



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 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 soft drinks. Our intimate tours are limited to 13-14 guests for your sightseeing pleasure. Our adventures are set in "Adult-Only" format or "Family-Only" format. Adult Only tours allow guests 16 years and up only. Itineraries can be customized slightly based on availability and group size.

## "FULL CIRCLE ALASKA"

### Customized 10-Day / 9 Night Adventure:

... featuring Denali National Park, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, Wildlife viewing, Flight seeing, Jet Boats, Rafting, Gold Panning, Glacier Viewing & Ferry Cruise. 3-5 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches

**(ASK ABOUT OUR 12-DAY VERSION – ADDS KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK AS WELL)**



## DAY ONE

**ANCHORAGE:** Upon arrival in Anchorage, if you arrive on the day of the tour, you will be met by our representative, who will assist with your luggage and boarding process at the Ted Stevens Airport at approximately noon. If you have added a pre-night hotel package, our representatives will meet you at your hotel lobby at approximately 11 AM at check-out.

**EKLUTNA:** Begin this day with a taste of the rich culture that created our great state. Arriving at the Alaska Native Heritage Center, enjoy a place where all people can come to expand their understanding of Alaska's first people. Share in the rich heritage of Alaska's eleven cultural groups - drawing upon the life ways of long ago, the wisdom of elders, and the traditions that endure. This 20-acre facility highlights village communities, dwellings and lifestyles of the local native peoples.



Upon leaving Anchorage, 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, overnight in comfortable accommodations adding a remote feel to your adventure with all the comforts & conveniences of home. Upon check-in, you will have time to freshen up before dinner at one of Wasilla's finer restaurants. Casual attire recommended. (AAU Sack Lunch provided. Breakfast & Meet & Greet Restaurant Dinner not included)



## DAY TWO

Rise & Shine, as the midnight sun never sets! Continental breakfast will be available for you to begin your day.

**PALMER:** This morning'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.

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.

A lunch stop will be provided at a Palmer area restaurant. (Meal not included)

**WASILLA:** This afternoon experience spectacular views of Hatcher's Pass and the Independence Gold Mine, built in the early 1900's. Here you will share in the history of the mine, as well as flora & fauna of the area. You can choose to hike on your own, or allow our guide to share his knowledge of gold panning and you can join in & try your hand at gold panning, or just enjoy 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.



This evening, a dinner stop is provided for you, and menu selection is your choice, at a local restaurant. Overnight again at your Wasilla accommodations. (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

**TALLEETNA:** Today you will visit the home of Talkeetna, 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. A lunch stop is provided here (meal not included), before or after your choice of the below tours. Enjoy one of the following tours of your choice:

**DENALI FLIGHT SEEING:** (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.



panoramic view of Denali in the Alaska Range combine to make this an unforgettable Alaskan river adventure.

**2-HOUR RIVERBOAT ADVENTURE:** If small planes are not for you, then 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 maybe moose, black bear or grizzly roaming the shore. Wildlife, folklore, artifacts and a

This evening, enjoy dinner on your own at one of many walkable area restaurants. Overnight at your Talkeetna accommodations. (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

**TALKEETNA:** Refreshed and ready to find more treasures in the Talkeetna wilderness, today offers a choice of ONE excursion listed below:

**2-HR RIVERBOAT ADVENTURE:** As listed above.

**SUN DOG KENNELS & SLED RIDE:**

You will visit an authentic Alaskan log cabin, meet the dogs, see a demonstration of sled harnessing and mushing preparation. Learn about the winter training program to get these dogs ready for the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, held annually in March. The sled dog ride on local trails will pass through some of

Alaska's most beautiful and peaceful scenery. You will also get a chance to hold and play with our future champions, the puppies!



