

10-Day Vision of Alaska



Our May and August departures make the 10-Day Vision of Alaska a popular time to experience the changes in season. Our local resident guides will treat you to the history & lore of Alaska, along with personal stories and a touch of Alaska flavor as you immerse yourself in the wonder of Southcentral Alaska. Relax as Alaskan hospitality combined with superior service takes care of all your tour details.

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, to Seward stay in unique and charming accommodations with all the magnificence of Alaska at your doorstep.

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 14 guests for your sightseeing pleasure. Itineraries can be customized slightly based on availability and your group size.

Our tour includes:

- 10 days/ 9 nights with quality accommodations
- A long-time Alaska resident driver guide
- Small group tours (about 14 people)
- Luxury private transport for 6 days in an executive mini-coach with leather captain chairs
- Scenic railroad transport to Seward





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Denali & Talkeetna
Kenai Fjords Whales & Glaciers
Domed Rail & Glacier Jetboat

1 Welcome to Alaska!

Anchorage evening at leisure
*Anchorage Accommodations

2 Anchorage & Wasilla

Meet & Greet
**Native Cultural Day
*Wasilla Accommodations

3 Palmer & Matanuska Glacier

Musk Ox Center & Glacier Ice Trek
*Wasilla Accommodations

4 Talkeetna

Denali Flight Seeing or Riverboat Adventure
*Denali Accommodations

5 Denali National Park

Denali Wildlife Tour
*Denali Accommodations

6 Denali National Park & Wasilla

Morning at leisure (Upgrades available)
*Wasilla Accommodations

7 Palmer & Knik Glacier

Knik Glacier Jet Boat adventure
*Anchorage accommodations

8 Kenai Fjords National Park

Domed Rail to Seward, Wildlife & Glacier Cruise
*Seward accommodations

9 Seward

Alaska Sealife Center (Upgrades available)
*Option to overnight in Seward or return to Anchorage

10 Choose your Adventure

Morning at Leisure in Seward
OR Day at Leisure in Anchorage

Upgrade:
Bear Viewing



DAY 1 - ANCHORAGE: Evening at leisure in Anchorage before you begin your adventure tomorrow! **ACCOMMODATIONS IN ANCHORAGE**

DAY 2 - ANCHORAGE: Today starts the first day of your Alaska Adventure by exploring the history of our state! Your guide will meet you out front of the lobby of one of our two pick-up points at 11:00 AM. You'll recognize our executive-mini coaches by the unique gold and black Alaska Adventure Unlimited branding. We will have a luggage trailer provided.

NATIVE HISTORY:** Travel across town to the spectacular Native Heritage Center, a renowned cultural center and museum, where all people can come to expand their understanding & appreciation of Alaska's first people. 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. Upon leaving the Anchorage area, we will travel north to the Matanuska Valley, the farming belt of Alaska. Along the way, we will visit the native village of Eklutna. Enjoy the Russian Orthodox influenced Chapel and native influenced "spirit houses", while sharing in their cultural traditions.

** Activity may be switched to Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center depending on tour dates.

(Hotel Breakfast, AAU Sack Lunch + Meet & Greet Group Dinner included)

ACCOMMODATIONS IN WASILLA

DAY 3- PALMER: 1.) **MUSK OX CONSERVATION CENTER:** 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. Your knowledgeable guide will take you on an informative tour 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. See tame cows, powerful bulls, and newborn calves that will make your heart melt.



