



Alaska has called to you for years as the vacation of your dreams! How do you ensure your adventure will discover all the "secrets" of Alaska? Choose from one of our fully escorted wilderness adventures and experience the depth of Alaska's interior. Far from the coast, our local resident experts will treat you to the history & lore of Alaska.

Seasoned Alaskan guides accompany you through areas resplendent with wild beauty and take you deep into the land of the midnight sun. They serve as guide, historian and personal concierge, ensuring every aspect of your journey is effortless. Our tours combine the frontier spirit of this untamed land, the natural wonders and habitat of bear, moose, caribou and more. Choose from whitewater rafting, flightseeing, glacier hiking, wildlife tours, river jet boats, day cruises and more. From Anchorage to Denali National Park, St. Elias to Valdez stays in unique charming accommodations with all the magnificence of Alaska at your doorstep. Premium service combined with Alaskan hospitality all the way!

Our [luxury private transport service](#) is customized with leather captain's chairs, full bay picture windows, complete narration and complimentary soft drinks. Our intimate tours are limited to 13 guests for your sightseeing pleasure. Our adventures are set in "Adult-Only" format or "Family-Only" format. Adult Only tours allow guests 16 years and up only. Optional custom itineraries can be designed based on availability.

"HEART OF ALASKA"

Customized 5-Day / 4 Night Adventure:

... featuring Denali National Park, Wildlife, Flightseeing, Jet boats, Rafting, Glacier Viewing & Iditarod Dog Ride.



DAY ONE

ANCHORAGE: Upon arrival in Anchorage, whether by rail, motorcoach or air, if you arrive on the day of the tour, you will be met by our representative, who will assist with your luggage and boarding process. If you are adding a pre-night hotel package (downtown area hotels only), pick up the courtesy phones in baggage area, and call for your courtesy shuttle to your hotel, and rest up for you tour. Day of your tour, our representatives will meet you at your hotel lobby at noon or as stated on your itinerary. If you are arriving the day of your tour, pick-

up will be at 11:30 AM at the Anchorage International Airport.

EKLUTNA NATIVE HISTORY: Begin your Alaskan adventure with additional guests and a meet & greet. Travel across town to the spectacular Native Heritage Center, a renowned cultural center and museum, an exciting place where all people can come to expand their understanding of Alaska's first people. Here we 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. The Center provides a unique opportunity to experience Alaska's many diverse Native cultures at one location. In facilitating the transmission of Alaska Native knowledge, heritage and tradition, the Center promotes self-esteem and pride among Alaska Natives. The Alaska Native Heritage Center improves understanding among all Alaskans and encourages appreciation of Alaska Native people and their traditions, history, and contributions to Alaska.



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. Continuing north, we will pass the "Palmer Hay Flats", and the Knik Arm of the Cook Inlet. This tundra-covered lowland is home to wildlife and several species of birds.

Upon arrival in Wasilla, dinner will be at one of Wasilla's finest restaurants offering exceptional views. Overnight in comfortable accommodations** adding a remote feel to your adventure.



DAY TWO

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

Next, you will have the option of choosing between two types of river rafting, slow float or white water. The "**Glacier Run**" float trip is great for relaxed sightseeing and photo opportunities. This easily negotiable class II water makes it a great way to experience rafting and the great outdoors. This raft excursion lasts 2 ½ hours. The "**Lion's Head**" raft trip offers the roar of whitewater. This is an excellent first-timers whitewater trip that is

popular with experienced enthusiast as well. The most popular trip for over 28 years, this class III & IV whitewater experience offers you a hand-on adventure. This raft excursion lasts 3 ½ hours.

For those who do not choose to raft due to age or ability levels we offer another option. Your escort will be staying with the vehicle and you can choose to visit the Long Rifle Lodge with breath-taking views of the Matanuska Glacier, and enjoy some coffee or hot chocolate in their rustic, museum-like cafe. Many taxidermy animals, from bears to wolverines are on display. If there are children under 5 years old on a "family-only" tour, you may choose to have our escort "entertain" them while the adults participate in the rafting activity. These babysitting services can be purchased upon request for \$5.00 per hour per child.



