can choose to enjoy the downtown area with shops, museums and eateries or add an optional upgrade.

CHOICE ONE: (UPGRADE): I-did-a-ride Dog Sled Tour: \$75.00 PP

Tour times can be morning or afternoon – ask your tour advisor. Can be combined with Half-day fishing or Kayaking for upgraded rates.

Today, your tour begins with a two-mile dog sled ride. Feel the power, excitement, and energy of the amazing sled dogs as they are harnessed to the comfortable wheeled sleds. The intrigue of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, also known as Alaska's Superbowl, comes alive as you mush through the Alaskan wilderness to the base of Resurrection Mountain and along Box Canyon Creek. Your Iditarod veteran guide will thrill and excite you with stories from the trail as you experience the raw power of 13 Iditarod sled dogs.



Upon return to the kennel, tour the beautiful kennel facilities, laugh as a guest is dressed up as an Iditarod musher, and cuddle adorable husky puppies. The guides are all Iditarod racers, and offer a delightfully humorous, behind-the-scenes look at the Seavey family's training for the most demanding race on earth. Guaranteed to be one of the highlights of your vacation, this tour was chosen as one of Alaska's Top Twenty Attractions, and is a must-do for all visitors to the Greatland.

CHOICE TWO: (UPGRADE): Kayak Tonsina Point \$90.00 PP

It seems that there is as much to see on the shores of Resurrection Bay as there is on the water! Sea Kayaking will offer Otters! Eagles! Sea Lions! Oh MY! Oh yeah, let's not forget the salmon when they are getting ready to spawn. Your kayaking tour will go to Tonsina creek. Your guide will provide instructions for the group's safety and procedures should any emergency arise. Your group will then start paddling south on Resurrection Bay closely following the shore.



At Bridal Veil beach, you will beach the kayaks, stretch your legs, and share snacks and hydration. The guides will provide you with information on the salmon stream and the types of salmon that spawn here and we try to answer your questions for a bit.

After this break you will paddle back to Lowell Point. This is a great trip for persons wanting to do a multi-adventure day, this trip provides time to combine this experience with yet another adventure during the same day, such as the Iditarod or Zip Line! (Min. 2 people required. Ask your tour coordinator for details.) Kayaking tour location subject to change due to time of year, weather and ability levels.

Trips depart 9:00 am or 6:00pm. You will be met at your local hotel lobby and head out to Lowell Point Recreation area just south of Seward. The group will go over the very basics of sea kayaking. Dry bags and zip lock bags are provided to keep gear and cameras dry, please let the guide know of your needs. Due to safety reason, all kayaks are tandem.

CHOICE THREE: (UPGRADE) Salmon / Halibut Day Fishing Charter (Fishing Times are approximate)

\$275.00 pp (Plus tax) Half Day Ocean Salmon Fishing (6 AM – 12:30PM - July 5 - Aug 24, based on salmon runs)

\$375.00 pp (Plus tax) Full Day Halibut Fishing (requires post-night Seward hotel)

\$400.00 pp (Plus Tax) Full Day Combo Halibut/Salmon Fishing (requires post-night Seward hotel)

ALL fishing has annual fish & game week-day closures. Generally, Wednesday, but we cannot know until announced in the year of travel. An Alaskan Fishing License is required, paid in CASH at arrival or online in advance – ask your tour advisor)

Welcome aboard. A trip aboard one of these charter vessels will provide you with the chance to experience world class Alaska fishing. We offer many options for fishing fun, and are happy to accommodate your schedule and desires.

All trips include all fishing gear & bait your fishing guide will be right beside you to help you to understand how to land these fish when the exciting moment arises! The Pacific Halibut is the most sought after and prized sport-fish in Alaska waters. Capable of powerful, high-speed runs, they are the heavyweight of all bottom-fish species. These fish have been known to exceed 500 pounds and are considered the hardest fighting bottom-fish in the world. Although our primary target is Alaska halibut fishing, we fish in areas where all species of bottom-fish tend to congregate. It is not uncommon to land trophy lingcod, rockfish and salmon. A full day, be sure to bring a sack lunch and drinks. Hats and sun glasses recommended.



