

# BEST OF ALASKA (8 DAYS)

Departures: Jun, Jul, Aug

## Day 01 | Welcome to Alaska

Native Cultural Day and Meet & Greet Dinner

\*Wasilla Accommodations

## Day 02 | Palmer & Matanuska Glacier

Matanuska Glacier & River Valley

\*Wasilla Accommodations

## Day 03 | Talkeetna

Denali Flight Seeing or Riverboat Adventure

\*Denali Accommodations

## Day 04 | Denali National Park

Explore Denali National Park

\*Denali Accommodations

## Day 05 | Denali & Wasilla

Activities around the park  
(various upgrades available)

\*Wasilla Accommodations

## Day 06 | Palmer & Knik Glacier

Gold Panning & Knik Glacier Jet Boat Adventure

\*Anchorage Accommodations

## Day 07 | Kenai Fjords National Park

Domed Rail to Seward, Wildlife & Glacier Cruise

\*Seward Accommodations

## Day 08 | Seward

Dog Sled Ride or Kayaking (various upgrades available)

Evening Domed Rail to Anchorage (arrival 10:30 PM)

\*End of Tour





## Tour starts & ends in Anchorage. Pre-tour hotel accommodations available - \$395/night

**DAY 01 | ANCHORAGE & WASILLA:** Today starts the first day of your Alaska adventure! Your guide will meet you out front of our pick-up location at 11 AM. You'll recognize our executive mini-coaches by the unique gold and black Alaska Adventure Unlimited branding and luggage trailer.

**NATIVE HISTORY \*\*:** Travel across town to the spectacular Native Heritage Center, a renowned cultural museum, where you will learn about Alaska's first people. In the Welcome House at the Native Heritage Center, you'll see a celebration of contemporary Alaska native cultures, while the outdoor facilities allow the exploration of ancient tradition and the presentation of stories from the past. Upon leaving the Anchorage area, you 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 church and native-influenced "spirit houses," while sharing in native cultural traditions.

*\*\*This activity may be switched to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center depending on your tour dates.*

**(AAU provided lunch - Meet & Greet dinner included)**

### ACCOMMODATIONS IN WASILLA

**DAY 02 | PALMER & GLACIER VIEW:** Get ready for your choice of adventure from mild to wild as you get to choose from one of three activities on 360 acres of private Alaskan wilderness at a working ranch in Palmer.

#### 1) MORNING ACTIVITY CHOICE:



#### ZIPLINE ADVENTURE

Alaska's first and only all-tandem zipline course. You will see incredible views as you soar side by side across the Wolverine Creek and Canyon. Your guide will take you along 6 zips and 3 suspension bridges. Some zips are 255ft' high and 1,250 ft long.

**GLACIER TREK:** The second half of your day takes you north to Glacier View. The Matanuska River winds its way beside you, revealing stunning views of mountains, valleys, and glaciers. A quick lunch stop at one of our favorite local lodges gives you the chance to try some delicious Alaskan cuisine. After lunch, discover the true beauty of glaciers up close. Ice crampons and helmets are provided for your glacier trek adventure. You will follow your guide as you walk and explore the ice & rock formations of the Matanuska Glacier. No experience is necessary for this glacier trek. Intermittently placed picnic benches allow guests to choose their own participation level & soak in the beauty. (*\*HELICOPTER GLACIER LANDING UPGRADE AVAILABLE/ \$269 person\**)

**(Continental breakfast included - Lunch and dinner not included - restaurant stops provided)**

### ACCOMMODATIONS IN WASILLA

**DAY 03 | TALLEETNA:** Next, it's off to visit the home of Mt. Denali! Today will be a highlight of your Alaskan adventures. In Talkeetna, a local gem where three Alaskan rivers meet, one of the most photographed vistas in our state can be seen: the towering peaks of Mt. Foraker, Mt Hunter, and Mt. Denali, part of the Alaska Range. On this day, you'll be able to choose **ONE** of the following adventures to enjoy in Talkeetna:



#### MT . DENALI FLIGHTSEEING

1-hour 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, and an experienced pilot-guide who will highlight points of interest in the area.

