

# National Parks of Alaska (13-Days)

Departure: July



## Day 01 | Welcome to Anchorage!

Enjoy the midnight sun

\*Anchorage Accommodations

## Day 02 | Katmai & Lake Clark National Park

Fly-out Bear viewing & remote living excursion - 7:30 AM

\*Anchorage Accommodations

## Day 03 | Anchorage & Denali

Alaska Cultural Day

\*Denali Accommodations

## Day 04 | Denali National Park

Day at leisure or upgrade activities

\*Denali Accommodations

## Day 05 | Denali National Park

Explore Denali National Park

\*Fairbanks Accommodations

## Day 06 | Gates of the Arctic & Kobuk Valley

National Park Exploration

\*Fairbanks Accommodations

## Day 07 | Fairbanks

Spend a day in the Golden Heart City

\*Fairbanks Accommodations

## Day 08 | Wrangell St. Elias & Kennicott

Flightseeing Tour over Wrangell St. Elias National Park

\*Kennicott Accommodations

## Day 09 | Wrangell St. Elias & Kennicott

Day at leisure in Kennicott or upgrade activities

\*Kennicott Accommodations

## Day 10 | McCarthy & Valdez

Town & Mine Tour - Flight back to Chitna

\*Valdez Accommodations

## Day 11 | Valdez, Whittier & Seward

Prince William Sound Boat Charter

Private Transfer from Whittier to Seward

\*Seward Accommodations

## Day 12 | Seward

Kenai Fjords National Park Day Cruise

\*Seward Accommodations

## Day 13 | Seward & Anchorage

Return to Anchorage on Alaska Railroad

Tour Ends



## DAY 1 | ANCHORAGE

Welcome to Alaska! Check-in to your Anchorage accommodations any time after 4 PM. Enjoy the midnight sun and all that Alaska's largest city has to offer. Some of the best dining in the state is found here. Take a stroll along the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail or ride on the Anchorage Trolley Tour to get a better understanding of how Anchorage came to be.

(No Meals included)  
ACCOMMODATIONS IN ANCHORAGE

## DAY 2 | LAKE CLARK WILDERNESS & KATMAI BEAR VIEWING - 10-12 Hours

Today you will begin your Alaska Adventure by exploring two unique parks in a fly-out adventure over rugged wilderness. You begin the day at 6:30 AM with a private transfer from your Anchorage accommodations to Lake Hood Seaplane base to meet your pilot and head out to Lake Clark.

A scenic flightseeing trip from Anchorage to Lake Clark National Park gives you a chance to experience the vast untouched wilderness. Landing on Upper Twin Lakes in Lake Clark you will get a chance to visit Dick Proenneke's Bush Cabin built by hand and lived in for over 30 years!

Next stop is the federally-protected Katmai National Park and Preserve where you get a chance experience 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
- Lake Clark National Park – Bush Cabin experience
- Katmai bear viewing at Brooks Falls – watch them catch jumping salmon!
- Wildlife spotting 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 7:30 A.M. and returns to Anchorage around 8 PM – 12 hours. (5 hours of bear viewing)  
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.**

(Continental Breakfast included. Lunch & Dinner not included.)

CONTINUED ACCOMMODATIONS IN ANCHORAGE

**DAY 3: ANCHORAGE & DENALI:** This morning your day begins at 8:30 AM by meeting your guide in the lobby.

**NATIVE HISTORY:** Travel across town to the spectacular Native Heritage Center, a renowned cultural museum, where guests can 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 and sites allow the exploration of ancient tradition and the presentation of stories from the past.

**KENNEL TOUR:** Upon leaving the Anchorage area, you will travel north to Willow to visit with Vern, a 30 year veteran dog musher. Vern will tell you the history of dog mushing in Alaska and about the famous Iditarod race. He weaves in the history of sled dogs from early native use to gold rush use to the famous Serum Run to Nome during the 1925 diphtheria epidemic. His explanation of the uniqueness of the Alaskan Iditarod race--its length, diversity of competition, and the NO HELP rule--is a history highlight. An action-packed ride with the sled dog team is the icing on the cake. There is no snow this time of year, so the dogs pull you in a free wheeled buggy. These buggies are what the dogs train with all summer long to get ready for their winter jobs. The wilderness trail you take goes over bridges and through the woods.