2.) **GLACIER TREK:** After your lunch, discover the true beauty of glaciers up close. Ice cram-p-ons and walking sticks are provided for your glacier trek adventure. You'll hear about the history of the Matanuska Glacier as you're walking on it. No experience is necessary to join in the fun. Intermittently placed picnic benches allow guests to choose their own participation level. Great photo ops from all picnic benches. (*HELICOPTER GLACIER LANDING UPGRADE AVAILABLE/ \$249 person*)

(Continental Breakfast included, Lunch & Dinner not included; restaurant stops provided)

ACCOMMODATIONS IN WASILLA

DAY 4: TALKEETNA: Next, it's off to visit the home of Mt. Denali. Today will present one of many highlights of your adventure. Talkeetna is a local gem where three Alaskan rivers meet, one of the most photographed vistas in our state can be seen: the towering peaks of Denali & the Alaska mountain range. On this day, you'll be able to choose **ONE** of the following adventures to enjoy in Talkeetna:

ACTIVITY CHOICE ONE - DENALI FLIGHTSEEING:

1-HR flight time plus travel

(*GLACIER LANDING UPGRADE AVAILABLE / \$100/person*)

- This magnificent flight takes you within six miles of Denali's summit - the highest peak in North America at 20,320 feet!
- Includes window seats for each passenger. An experienced pilot-guide will highlight points of interest in the area.

**ACTIVITY CHOICE TWO - RIVERBOAT:
(2-HR Riverboat Plus travel & prep time)**

- This exciting adventure takes you on an enclosed jetboat
- Guests can see unique views of Mt. Denali from the river.
- Visit an authentic trapper's cabin and view how trappers lived in "Bush" Alaska at the turn of the century

(Continental Breakfast included - Lunch & Dinner not included. Restaurant stop provided)

ACCOMMODATIONS NEAR DENALI NATIONAL PARK



DAY 5: DENALI: Wilderness & wildlife spotting is your adventure for today in Denali National Park. Try and spot the Big 5: Moose, caribou, grizzly bear, Dall sheep, wolves. Your guide will escort you to the Wilderness Access Center to embark on the Denali Park Shuttle Tour. The shuttle takes you deep into the park for a 5 hour roundtrip tour, including all stops.



(Continental Breakfast may be available depending on accommodations - Sack Lunch included - Dinner meal not included; restaurant stop provided)
ACCOMMODATIONS NEAR DENALI NATIONAL PARK

DAY 6: DENALI: Today is a day of leisure. Guests may enjoy the scenery at their accommodations. There are also various hiking options in Denali National Park. Denali National Park Visitor Center also offers activities for guests to enjoy (exhibits, movies, dog kennel tours, etc.).

Consider adding ONE of the optional UPGRADE adventures listed below:



- 1) ATV 4-Wheeler Adventure (2 hours):**
\$145.00 Single Rider
\$245.00 Double Rider (2 people)
\$345.00 Triple Rider (3 People)

Ride on several terrain types. There 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.

2) Midnight Sun Golf: \$119.00 Per Person

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.



3) Denali Zip Line (3 hours) : \$155.00 Per Person

Your adventure begins with a three-mile trail ride through the scenic Alaskan wilderness. After gearing up, certified guides will lead you along 6 sky bridges and 7 thrilling zip lines, over half a mile of zips including the dual racer finale!



(Continental Breakfast availability based on select accommodations. Lunch & dinner are not included)
ACCOMMODATIONS IN WASILLA



DAY 7: HATCHER PASS GOLD PANNING: Soak in the beautiful scenery of Hatcher Pass & Independence Gold Mine built in the early 1900's. Try your hand at gold panning! We bring our own gold pans and have fun trying to "strike it rich!" A park naturalist is often available to share the history of the mine, as well as flora & fauna of the area. Hatcher Pass is a favorite of guests, for its beauty, wildflowers, berries and wildlife. The best photography here is in later summer when pass comes alive with changes in color!



KNIK GLACIER BOAT TOUR: Your adventure will take you aboard a river boat to Lake George, the base of Knik Glacier: 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.

ANCHORAGE: Upon arrival in Anchorage, you will say good-bye to your AAU tour Guide. Your accommodations are in Anchorage this evening. Early tomorrow morning, you will begin your AAU choreographed 2-Day Kenai Peninsula adventure featuring the Alaska Railroad and the Kenai Fjords.