**(Depending on hotel, continental breakfast included - Lunch and dinner not included - restaurant stops provided)**

### ACCOMMODATIONS NEAR DENALI NATIONAL PARK



#### HOMESTEAD RANCH TOUR

Learn about the history of the Sunderland Ranch and other original farms in Lazy Mountain. We will walk about a mile to see incredible views and other unique points of interest. One of our touring rigs will pick us up to visit the horse barn.



#### HORSEBACK RIDING

Stunning trails will take you around the ranch and up to some incredible views of the Chugach Range while riding the foothills of Lazy Mountain.



#### RIVERBOAT:

2-hour riverboat ride, plus travel

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



**DAY 04 | DENALI NATIONAL PARK:** This morning you have three options to explore Denali National Park!



**Option 1: Denali Shuttle - RELAXED**

Your chance to spot wildlife & soak in the wilderness from the Denali State Shuttle. Your guide will escort you to the Wilderness Access Center where you'll embark on the Denali Park Shuttle. The shuttle takes you deep into the park for a five-hour roundtrip tour, including stops. Keep your eyes peeled for a chance to see the Big 5: moose, Dall Sheep, caribou, wolves, and grizzly bears.

**Upgrade Option 2: Self-Guided 4-Hour Savage River E-bike Ride- \$105 Per Person - STRENUOUS**

Leave right from Bike Denali and pedal yourself into the park. Experience the front country of Denali and go to Savage River. Navigate the steep terrain in undeveloped wilderness. E-bikes come with racks, panniers, bear spray with handlebar mount, and quality rain suits. E-bike experience is recommended.

**Option 3: Self-guided Hike - MODERATE**

Adventure on your own in the park. Our recommendation is the 2.1-mile loop around Horseshoe Lake. You will have views of the Nenana River & Glitter Gulch at the farthest end of the loop trail. There are multiple benches along the hike to relax and take in the views. There is a moderate climb back up to meet your guide but the scenery is unbeatable. Your guide can facilitate other hiking options.



**Afternoon Activity Upgrade:**

**White-Water Raft - \$140 Per Person**

Upgrade to an afternoon activity. On the Canyon Wave Raft Tour, you'll journey through 11 miles of a glacial river with spectacular views of Denali National Park gems. Raft into the gorge running rapids with names like Razorback, Train Wreck and Coffee Grinder. Most rapids are Class 3 with a couple Class 4 rapids. Join the team as a Paddle Rafter or play it cool and just ride as an Oar Boat Rider. Must be 12+ years or older.

(Continental Breakfast included depending on accommodations - Sack Lunch included - Dinner not included, restaurant stop provided)  
 ACCOMMODATIONS NEAR DENALI NATIONAL PARK

**DAY 05 | DENALI:** Today is a day of leisure. There are many things to experience in and around Denali National Park. Guests may enjoy the scenery and activities provided at their accommodations (some accommodations provide kayaks). There are also various hiking options in and around Denali National Park. In addition, Denali National Park Visitor Center offers many activities such as 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 Riders  
 \$350 Triple Riders  
 \$400 Quad Riders

Ride on several terrain types. There are coal mining trails, rocky creek beds, hills to climb, water to traverse, and mud crossings. Total tour covers about 10 miles. Approximately 1 1/2 hours on the actual trails.



**2) 9-Hole Tundra Golf:**  
 2 hours  
 \$125 Per Person

Black Diamond is a challenging course with "Alaskan hazards," such as tundra marshes or even the occasional moose hoof print! The course is relatively short, which makes it accessible and fun for any style of play. All equipment provided.



**3) Denali Zip Line:**  
 3 hours  
 \$165 Per Person

Start with a three-mile ATV trail ride to your launching point through the scenic Alaskan wilderness. After gearing up, certified guides will lead you along six sky bridges and seven thrilling zip lines. Over half a mile of zips including the dual racer finale!