Next it's off to Sheep Mountain Lodge, for a bite to eat. Sheep Mountain Lodge offers some of the state's infamous deserts like triple berry pie, glacier cookies or homemade carrot cake! This is also a popular viewing area for Dall sheep, so we will be stopping to view them with high-powered spotting scopes. We also provide binoculars on board.

Continuing on this afternoon, discover the true beauty of glaciers up close & personal. You will experience glacier walking or hiking and the natural history of the Matanuska Glacier. Enjoy the splendor of the "frozen river" as you walk

out to a scenic lake hidden under the face of an ice fall. No experience is necessary to join in the fun! We provide ice "cramp-ons" to fit over standard tennis shoes or walking shoes. They are stretchy rubber so most shoes work. These are provided for adults and older children as they do not come in sizes small enough for children under 10 years old. We also provide walking sticks with an ice cleat on it, to help with stability on the ice. They are not required - just helpful. We do require that children under the age of 16 stay with their parents or guardians, as the glacier presents certain challenges that we are not responsible for. This is an unguided walk.



After the days fun this evening, a dinner stop in Palmer is offered before returning to your overnight accommodations.



DAY THREE

TALKEETNA: Rise & Shine to visit the home of the Iditarod. Race Headquarters expose you to the lure of the dog sleds of the past. Meet an Iditarod musher and dog team and share in the thrill of the race, as you take a ride on a summer dog sled ride around a quarter acre track. Today will present one of many highlights of your adventure. Talkeetna is a local town sporting the most photographed scenes in our state, the towering peaks of Mt. McKinley & the Alaska mountain range. Only 1 ½ hours north, this town is a hub of international mountain climbers. You will be able to **choose one** of the following adventures to enjoy in Talkeetna.

ACTIVITY ONE: Denali Flightseeing & Glacier Landing: This magnificent flight takes you within six miles of Mt. McKinley's summit. As your flight departs Talkeetna, you begin to see how the last ice age has shaped the land. Moments later you enter a world of rugged high mountain peaks and wide glacier filled valleys. Listen as your pilot describes the natural wonders of Denali National Park. See the Sheldon Amphitheater, beautiful Ruth Glacier, and the Great Gorge (the world's deepest - almost 2 miles from top to bottom). "No visit is complete without this experience!" Land on the Sheldon Amphitheatre glacier beneath Mt. McKinley, The aircraft is equipped with skis, floats, and voice activated headphones. Passengers, each with comfortable window seats, enjoy narration by an experienced pilot-guide highlighting points of interest including geology, wildlife, and history. Flight time is 1.5 hrs and includes a glacier landing. Upgrades for longer flights can be purchased.



ACTIVITY TWO: 2-Hour Riverboat Adventure: Your exciting trip will begin aboard the fifty-one passenger "Talkeetna Queen" as it whisks you into the heart of the wilderness in comfort. This is the most technologically advanced river jetboat in Alaska designed to safely navigate rivers that were previously inaccessible. It is glass-domed, environmentally controlled, and has an onboard restroom for your comfort. You will visit an authentic trapper's cabin and view how trappers lived in "Bush" Alaska at the turn of the century. Your experienced guide will display raw furs from the local area and demonstrate trapping methods. Naturalists will acquaint you with the wildflowers and plants that grow in abundance along the river system and you will learn about the edible plants that were used by the Native Indians for cooking and medicines. As you travel ten miles of river you

will have opportunities to view nesting bald eagles, beaver activity, and moose and you just might see black bear and grizzly bear roaming the shore. Wildlife, folklore, artifacts and a panoramic view of Denali in the Alaska Range combine to make this an unforgettable Alaskan river adventure.

This afternoon, enjoy late lunch before continuing our adventure to Denali National Park. Crossing over Hurricane Gulch, have your cameras ready. The vistas are breathtaking. Upon arrival in Denali National Park, this evening is at your leisure for shopping, dining or sightseeing. Tonight you will overnight near Denali National Park.