Later this afternoon, continue the adventure to Denali National Park, stop at South Denali View for spectacular photo ops and a chance to stretch your legs. Upon arrival in Denali National Park, this evening allows for a dinner stop in "Glitter Gulch", the area just outside the park entrance.

(Continental Breakfast, Lunch & Welcome Dinner included)  
ACCOMMODATIONS NEAR DENALI NATIONAL PARK

**DAY 04 | 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  
**\$155 Single Rider**  
**\$250 Double 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 ½ 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  
**\$179 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  
**\$229 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.



**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 - Lunch & Dinner not included, restaurant stop provided)  
ACCOMMODATIONS NEAR DENALI NATIONAL PARK

**DAY 05 | 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 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.

This afternoon we will depart north to the Golden Heart City of Fairbanks. Upon arrival in Fairbanks we will have a dinner stop. You can enjoy the rays of the midnight sun.

**(Continental Breakfast included based on accommodations – Sack Lunch provide. Dinner not included, restaurant stop provided)**  
**ACCOMMODATIONS IN FAIRBANKS**

**DAY 6: GATES OF THE ARCTIC & KOBUK VALLEY:** Today we will explore two National Parks via scenic flight to Gates of the Arctic and Kobuk Valley. Depending on conditions we will spend time on the Sand Dunes in Kobuk Valley National Park, the upper Ambler River, or the Noatak River near Matcharak Lake in Gates of the Arctic. We'll explore the changing landscapes and remote beauty of some of the most pristine National Parks in the nation. Dall sheep, caribou and possibly Alaskan bears & wolves can be seen in this untouched part of Alaska. This area is remote, comfort stops are extremely limited. In the evening we will return to our Fairbanks accommodations.



**(Continental Breakfast & Sack Lunch included. Dinner not included; restaurant stop provided)**  
**ACCOMMODATIONS IN FAIRBANKS**

**DAY 7: FAIRBANKS:** Explore the Golden Heart City. Begin your day by visiting the University of Alaska's Museum of the North where you will get a chance to immerse yourself in stories about Alaska's peoples, explore 2000 years of Native art, artifacts and Arctic wildlife. On our way to our lunch stop we will check out the black gold that fills the Alyeska Pipeline, flowing almost 500 miles from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez! This afternoon offers a chance to strike it rich and learn more about Alaska's gold mining history at a historical Gold Dredge that operated from 1928 to 1959 and was used to extract millions of ounces of gold.

*\*Schedule may swap activity dates/ times depending on departure for Gates of the Arctic & Kobuk Valley.*

**(Continental Breakfast included. Lunch & Dinner not included; restaurant stops provided)**  
**ACCOMMODATIONS IN FAIRBANKS**

**DAY 8: FAIRBANKS TO KENNICOTT:** This morning, rise & shine as we depart with the midnight sun at 7 AM. Breakfast is available before you begin the scenic drive to Copper Center, the home of the Copper River Red's (salmon). Travel south along the Richardson Highway through farmland and down to the steep slopes of the Rainbow Mountains and watch as the mountains change colors.

**MCCARTHY / KENNICOTT:** A quick stop at the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Visitors Center, allows you to learn about the largest National Park in both Alaska and Canada. 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. 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. Enjoy a stop for lunch at "Nummies" a local favorite mom & pop restaurant. (Meal not included). After a scenic drive along the Klutina River, get ready to board a small plane for an exciting flightseeing tour over the Wrangell St. Elias National Park. 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)

**(Breakfast Included, Lunch & Dinner not included - meals at remote lodge are higher cost than usual)**

#### ACCOMMODATIONS IN KENNICOTT

**DAY 9: KENNICOTT:** Discover the lore and history of this remote town. A breakfast is available for purchase in the main dining room. Next, you can walk on a gravel roadway out to root glacier (about 6 miles roundtrip) at your leisure, so you can stop along the way for photo opportunities. Or enjoy a leisure walk around the copper mill area. Look for the rocks, brightly colored with blue azurite, green copper and white quartz. The old railroad bed has been graded with gravel and is one of only two roads in this remote area. Here you can relax, read, play a family game, or take a walk. Spend the day at leisure or upgrade to a full or half day glacier hike.

