

10-Day Full Circle of Alaska



Our 10-Day Full Circle will give you a chance to experience up to five National Parks and some remote parts of Alaska that most visitors rarely experience. 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 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 Kennicott and Whittier 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 10 days in an executive mini-coach with leather captain chairs
- Private Boat Charter from Valdez to Whittier





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Denali & Wrangell St. Elias National Park
Rafting, Glaciers & Flightseeing
Prince William Sound Day Cruise

- 1** Welcome to Alaska!
Meet & Greet
**Native Cultural Day
*Wasilla Accommodations
- 2** Palmer & Knik Glacier
Gold Panning & Knik Glacier Jet Boat adventure
*Wasilla accommodations
- 3** Talkeetna
Denali Flight Seeing or Riverboat Adventure
*Talkeetna Accommodations
- 4** Talkeetna & Denali
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** Chickaloon & Matanuska Glacier
Rafting & Glacier Ice Trek
*Glacierview Accommodations
- 8** Copper Center, Wrangell St. Elias & Kennicott
Flightseeing Tour over Wrangell St. Elias National Park
*Kennicott accommodations
- 9** McCarthy & Valdez
Morning at leisure
*Overnight in Valdez
- 10** Valdez, Whittier & Anchorage
Prince William Sound Boat Charter
Train ride from Whittier to Anchorage

Ask about our 12-Day Full Circle - with a chance to add on additional National Parks



DAY 1: ANCHORAGE & WASILLA: 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 2: PALMER:

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.



(Continental Breakfast included, Lunch & Dinner not included; restaurant stop provided.)
ACCOMMODATIONS IN WASILLA

DAY 3: 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 IN TALKEETNA

DAY 4: TALKEETNA: Ready to take on day two in Talkeetna? Today offers you the choice of **ONE** excursion below:

ACTIVITY CHOICE ONE: 2-Hour Riverboat Adventure (as listed above)

UPGRADE (\$150 per person): Half-Day Fishing: Home to a variety of fish species in South Central Alaska. River fishing offers you a chance to experience Alaska fishing at its best! All fishing gear provided.



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.



(No meals included today; 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 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):
\$150 Single Rider
\$250 Double Rider (2 people)
\$350 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) 9-Hole Tundra Golf: \$124 Per Person

Block 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.



3) Denali Zip Line (3 hours) : \$160 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: GLACIERVIEW: Get ready for one of the most scenic drives in the state! As you head north to Glacier View, the Matanuska River winds its way north beside us, cutting a cavern of beauty through the Matanuska Valley. Several overlook stops reveal views of mountains, valleys, and glaciers in their full glory.

1.) **TWO FLOAT OPTIONS AVAILABLE:**

Matanuska Float Trip - 2.5 hours

- Relaxed guided sightseeing and photo opportunities
- Easily navigable waters

Lion's Head Raft Trip - 3.5 hours

- Most popular trip for over 28 years
- Excellent first-timers & experienced enthusiasts whitewater trip
- Class III & IV whitewater experience offers you a hand-on adventure



2.) **GLACIER TREK:** After your lunch, discover the true beauty of glaciers up close. Ice crampons 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 per person*)



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

ACCOMMODATIONS IN GLACIERVIEW

DAY 8: COPPER CENTER TO KENNICOTT: 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 quick stop at the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Visitors Center, to view the museum, a film, "Crown of the Continent," 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. 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 town will captivate you. 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 choice of locally grown salad fixings, and 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, or take a walk. Evenings usually bring a presentation by one of the local activity vendors highlighting glacier hikes available the next day. 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)

ACCOMMODATIONS IN KENNICOTT

DAY 9: MCCARTHY TO 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, 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. You can choose to participate in an optional Kennicott Town & 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.

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. 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. 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. 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.



VALDEZ: 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.

(No Meals Included today)
ACCOMMODATIONS IN VALDEZ

DAY 10: PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND BOAT CHARTER TO WHITTIER: 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 by 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, this small fishing town is Alaska's newest port. 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 7:00 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 9:45 PM, you will need to acquire a taxi to transfer you to the airport. The airport is about a 15-minute drive. 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. Finally, for more adventure, consider asking about our 12-Day Full Circle / Grand Discovery Combo Adventure!

(Continental Breakfast included, no other meals included.)
TOUR ENDS

OPTIONAL TOUR ADD-ONS:

Upgrade:
Bear Viewing
Seward Adventure

Lake Clark Bear Viewing - 6-8 Hour Bear Viewing: \$1,150 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

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: \$1,350 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
- 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

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



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TOUR TYPE	Double Room Occupancy	Triple/Quad Room Occupancy	Single Room Occupancy
DELUXE	\$5,899	\$5,599	\$6,999

Talkeetna Upgrades	Denali Upgrades	Kennicott Upgrades
<i>Glacier Landing: \$100/person</i>	<i>ATV Rides Single: \$150 Double: \$250 Triple: \$350</i>	<i>Kennicott Mill & Mine Walking Tour \$35/person</i>
<i>Fishing Charter \$150/person \$50/non-fish</i>	<i>Zipline \$160/person</i>	Optional Pre/Post Trip Add-ons
Glacier View Upgrade	<i>Denali 9-Hole Golf \$124/ person</i>	<i>Full Day Bear Viewing 8-10 hr Katmai - \$1,364/person 6-8 hr Lake Clark - \$1,164/person</i>
<i>Helicopter Glacier Landing \$249/ person</i>		<i>Pre-night hotel \$305 Moderate - \$385 Upscale Post-night hotel \$305 Moderate - \$385 Upscale</i>



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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 - 10. 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 4-6 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 1 Dinner, (Breakfast count depends on Denali hotel) but does not include gratuities, tax (\$390), fuel supplement if applicable, alcoholic beverages, or optional activities not listed. Day Six 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, 2023. 100% Final Payment is due Feb 15, 2024. Bookings after Feb 15, 2024 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 - entrée, 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.