(Continental Breakfast included. Lunch & Dinner not included; however, many restaurants are close to your location.)

ACCOMMODATIONS IN ANCHORAGE

DAY 8: ALASKA RAILROAD TO SEWARD: Listed among the most spectacular rail trips in the world! Ride the famous Alaska Railroad and experience the Kenai Peninsula, a unique and scenic area of Alaska.

DELUXE package - Breakfast INCLUDED

- First-Class Gold Star glass-domed train with access to open air viewing deck
- Seated on the second level of the double-decked domed car
- Complimentary beverages provided

QUALITY package - Breakfast NOT INCLUDED

- Vintage Adventure Class rail car
- Seated on the first level of the train
- Timed access (about 20 minutes at a time) to the Vista Dome Car



SEWARD: Kenai Fjords wildlife and glacier cruise takes you deep into the heart of Kenai Fjords National Park, a place many marine and land-based wildlife call this home.

- Spectacular views, from rugged coastline to emerging rainforests and calving glaciers
- Chance to see incredible Alaskan wildlife up close (humpback and orca whales, seals, sea otters, puffins, eagles, etc.)



(Breakfast in GoldStar Rail Dining Car is included on deluxe packages / Continental Hotel Breakfast on Quality packages) & Lunch aboard Day Cruise included. Dinner is not included)

ACCOMMODATIONS IN SEWARD

DAY 9: SEWARD: Your day begins with **ONE** included activity, your choice of the below:

Dog Sled Ride:

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. You will have a guide with you while a team of Iditarod dogs pull you in a wheeled cart on a gravel road.



Tandem Sea Kayaking

While you're charting the waters of beautiful Resurrection Bay, keep your eyes peeled for a chance to see marine wildlife. This adventure is perfect for all groups and allows for a tandem kayak for all participants. Your three hour guided kayaking tour will go to Tonsina creek. Kayaking gear, water, and snack provided. Dry bags available upon request.



*Guests can also upgrade by choosing both of the above tours, one for the morning and one for the afternoon (\$100 per person).

YOU MAY ALSO UPGRADE BY CHOOSING INSTEAD:



Helicopter with Glacier Dog Sled Ride: \$575 person

Touchdown on the upper part of Godwin Glacier, the largest glacier just outside of Seward. Land on a snowy icefield and experience the magic of winter in summer.

Zipline Canopy Adventure (3 hrs): \$155 person

You can't beat the views from our Canopy Adventure. Featuring eight ziplines, three suspension bridges and two rappels, this tour will surely provide you with both excitement and awe!



Half or Full-Day Salmon, Halibut or Combo Fishing Charter

Full Day - Halibut (June): \$390; Combo (July-Aug): \$415

Half Day - Salmon (July-Aug): \$285

Explore the Gulf of Alaska in search of halibut, salmon, rockfish, or lingcod. Experienced captains, great vessels, and the right equipment make your fishing experience an unforgettable one.

(Breakfast included, Dinner for Deluxe package Guests on the return Gold Star Rail)

RETURN TO ANCHORAGE ON ALASKA RAILROAD - ACCOMMODATIONS IN ANCHORAGE OR SEWARD DEPENDING ON UPGRADE

DAY 10: CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE

Morning at Leisure in Seward
OR Day at Leisure in Anchorage
Upgrade:
Bear Viewing

Lake Clark Bear Viewing - 6-8 Hour Bear Viewing: \$975 per person + park fee

Your Lake Clark National Park Bear Viewing Adventure begins when you depart Anchorage on a float plane and head south along the Cook Inlet. This ocean front setting is the ultimate bear habitat. The creek running through is loaded with Silver Salmon, attracting a resident Brown Bear population to the area all summer long. The flight in itself offers a spectacular flightseeing tour; this scenic route takes you by 3 active volcanoes, numerous salmon streams, glaciers, and other Alaskan sights. The Lake Clark Bear Viewing begins after a brief bear orientation aimed at group safety. You & your pilot will head out into this ideal bear habitat to watch these creatures interact with each other in the wild. The area is excellent for viewing the bears because of the layout and geography; it is a long stretch of grassland and beachfront. Watch as they frolic in the grass with their cubs, dig for clams, and take afternoon naps.