**HALF-DAY FISHING:** Want to wet a line? Home to many species of fish, river fishing offers salmon of all types based on your arrival dates. King Salmon and Sockeye Salmon are in June. King Salmon and Chum Salmon are in July with late July bringing in Coho's and Humpy's. Then August is Coho, humpy and Dog Salmon. **(\$150 per person Upgrade)**

Later this afternoon, continuing the adventure to Denali National Park, stop at South Denali View for spectacular photo ops and a chance to stretch your legs. Then on to Denali, cross over Hurricane Gulch, a bungee jumping haven, so have cameras ready, vistas are breathtaking. Upon arrival in Denali National Park, this evening allows for a dinner stop in "Glitter Gulch", the area just outside the park entrance. (Meal not included.) Overnight in Denali National Park area. **(No Meals Included today)**



## DAY FIVE

**DENALI:** 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. It is a fascinating 6 to 8-hour motorcoach tour into the park. A snack and beverage are included. It is the only way to enter the park, as it is a preserve. So, bring your camera and binoculars.

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 lunch and beverage for the trip. So, be sure to 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 to see 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 Jaeger, 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.

This evening, enjoy surroundings where easy walking trails will add to your enjoyment. Overnight again in Denali National Park at your accommodations. (Continental Breakfast may be available depending on accommodations – Sack Lunch included – Dinner meal not included; restaurant stop provided)



## DAY/SIX

**DENALI:** Today is at your leisure in the Grand Denali National Park. Guests love the Visitor's Center and all it has to offer. From Alaskan movies, guided ranger hikes & talks, dog sled demonstrations, to shopping. Get out there and enjoy the great trail system in the park, starting at the Visitors Center.

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)

Or choose to add one of the optional adventures listed below:

### **ATV 4-Wheeler Adventure:**

**\$135.00 Per Person Single Unit**

**\$223.00 Double Covered Unit (2 people)**

**\$335.00 Triple Covered Unit (3 People)**

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

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. 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 availability based on select accommodations, lunch and dinner are not included, however several bistros are within a short walk)



## DAY SEVEN

**CHICKALOON:** This morning brings one of the most scenic drives in the state. As we head north to Chickaloon, the Knik Glacier reveals its full glory. The Matanuska River winds its way north beside us, cutting a cavern of beauty through the Matanuska Valley.

Arriving in Chickaloon, you will have the option of choosing between two types of river rafting, slow float or white water.

The “**Glacier Run**” slow float trip is great for relaxed sightseeing and photo opportunities. This easily negotiable class II water make it a great way to experience rafting and the great outdoors. It enjoys a bump or two for the fun of the river, but is at a pace that all ages from **5 yrs old and up** can enjoy. This raft excursion lasts 2 ½ hours. Be sure to bring extra socks today as your feet may get wet.

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. Rafters must be **12 years old and up** to participate. 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. On this raft trip, you will be clothed in a full dry suit, to go over your own "comfy" clothes. Be sure to have long pants and long-sleeved shirt for this trip.

Around 1 PM, it’s off for a bite to eat (Meal NOT Included). Local eateries offer spectacular homemade soups, halibut tacos, chili with sourdough rolls, triple berry pie, and glacier cookies!! This area is also great viewing of Dall sheep. So, keep your cameras handy.

After lunch, 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 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.



This evening, it is a wilderness respite. Enjoy your overnight at local area accommodations. (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 EIGHT

**COPPER CENTER:** This morning, breakfast is available for purchase before you begin the scenic drive to Copper Center, the home of the Copper River Red’s (salmon). Pass by Tazlina Glacier, the most scenic vantage points in the state, and Eureka Summit, home to the Alaskan hunter of caribou & moose.

**McCARTHY / KENNICOTT:** A stop at Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Visitors Center, to view the museum, a film or a unique ranger talk and walk, the area becomes more than just another spruce tree. Learn about the largest National Park in both Alaska and Canada. Or join in on the infamous film “Crown of the Continent” which will shed light on the park you are about to enter.