**(Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner not included - meals at remote lodge are higher cost than usual)**

#### ACCOMMODATIONS IN KENNICOTT

**DAY 10: MCCARTHY TO VALDEZ:** This morning, you can choose to participate in an optional Kennicott Town & Mill Tour 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 or explore the town of McCarthy.

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. 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 Worthington Glacier - 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 11: 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. Upon arrival in Whittier you will need to meet your private transfer to Seward by 6 PM. Enjoy the scenic drive through the 2-mile Anton Anderson Tunnel and stunning mountain views on your way down to the Kenai Peninsula. Accommodations have been reserved in Seward for two nights.

**(Continental Breakfast included, no other meals included.)**

**Private transfer to Seward for Overnight Accommodations**

**DAY 12 | SEWARD – KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK DAY CRUISE:** 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 home.

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

**(Lunch aboard day cruise included - Breakfast & Dinner not included, many restaurant options in Seward available)**  
**ACCOMMODATIONS IN SEWARD**



**DAY 13 | SEWARD:** Your next day in Seward can be a day of leisure or begin with ONE upgraded activity, your choice of the below:

**Dryland Dog Sled Ride: (\$135 per person)**

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: (\$135 per person)**

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 jacket & rain pants, water, and snack provided. Dry bags available upon request. Tours depart rain or shine.



**Helicopter w/ Glacier Dog Sled Ride: \$599 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!

**Bear Glacier Heli/Kayak: \$829 per person  
(Full Day Activity 9-10 Hours)**

As the largest glacier within the Harding Icefield of Kenai Fjords National Park, it stretches over 12 miles in length and 3 miles in width. This impressive glacier is located 14 miles south of Seward, and within Bear Glacier Lagoon, you'll encounter massive icebergs ranging in size from a car to a shopping mall.

**Half-day Salmon Fishing:  
(subject to fuel surcharge)**

**Half Day - Salmon (Jul-Aug): \$315**

**Half Day - Walk-in Salmon (June-Aug): \$225**

Explore the Seward as you search for salmon. Experienced captains, great vessels, and the right equipment will make your fishing experience an unforgettable one or opt for shore fishing gear and tackle provided.



Return to Anchorage on the 6:00 PM Glass-domed Gold Star rail. You will arrive at the Anchorage Rail Depot at 10:30 PM.

**(Breakfast & Lunch not included - Dinner included for guests returning on the Alaska Railroad)**


**TOUR ENDS**



# 2027 Rates \*per person

## 13-Day National Parks of Alaska

TOUR TYPE	Double Room Occupancy	Triple/Quad Room Occupancy	Single Room Occupancy
12-Day	\$13,499	\$12,999	\$14,699

Seward Upgrades	Denali Upgrades	Optional Pre/Post Trip Add-ons
<i>Glacier Dog Sled Trip with Helicopter Ride</i> \$599 / person	ATV Rides Single: \$155 Double: \$250 Triple: \$350	Anchorage Post-night hotel \$395 - One-Night Stay
Fishing Charter Half-Day Salmon (Jul-Aug): \$315 Half-Day Walk-in (Jun-Aug): \$225	Zipline \$179 / person	
Tandem Kayaking \$135 / person Dry Land Dog Sled Ride \$135 / person	Denali 9-Hole Golf \$125 / person  Fat Truck Tour \$229 / person	

## 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, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners, (Breakfast count depends on Denali hotel) but does not include gratuities, **tax (\$495)**, 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 November 15, 2026. 100% Final Payment is due February 15, 2027. Bookings after February 15, 2027 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 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. 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.