- **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, 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.

Flight departs Anchorage at 9 AM and returns to Anchorage at 3:30 PM - 6.5 hours total (4 hours of bear viewing, 2.5 hours' flight) Times are approximate and are for general planning only.



Katmai Bear Viewing - 8-10 Hour Platform Viewing: \$1,135 per person + park fee

The federally-protected Katmai National Park and Preserve is world famous for the largest population of 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. Katmai is also home to the famed Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes - a forty square mile, 100 to 700-foot-deep ash flow deposited by Novarupta Volcano in 1912.

- Two to three-hour scenic flightseeing tour from Anchorage
- 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
- Courtesy shuttle from your Anchorage hotel to the float plane base

Flight departs Anchorage at 8 A.M. and returns to Anchorage around 6 PM - 10 hours. (4 hours of bear viewing, 5.5 hours' flight) Flight times vary depending on weather and plane type.



Minimum 2 persons for guaranteed departure. Bear sightings cannot be guaranteed. Due to volatile weather in remote bear viewing regions, we HIGHLY recommend travel insurance, to receive a full refund.



Rates *per person



10 Day Grand Discovery of Alaska

TOUR TYPE	Double Room Occupancy	Triple/Quad Room Occupancy	Single Room Occupancy
DELUXE	\$5,399	\$5,099	\$6,599
QUALITY	\$4,649	\$4,649	\$6,149

Talkeetna Upgrades	Denali Upgrades	Seward Upgrades
<i>Glacier Landing: \$100/person</i>	<i>ATV Rides Single: \$145 Double: \$245 Triple: \$345</i>	<i>Glacier Dog Sled: \$575/person</i>
Optional Pre/Post Trip Add-ons	<i>Zipline \$155/person</i>	<i>Zipline \$155/person</i>
<i>Full Day Bear Viewing 8-10 hr Katmai - \$1,034/person 6-8 hr Lake Clark - \$974/person</i>	<i>Denali 9-Hole Golf \$119/ person</i>	<i>Fishing Charter Full Day: Full Day Halibut (June): \$390 Full Day Combo (Jul-Aug): \$415 Half-Day Combo (Jul-Aug): \$285</i>
<i>Pre-night hotel \$280 Moderate - \$380 Upscale Post-night hotel \$280 Moderate - \$380 Upscale</i>	Glacier View Upgrades <i>Helicopter Glacier Landing \$249/person</i>	<i>2nd Seward Activity: \$100/person</i>

VERY IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ:

Please review terms & conditions below as well as online.

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

*AAU Adventures are a combination of guided and choreographed adventures. Our AAU Guide will be with you days 1 - 8. Day 9 & 10 begin your AAU choreographed 2-Day Kenai Peninsula adventure featuring the Alaska 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 5-7 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 1-2 Dinners, (Deluxe Pkg has 1 extra Dinner, Breakfast count depends on Denali hotel) but does not include gratuities, tax (\$380), fuel supplement if applicable, alcoholic beverages, or optional activities not listed. Day Six & Ten upgrades are not included. Itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the escort due to weather, road maintenance & time factors.

Deposit

25% Deposit is due at time of booking. 50% is subsequently due on Nov 15, 2022. 100% Final Payment is due Feb 15, 2023. Bookings after Feb 2023 are due in full at time of booking. Cancellations will incur full 100% penalty. Travel insurance is available.

Travel Insurance

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

Accommodations are chosen at time of booking

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

****Activities/Excursions**

All activity times are approximate and may change for custom departures. These are listed for planning purposes only. AAU reserves rights to alter rates/itinerary due to changes in economic/weather conditions.

Driver/Guides:

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

Meals

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