**4) Fat Truck Tour:**  
 2.5 hours  
 \$249 Per Person

Travel up an old mining trail to the "upper lookout" where you will see vista views and learn about the geology and history of the area. Test out the amphibious qualities of the truck with your guide! One departure only - Limited to 6 people.

(Continental Breakfast included based on accommodations - Lunch & Dinner not included, restaurant stops provided)  
 ACCOMMODATIONS IN WASILLA





**DAY 06 | HATCHER PASS GOLD PANNING:** Soak in the beautiful scenery of Hatcher Pass while visiting Independence Gold Mine, which was 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 information on the flora and fauna of the area. Hatcher Pass is a favorite of guests; they love its beauty, wildflowers, berries, and wildlife. The best photography here is in later summer.

**KNIK GLACIER BOAT TOUR:** Your next adventure of the day will begin when you will climb aboard a military truck for a scenic drive to the river boat launch. Once aboard the river boat you will head to Lake George, the base of Knik Glacier (one of Alaska's grandest natural attractions). Knik Glacier, formed in the Pleistocene Glaciation Period (the beginning of the Ice Age) 600,000 years ago, originally covered the Anchorage bowl and the entire Cook Inlet. This glacier remains active, though motion is imperceptible to the naked eye. Knik Glacier is still 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 Kenai Fjords.

**(Continental breakfast included - Lunch and dinner not included - Lunch restaurant stop provided, many restaurants close to hotel location for dinner)**

**ACCOMMODATIONS IN ANCHORAGE**

**DAY 07 | 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. A private transfer will pick you up early this morning to take you to the rail depot to head to Seward on the Gold Star glass-domed train.

**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 cars
- Complimentary beverages provided

**SEWARD:** Upon arrive in Seward, you will embark on the Kenai Fjords wildlife and glacier cruise. This day cruise takes you deep into the heart of Kenai Fjords National Park, a place many marine and land-based wildlife call home.

- Spectacular views, from rugged coastlines 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 Dining Car included - Lunch aboard day cruise included - Dinner not included, many restaurant options in Seward available)**