DAY FOUR

DENALI: Everything about Denali National Park is big: the scenery, the mountains, the incredible beauty, and the animals. Early this morning, you will embark on the Denali Park Tundra Tour, an excellent way to spot the wildlife for which Alaska is so famous: moose, bear, wolves, caribou, Dall sheep. It is a fascinating 6 to 8 hour narrated motorcoach tour into the park. A snack and beverage are included. It is the only way to enter the park, as it is a preserve. So bring your camera and binoculars.

Mount McKinley National Park was established in 1917 to protect its large mammals, not because of majestic Mt. McKinley. In 1980, the boundary was expanded to include both the Denali caribou herds wintering and calving ground

and the entire Mt. McKinley massif. This more than tripled the size of the park, and was renamed Denali National Park and Preserve. It was also designated an International Biosphere Reserve significant for the potential for sub-arctic ecosystem research.

Denali is an Athabascan word meaning The High One. The mountain is officially named Mt. McKinley but is also referred to as Denali. Mt. McKinley is the highest peak in North America at 20,320 feet. It creates its own weather system and is often covered in clouds. Mt. McKinley is only visible about 1/3 of the time, so visitors to the park only have about a 30% chance of viewing Mt. McKinley.

Denali is one of the greatest wildlife viewing areas in the world. Visitors have a chance of seeing grizzly bears, caribou, moose, Dall sheep, foxes, and wolves. Many smaller animals also inhabit the park such as arctic ground squirrels, hoary marmots, pikas, snowshoe hares, and beavers.

For those interested in bird watching, there are a variety of birds that migrate to the park for the summer. The list includes arctic tern, American golden plover, long tailed jaegers, the surfbird, arctic warbler, the wheatear, willow ptarmigan, golden eagles, and ravens. Approximately 150 species live in and around the Denali area during the summer months.

This evening, relax and enjoy the leisure ride back to Wasilla to your comfy chalet. A dinner stop will be provided, at a restaurant of group choice, along with DVD entertainment for a relaxing evening. Tonight you will overnight at your chalet**.



DAY FIVE

WASILLA: Rise & Shine, as the midnight sun never sets! Continental breakfasts will be available in your private room as you begin your day. Today experience spectacular views of Hatcher's Pass and the Independence Gold Mine, built in the early 1900's. Here you have your choice of taking a walk on paved trails, or hiking back into the mountains for a real adventure. Those who love photography will have a real photo safari here with the arctic flora and fauna. Or if learning about the history of the area is your choice, a park naturalist is here to share the history of the mine, as well as the lifestyle of

the engineers to the flunkies who worked tirelessly on the mine. A lunch stop will be provided at the Hatcher Pass Lodge, with views of the surrounding area.

PALMER: This afternoon's adventure will take you aboard an airboat ride to Lake George, the base of Knik Glacier. Lake George, an ice dammed lake was once responsible for floods of cataclysmic proportions. Knik Glacier, 28 miles long, 6 miles wide, and over 1000 feet thick, is one of Alaska's grandest natural attractions. 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, motion imperceptible to the naked eye, this glacier is in a constant state of change. After traveling all over the state of Alaska, the Knik Glacier always turns out to be a trip highlight. We consider ourselves very fortunate to live in such a magnificent landscape and it is our pleasure to share it with you.



ANCHORAGE: Next, your escort will take you to your local hotel for an evening of leisure. Located in Southcentral Alaska on the shores of Cook Inlet, the Municipality of Anchorage is a unique urban environment situated in the heart of the wilderness. There's a special mystique to Alaska. The name conjures up adventure, raw natural beauty -- glaciers, mountains and seas, unmatched the world around -- fascinating wildlife, a unique cultural heritage, and independent, pioneering people. Here you will find four-star restaurants and small cafes, an outstanding Museum of History and Art and a multitude of other fun activities. Enjoy downtown shopping at any of the artist hot spots, or relax and enjoy the nightlife of Anchorage, "the city of lights". Infamous restaurants dot the downtown area and offer wonderful opportunities to enjoy fresh salmon to prime rib.