Next, a ride to the Old Historic Copper Center, you will enjoy a step back in time. Visit the old museum, highlighting life at the turn of the century, deep in the wilderness of Alaska. Learn about the Copper Strike, opening the whole valley up to civilization. Enjoy a stop for lunch at "Nummies" a local favorite mom & pop restaurant. (Meal not included)

After a scenic drive along the Klutina River, enjoy a stop at Liberty Falls for a rest stop and photo opportunity. Then get ready to board a small plane for an exciting flightseeing tour over the Wrangell St. Elias National Park. Six times the size of Yellowstone, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park encompasses 20,000 square miles of mountain wilderness. It includes nine of the sixteen highest peaks in the US, the largest concentration of mountains over 14,000 feet in North America. This flight will amaze you with views that rival those in Denali!



Upon arriving in McCarthy, the lore and history of this remote village will envelop you. This afternoon, you can choose to participate in an optional Kennicott Town tour & Kennicott Copper Mill Tour (Upgrade of \$35 pp) and hear of the history of the ore mining operations between 1910-1938. The Kennicott Mine produced and milled 200 million dollars' worth of copper ore, copper & silver. The old railroad bed has been graded with gravel and is one of only two roads in this remote area. You can alternately walk the town on your own, discovering mineral filled rocks, creek beds & more.

This evening, "family style" dinner is a fresh smattering of locally grown salad fixings, gourmet foods, all served in the dining room of the Kennicott Glacier Lodge. (This meal is not included) Here you can relax, read, play a family game, take a walk and more. Evenings usually bring a presentation by one of the local activity vendors highlighting glacier hikes available the next day or flight seeing that can be purchased in the area. Overnight in rooms that will take you back in time, an escape into Alaska's past with antiques, clippings of old newspapers and magazines, and relics from days gone by. (No Meals Included, meals at remote lodge are higher cost than usual)



## DAY NINE

**McCarthy / VALDEZ:** This morning is a day at leisure to enjoy one of many activities highlighted at the previous evening's presentation. A breakfast is available for purchase in the main dining room. Next, you can walk on a gravel roadway out to root glacier at your leisure, and the road parallels a glacier, so you can stop along the way for photo opportunities. This is a distance, so take your time and enjoy a slow pace. Or enjoy a leisure walk around the copper mill area. Look for the rocks, brightly colored with blue azurite, green copper and white quartz.

Housed in Kennecott's historic train depot, the Kennecott Visitor Center is your information hub for the Kennecott Mines National Historic Landmark in the heart of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve. Pick up maps and brochures, join a ranger for a history talk or nature walk or plan your wilderness excursion. The visitor center also hosts a small branch of the Alaska Geographic's bookstore.



At 12 PM, enjoy a drive down to the VERY small town of McCarthy. McCarthy bloomed as the service town for Kennicott. Hotels, stores, pool halls and other "entertainment" made up the bustling Alaskan town. At its peak, McCarthy had around 500 buildings of which a handful still remain. When Kennicott ceased operation and the last train left in 1938, McCarthy slowly died. The area is now home to approximately 25 - 30 year-round residents and has become a popular destination for many travelers from around the world. Locals share the flare of living remote and small-town shops show off wares from local artists. Here you will have the opportunity to enjoy a real "Alaskan" dive at "The Potato". Local hot spot for grub, lunch can be purchased here, or at the local market.

Later this afternoon, enjoy another opportunity to flight see again on your return to Chitina. Your excursion continues through the Copper Basin with a stop to view a segment of the Alyeska Oil Pipeline. Here you learn about the VSM's (Vertical Support Members) and details regarding the building and maintenance of the pipeline.

Next, Worthington Glacier is known as one of the most photographed glaciers due to its stunning surroundings, this glacier stop offers time to hike or sit and take in the surroundings. As we travel over Thompson Pass and then into Keystone Canyon, some of the most beautiful waterfalls in Alaska reveal themselves. Photo stops will offer time for even the novice to capture stunning vistas.