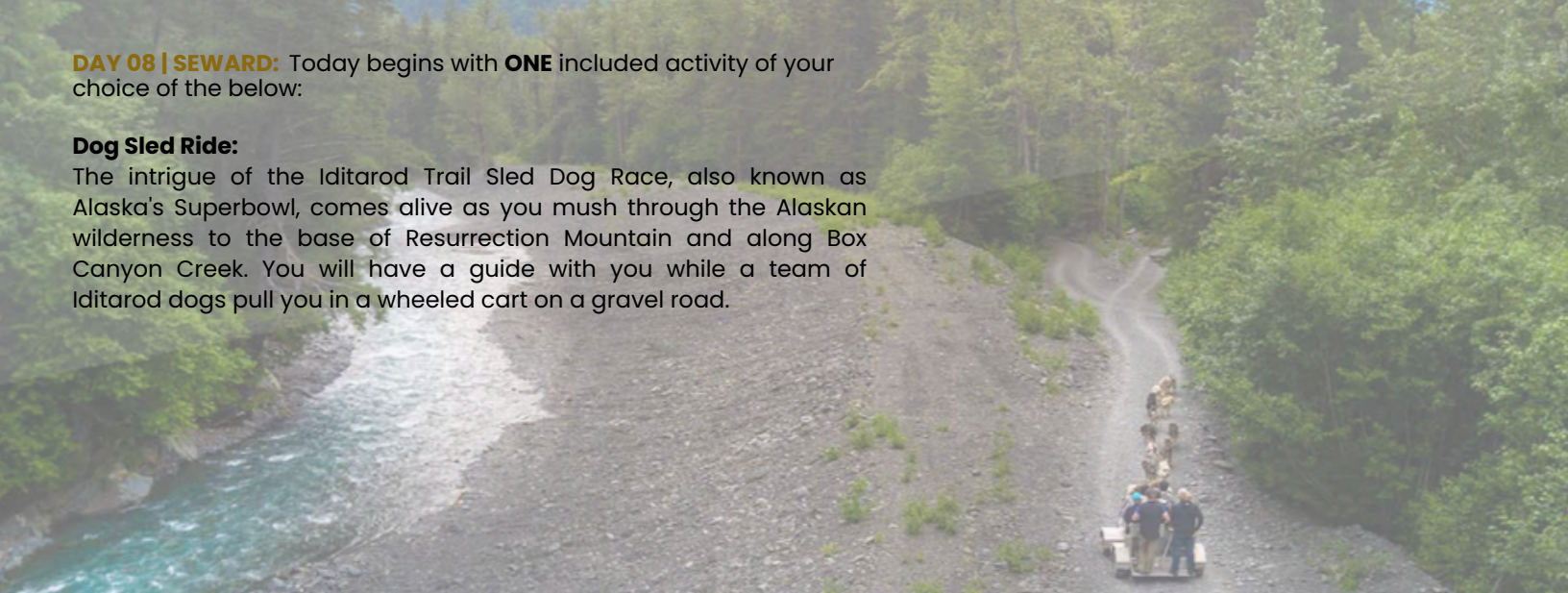
**ACCOMMODATIONS IN SEWARD**



**DAY 08 | SEWARD:** Today begins with **ONE** included activity of 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 otters, salmon, and eagles. This adventure is great for all groups (big and small). Your three-hour guided kayaking tour will go to Tonsina Creek. Kayaking gear - rain pants & jacket, water, and snack provided. Dry bags available upon request. Tour runs rain or shine!



**\*Guests can also upgrade by choosing both of the above tours, one for morning and one for afternoon (\$125 per person).**

**YOU MAY ALSO UPGRADE BY CHOOSING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:**

**Helicopter w/ Glacier Dog Sled Ride: \$595 per person**

Touchdown on the upper part of Godwin Glacier, just outside of Seward. Land on a snowy icefield and experience the magic of winter in the summertime while mushing with the dogs!

**Zipline Adventure (3 hrs): \$165 per person**

Incredible panoramic views across the valley and glaciers to the southwest as you soar along on eight ziplines. Trip also includes three suspension bridges and two rappels.

**Half Day - Salmon Charter - subject to fuel surcharge - (Jul-Aug): \$385**

**Half Day - Walk-in Salmon (June-Aug): \$199**

Explore the Gulf of Alaska or creek side shores as you search for salmon. Experienced captains, great vessels, and the right equipment will make your fishing experience an unforgettable one.



**(Continental breakfast included, depending on accommodations - Lunch not included - Dinner included for guests returning on Alaska Railroad - Gold Star Rail)**

**RETURN TO ANCHORAGE ON ALASKA RAILROAD OR MOTORCOACH (TOUR ENDS)**





## OPTIONAL DAY TOUR:

### Lake Clark Bear Viewing - 6-8 Hour Bear Viewing: \$1,250 per person

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: \$1,495 per person

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.**



### OPTIONAL DAY TOUR:

#### Turnagain Tour- 6 Hour: \$199 per person

This full-day tour from Anchorage is perfect for a pre-tour or post-tour add-on. Departing at 12 PM, visit the quaint town of Girdwood and a favorite local eatery for late lunch (included). After lunch, ascend the side of Mount Alyeska aboard an aerial tram. From the top (weather permitting), take in views of several hanging glaciers and the upper reaches of this temperate rainforest, and watch for the occasional black bear foraging along the tram route during the early summer months.

Next, tour the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, a 200-acre natural habitat that provides wildlife education and rehabilitation for some of Alaska's favorite animals! We will drive and walk approximately 2-miles through the Conservation Center's trails as you get close enough to observe some of our favorite land animals such as moose, reindeer, bison, musk ox, and wolves. While we cannot guarantee bears due to the size of their habitat, it is common to see brown and black bears at the Conservation Center. Make sure to take photos of wildlife with the amazing backdrop of the Chugach Mountains and Turnagain Arm. Return back to Anchorage around 6 PM.