CHOICE FOUR: (UPGRADE) ZIPLINE CANOPY ADVENTURE

(Morning or Afternoon departures - \$149.00 per person upgrade – Can be combined with kayaking, I-did-a-ride or half-day fishing)

The first zip line traverse is a short 65 feet across the fall line, running fairly close to ground level and allowing riders a chance to become comfortable with the process. Still high along the valley wall, the third zip line travels 190 feet and lands 50 feet up the trunk of a huge Sitka spruce. The fifth traverse soars above the trees 1,100 feet back across the valley wall, sails over a reflecting pond, and comes to a stop at platform 75 feet up another Sitka spruce.

From this point onward the tour path descends into the ever deeper and darker rain forest with its dense vegetation and sparkling creeks. A 600-foot zip line into an enormous mountain hemlock is followed by a shorter line at mid-level in the forest and a spot where bald eagles have often been sighted. From the landing platform each group member rappels 60 feet down to the platform entrance of an aerial walkway that begins just above the ground but ends 120 feet later at point 60 feet up another Sitka spruce.

The route now takes a 90-degree turn and crosses a long bridge to a hemlock where zip line riding resumes. A 280-foot line travels toward the valley floor, ending in a spruce close to the entry road. The final traverse then crosses over the tour parking lot and past the Welcome Center yurt to land in a group of Sitka Spruce where a 40-foot rappel brings the group back to earth at last. Harnesses and helmets are shed, and group members return to the Welcome Center to collect any belongings stowed there and to view and select photos of themselves taken during the tour. **Restrictions: Must be at least 10 yrs. old. Must be at least 70 pounds and not over 270 pounds. Limited to 8 guests per departure time. (Not available Monday & Tuesday)**

This evening, you'll depart Seward by Adventure Class rail at 6:00 pm. You'll arrive in Anchorage at 10:30 PM. Taxi is available to take you to the airport for a late-night departure. **(No meals included)**

You can optionally add a POST-NIGHT hotel in Anchorage if you wish to stay an additional night, to catch a following day flight. With this amount of flexibility, you can customize your tour just as you've always dreamed!

For August Departures, consider adding a day of Bear Viewing:

Alaska Coastal Bear Viewing Tour – (In Anchorage)

Upgrade \$925.00 (Plus \$14 pp National Park fee & possible Fuel Charge)

Our premier Ursus Bear Habitat Encounter lets you observe 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 Lake Clark National Park. 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.



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.

PACKAGE RATE:

8-Day SOUL OF ALASKA Package

\$4199.00 Per Person Double Occupancy
\$3899.00 Per Person Triple/Quad Occupancy
\$5099.00 Per Person Single Occupancy
\$300.00 Per Person Tax

(Inclusive of all activities & accommodations, unless listed as upgrades or optional add-ons.)

VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ terms & conditions below as well as online.

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AAU Adventures are a combination of guided and choreographed adventures. Our AAU Guide will be with you days 1 – 6. Day 7 & 8 begin your AAU choreographed 2-Day Kenai Peninsula adventure featuring the Alaska Gold Star Railroad & the Kenai Fjords. 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 **4 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners but does not include gratuities, tax (\$300), fuel supplement if applicable, alcoholic beverages, or optional activities not listed. Day Three, Five & Eight 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 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 available for purchase, with Covid-19 coverages. AAU reserves rights to alter rates/itinerary due to 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. All package properties will be quality 3-4-star, local lodging.*

**** 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 knowledge. They are not certified naturalists, biologists 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, pilots, railroad staff, experienced boat captains, deckhands and more.*

*****Meals: Breakfast are continental, provided by accommodations. Lunches are boxed. Dinners are provided by vendors. Other meals offer restaurant stops at your cost. We choose from a variety of good quality restaurants. Alaskan seafood, 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.*