This evening arriving in Valdez, after time to freshen up, "mosey" into the local on-site restaurant for dinner (meal not included) and a night of fun and laughter with a touch of local flare. Overnight in Valdez and sleep a restful Alaskan sleep, as tomorrow brings a day full of wonder and grandeur on the Prince William Sound. (No Meals Included today)





## DAY TEN

**PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND BOAT CROSSING:** This morning, enjoy a continental breakfast in the hotel restaurant or order a larger breakfast on your own. (Continental included) Having said good-bye to your AAU Guide, you will continue on with a fan-fare day cruise of the Prince William Sound. Cruising to Whittier, watch for marine life which could include several species of whales, sea otters, harbor seals, sea birds including kitty wakes, gulls, turns and more. Eagles soar overhead and occasionally share their nesting habits with us. Pass glaciers and ice burgs feet away from your boat. Pass Columbia Glacier and the waterfalls that the sound is famous for. You will be able to whale watch, as well as take in the pristine wilderness of this vast ocean inlet. With glaciers named after the famous Ivy League East Coast Colleges, you will see why this is so aptly named College Fjord. As you arrive in Whittier, you have some time in the afternoon for sightseeing. This small fishing town is Alaska's newest port. Choose to have some infamous seafood at Swiftwater Seafoods Restaurant or take in the grandeur of the mountain views of this sleepy town at the Inn at Whittier while enjoying a hotel chocolate or cup of joe. **(Continental Breakfast Included, Lunch & Dinner not included) / Your tour can end in Whittier, if you are beginning a 7-day cruise, your cruise will begin here.**

If you are not departing Alaska via cruise ship, you will depart Whittier by Adventure Class Rail. At 6:00 PM, please be at the Whittier Train Depot for check-in. Board the Alaska railroad for your scenic return to Anchorage. Portage Glacier and salmon spawning grounds will be in full view. As you head north, watch for Dall sheep on the cliffs winding their way along the Turnagain Arm of the Cook Inlet. Arriving at the train station at 9:15 PM, you will need to acquire a taxi to transfer you to the airport. The airport is about a 15-minute drive.

If you would like to travel from Whittier to Anchorage at an earlier time, we can arrange for an optional private car for an additional fee. If you travel by private car, you can depart any time after your arrival in Whittier. You can choose to be taken straight to the airport for a flight out or even add a night in Anchorage.

Also, a great add-on day tour is an overnight at the beautiful Alyeska Resort and dine at the famous "Seven Glaciers" Restaurant high atop the mountain via Tramway. Ask about the add-on costs that include one night hotel, tram ride and Adventure Class Train. Private transfers to airport available for an additional charge. (Dinner cost additional)

Finally, for more adventure, consider asking about our 12-Day Full Circle / Grand Discovery Combo Adventure!

### 10-Day PACKAGE RATE:

**\$5199.00 Per Person Double Occupancy**

**\$4899.00 Per Person Triple or Quad Occupancy**

**\$6399.00 Per Person Single Occupancy**

**\$380.00 Per Person Tax**

**\*Adult tour only except for custom group tours**

\*Rates: Include all accommodations, transportation, all activities including flightseeing, rafting, jet boats, etc. (unless stated as optional), and complimentary beverages onboard. Rates do not include gratuities, tax (\$380 pp), fuel supplement or alcoholic beverages. 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% Due by Nov 15, 2021. 100% Final Payment is due Feb 15, 2022. Cancellations will incur a 100% penalty after deposit payment date. Travel insurance is available. Ask your agent for details.

We choose from a variety of good quality restaurants. 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. 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. In smaller towns, all package properties will be quality 3-4-star, local lodging, very few chain hotels, and the same for both moderate & deluxe packages. Some properties offer jacuzzi jetted tubs. Ask your agent at booking.



## 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
- ✚ 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.***