Your tour ends upon arrival in Anchorage to your destination of choice (airport or hotel). Enjoy our flight home with memories to last a lifetime!! (Arrival in Anchorage is usually 7 PM.)

PACKAGE RATE: Starting at \$2999.00* Per Person

*Rates include all accommodations, transportation, activities to include flight seeing or jet boat, slow or whitewater raft, DNP entrance fee, Mat-Su Glacier Park entrance fee, Knik airboat, Native Heritage Center admission, Hatcher's Pass entrance fee, etc. (unless stated as optional), and complimentary beverages onboard. **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT IS \$499.00.** Rates do not include meals, gratuities, bed tax (\$52 pp), alcoholic beverages, or optional activities not listed. Itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the escort due to weather, road maintenance & time factors. 50% Deposit is due at time of booking. 100% Final Payment is due by Feb 15, 2012. Cancellations will incur a 100% penalty after booking date. Travel insurance is highly recommended and is available for purchase with your package. Ask your agent for details.

*Rates can be discounted if current promotion applies. Please take a look at our website for current promotions or ask your agent: <http://www.alaskaadventureunlimited.com/AlaskaTravelSpecials.html>

To add one more spectacular day to your adventure, our premium bear viewing day tour is available and details are listed below for your review.

OPTIONAL DAY TOUR

\$650.00 - \$795.00 pp (Plus Tax) UPGRADE

OPTION ONE: Redoubt Bay Bear Viewing (Upgrade \$650 pp) plus \$6.95 tax per person. (5-6 hours)
Open June 15 - August 20



View Alaska black and brown bears in their natural habitat on a guided, fly-out Alaska bear watching trip at Redoubt Bay Lodge – a small rustic hand-hewn lodge situated in a 171,000-acre critical habitat area. Redoubt Bay Lodge is located 70 miles southwest of Anchorage near the dramatic entrance of Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. Redoubt Bay is home to one of the most concentrated and viewable bear populations in the state of Alaska. As your Alaska bear watching trip begins, bear viewing is from a covered pontoon boat with our experienced naturalist guides through the chain of Big River Lakes, host to sockeye and Coho salmon runs and popular feeding site for resident bear. This bear viewing location does attract fishermen as well as bears. This bear viewing trip is an easy day trip from Anchorage to the Redoubt Bay Critical Habitat Area. Enjoy a half-day trip with morning and afternoon departures, approximately 6 1/2 hours. A hot lunch served in the main lodge is included.

Depart from Lake Hood, the world's busiest floatplane harbor and fly southwest over Cook Inlet and the western edge of the Kenai Peninsula to the foothills of the Lake Clark National Park. During the flight, your pilot will share information on scenic highlights, while flying low enough to spot Alaska wildlife. You may also fly over Cook Inlet, spotting for Beluga whales. Your pilot will pick the best route for the weather conditions and scenic possibilities.

The Alaska Bear Watching Tour in Redoubt Bay Includes:

- Intimate, 50-minute scenic flightseeing tour from Anchorage
- Redoubt Bay Field Guide with bear, flora and fauna facts
- Homemade lunch in the cozy, rustic Redoubt Bay lodge
- Interactive experience with Alaska natural history guides
- Alaska brown and black bear watching via covered pontoon boat
- Countless photo ops!
- Morning and afternoon departures available
- A window seat and 2-way headset
- Extensive knowledge (and personality) of an Alaska bush pilot
- Meticulous attention to comfort and safety
- Courtesy shuttle from the Anchorage airport and many Anchorage hotels

Two Departures:

Depart Anchorage 8:00 am Return Anchorage 2:30 pm

Depart Anchorage 12:30 pm Return Anchorage 7:00 pm

Hot Lunch served in the main lodge.

OPTION TWO: Katmai National Park Bear Viewing (Upgrade \$795 pp) plus \$14.00 Katmai National Park /fees. (10-12 hours) Open June 24 - July 20



The federally-protected Katmai National Park and Preserve is world famous for Alaska brown bear viewing. Accessible only by air, this is Alaska wilderness in its rawest form. Our fly-out Katmai bear viewing adventure takes you to Brooks Falls, where three bear viewing platforms connected by elevated boardwalks allow for close, unobstructed and extraordinary bear viewing in Katmai National Park. In July, lured by spawning salmon, as many as fifty bears can be seen at once along the 1.5-mile Brooks River.