- Tour includes a local guide
- An aerial tram ride up Mt. Alyeska
- Fresh lunch in Girdwood
- Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center tour
- Scenic photo stops along the way!





# Rates

\*per person

## Best of Alaska (8 Days)



Double Room Occupancy	Triple/Quad Room Occupancy	Single Room Occupancy
<b>\$5,449</b>	<b>\$5,149</b>	<b>\$6,349</b>

<b>Talkeetna Upgrades</b>	<b>Denali Upgrades</b>	<b>Seward Upgrades</b>
<p><i>Glacier Landing</i> \$100 / person</p>	<p><i>ATV Rides</i> Single: \$150 Double: \$250 Triple: \$350</p>	<p><i>Helicopter to Glacier Dog Sled</i> \$595 / person</p>
<p><b>Pre/Post Trip Add-ons</b></p>	<p><i>Zipline</i> \$165 / person</p> <p><i>Fat Truck Tour</i> \$249 / person</p>	<p><i>Zipline</i> \$165 / person</p> <p>2nd Seward Activity \$125 / person</p>
<p><i>Full Day Bear Viewing</i> 8-10 hr Katmai - \$1,495 / person 6-8 hr Lake Clark - \$1,250 / person</p> <p>Turnagain Turn Tour 6 hr - \$199 / person</p>	<p><i>Denali 9-Hole Golf</i> \$125 / person</p>	<p><i>Fishing/per person</i></p> <p>Half-Day Salmon (Jul-Aug): \$385 Half-Day Walk-in (June-Aug): \$199</p>
<p><i>Anchorage Pre-night Hotel</i> \$395 - One-Night Stay <i>Anchorage Post-night Hotel</i> \$395 - One-Night Stay</p>		<p><b>Glacier View Upgrade</b> <i>Helicopter Glacier Landing</i> \$269 / person</p>



## **VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ:**

Please review terms & conditions below as well as additional terms 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 – 6. Day 7 & 8 are your AAU choreographed 2-day Kenai Peninsula adventures featuring the Alaska Railroad and the Kenai Fjords. Rates include all accommodations, transportation, all activities based on package purchased (unless stated as an upgrade), and complimentary beverages onboard our executive mini-coaches. Rates include some meals: 4-6 breakfasts (depends on Denali hotel); 3 lunches; 2 dinners. Rates do not include gratuities, tax (\$330), fuel supplement (if applicable), alcoholic beverages, or optional activities not listed. All items listed as upgrades are not included in the package price. Itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the escort due to weather, road maintenance, and time factors.

### **Deposit**

25% deposit is due at time of booking. 50% is subsequently due on Nov 15, 2024. 100% final payment is due Feb 15, 2025. Bookings after Feb 2025 are due in full at time of booking. Cancellations will incur full 100% penalty. Travel insurance is available and highly recommended. AAU reserves the right 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 and recommended! It is your choice to accept the risk of not purchasing travel insurance; however, if something does happen, you will be responsible for the financial effects of your decision.

### **Accommodations are Chosen Based on Availability**

Accommodations can vary from private cabins to hotels or lodges based on availability and entire group needs once the tour is sold out. Accommodations include private bathrooms. In smaller towns, all package properties will be quality 3-4-star local lodging.

### **Activities/Excursions**

All activity times are approximate and may change for custom departures/weather. These are listed for planning purposes only. AAU reserves the right 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, 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, and fishermen. At each of your activities, guides from many other states may 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, make reservations in advance, and for included dinner meals, allow you to order from the menu: entrée, non-alcoholic beverage, and dessert. (Non-market price items only.) There are plenty of Alaskan seafood choices as well as steak and other meat options and limited vegetarian items as well. Not all restaurants are able to accommodate gluten-free diets. Travelers are encouraged to prepare for any special dietary needs.