Katmai bear viewing at Brooks Falls is self guided, but Katmai National Park Rangers provide an initial briefing upon arrival and are available for questions. An on-site wait list for the Lower River bear viewing platform may be implemented when visitation reaches capacity, to ensure quality bear viewing. Departing from Lake Hood, Anchorage, you fly over Cook Inlet, the Alaska Range, remote islands, before landing on either Brooks or Naknek lake in Katmai National Park and Preserve. Katmai is home to the world's largest

population of Alaska brown bears and the famed Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes – a forty square mile, 100 to 700 foot deep ash flow deposited by Novarupta Volcano in 1912.

The Katmai Bear Viewing Experience

- Intimate two to three hour scenic flight seeing tour from Anchorage; flight times vary depending on weather and plane type.
- Box lunch provided upon arrival at Katmai National Park
- Katmai bear viewing at Brooks Falls – watch them catch jumping salmon!
- Wildlife watching on return flight for beluga whales, moose and Dall sheep
- A window seat and 2-way headset; ask your pilot questions!
- Detailed knowledge (and personality) of an Alaska bush pilot
- Meticulous attention to comfort and safety
- Courtesy shuttle from the Anchorage airport and many Anchorage hotels

Depart Anchorage 8 a.m. Return Anchorage 6 to 8 p.m. Times are approximate and are for general planning only.

OPTION THREE: Lake Clark National Park Bear Viewing (Upgrade \$795 pp)

Open July 20 - September 25



A Lake Clark National Park bear viewing tour provides an Alaska experience of a lifetime. After an hour and ten minute thrilling flight seeing tour from Anchorage to Lake Clark National Park and Preserve, knowledgeable guides escort you by boat to lakeside areas where bears feed on spawning, wild Alaska salmon. Situated at the headwaters of Bristol Bay, Lake Clark National Park and Preserve is an epitome of the Alaska wilderness landscape. At four million acres, the Park encompasses volcanoes, jagged mountains, glaciers, wild rivers, waterfalls and diverse Alaska wildlife populations.

We expect that the 2011 bear viewing will be as good as last year since there were again numerous sows with 1st year cubs in 2010. The second year cubs are so entertaining because the cubs begin applying the mother bear's lessons on life. The bears' second year of life is also important since it is their last year with mom. A lot of learning and maturing takes place and you can be fortunate enough to be able to observe this in this great setting inside Lake Clark National Park. Watch as they clumsily pursue salmon and confront other bears. Remarkable photo opportunities are available due to the bears' overwhelming curiosity.

In addition, this great bear viewing location will also improve since the Lodge is adding an 18ft pontoon boat. Whether viewing scenery and wildlife, photographing bears or simply enjoying a cruise around the lake, we are certain you will delight in its comfort. Depart from Lake Hood Sea Plane Harbor in Anchorage and fly southwest over Cook Inlet and the tundra-covered hills of the western Alaska interior. Watch for the Chigmit Mountains, where Alaska and Aleutian Ranges meet, and two active volcanoes – Mt. Redoubt and Mt. Iliamna – before landing in Crescent Lake, Lake Clark National Park and Preserve.

The Lake Clark Bear Viewing Experience

- Intimate, 90-minute scenic flight seeing tour from Anchorage
- Up-close bear viewing in Lake Clark National Park from open boat (capacity 6)
- Homemade lunch in the cozy, rustic lodge located in Lake Clark National Park
- Observe grizzly bears fishing for salmon; frolicking in water
- A window seat and 2-way headset
- In-depth knowledge (and personality) of an Alaska bush pilot
- Meticulous attention to comfort and safety
- Courtesy shuttle from the Anchorage airport and many Anchorage hotels

(Approximately 11 hours) Depart Anchorage 8 a.m. Return Anchorage 7 p.m. Times are approximate.