

Alaska Adventure Unlimited



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, stay in unique charming chalets 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. Optional custom itineraries can be designed based on availability.

"DENALI FALL COLORS"

Customized 7-Day / 6 Nite Adventure:

... featuring Denali National Park, Wildlife, Flightseeing, Jet boats, Rafting, Glacier Viewing & Prince William Sound Whale Watching Cruise, Dog Sled Ride, Kayaking & Fishing !!



PRE-NIGHT

(Pre-night hotel available at additional cost)

FAIRBANKS: Upon arrival in Fairbanks, pick up the courtesy phones and call for your courtesy shuttle to your hotel or a local taxi depending on your choice of hotel and rest up for your tour to begin at check-out the following day. Our representatives will meet you at your hotel lobby in the morning to begin your adventure with other guests as they arrive.



DAY ONE Sept 2

Today you will be met in the lobby of your hotel by your escort driver at approximately 8:00 AM, who will assist with your luggage and boarding process. Begin your Denali Fall Colors adventure, with a scenic drive from Fairbanks to Denali National Park. This 2 hours drive offers great views and possible wildlife sightings. Upon arrival in Denali National Park, you may choose one of the following two adventures:



ADVENTURE ONE: DENALI WILDLIFE PARK TOUR

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.



ADVENTURE TWO: DENALI RAFTING & CABIN NITE DINNER THEATER



Hang on! It's class 3 to 4 whitewater ahead! You'll get wet and enjoy every minute of it as we head for Healy, 11 miles down river. Get into real whitewater rafting as you hang on through thrilling rapids such as "Cable Car", "Coffee Grinder", and "Ice Worm"!

Or choose to hold on and enjoy your introduction to scenic rafting in a slower class 2 section of the Nenana river in Alaska. You may see moose, sheep, caribou and bear, as you raft downstream 11 miles. The most scenic portion of the Nenana River gives you thrilling, yet enjoyable rafting. A great trip for families!

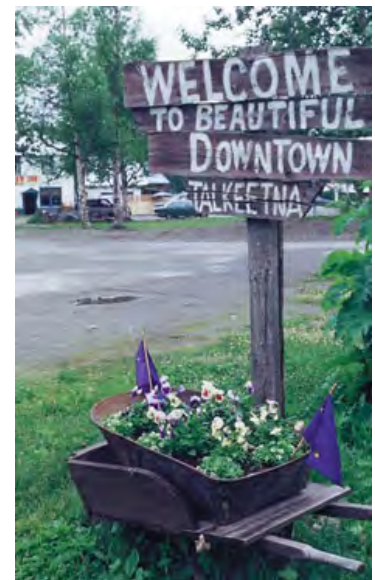
This evening, after resting up from your thrilling raft adventure, enjoy the evening at Cabin Nite Dinner Theater. Fannie Quigley and her group of unforgettable characters treat you to hilarious stories of the Gold Rush featuring foot-stompin', knee-slapping music. The all-you-can-eat, family style meal is sure to please. Feast on salmon, BBQ ribs, corn on the cob, baked beans, sour dough rolls and tasty dessert.

EVENING FOR ALL GUESTS:

All guests overnight at a quaint 20 room Inn on a lake featuring private balconies, great pillow-top beds a jetted tubs! Relax and get ready for another day of fun.

DAY TWO Sept 3

After a continental breakfast, enjoy a morning of leisure to visit the National Park headquarters. Films of the Denali region, the wildlife and birds are shown daily. Hiking trails from easy to steep, offer all guests the opportunity to enjoy the park in their timing. Finally the new science center peaks the biologist in all of us, to read, learn and discover facts and fiction of this boreal forest. Ranger talks are also available and will offer something for everyone. Just tell your guide where you would like to go for the morning. Check-out will be by 11 AM and departing the park area by noon.





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 are 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.

Overnight this evening at your Talkeetna accommodations. Dinner can be enjoyed at one of several restaurants in Talkeetna, including the Wild Flower Café, the Mile High Pizza Pie and several others.

DAY THREE Sept 4

Today brings another fun-filled day of activity. This morning, begins another day of adventure:

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.



After your Jet boat Adventure, you will travel south to Willow to visit an accomplished musher who presents his story of Alaska and the Iditarod in a provocative fashion that captures the essence of the Iditarod. He weaves in the history of sled dogs from early native use, gold rush use, the famous Serum run to Nome during the 1925 diphtheria epidemic-the focus is on the husky. The uniqueness of the Iditarod from the standpoint of length, diversity of competition and the NO HELP rule are highlights. Training and care of Iditarod dogs is demonstrated. The logistics of the race and food drops, checkpoints, veterinarian care, the Iditarod Air Force and trail conditions inspire questions. Race strategy and the changes to the Iditarod Race

Vern has seen in his twenty five years of racing elicit more dialogue. Clothing and survival gear along with sleds and equipment are topics that are backed up with demonstrations. Stories from the trail are exciting and fun. Ride in comfort in Our New Dog Mobile. As there is no snow this time of your or a sled, the dogs pull you in a free wheeled buggy as this is how they train during the summer months. Better for the dogs! Safe and Fun! Our wilderness trail is over bridges and through the woods. You can see and feel the power and love the dogs have for what they do. Finally taking the summer pups for a walk is a fantastic experience. You will soon see why we fell in love with the Alaskan Husky. Pups tell the story of their care and they inspire us. You will walk away from the hike feeling great!



From here you will travel 30 miles south to Wasilla for your overnight. A dinner stop will be provided.



DAY FOUR Sept 5

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. It will be our pleasure to share it with you.



A dinner stop is provided. Overnight again at your Wasilla accommodations.



DAY FIVE Sept 6

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

Next, enjoy the Palmer Musk Ox Farm, a private non-profit organization dedicated to the development and domestication of the musk ox, *Ovibos moschatus* for the purpose of providing additional subsistence income opportunities for Alaska's first people. The Musk Ox Project began to introduce a gentle, non-intrusive form of agriculture to the Arctic in 1954. Our musk oxen are the foundation of an Alaskan cottage industry for natives living in remote coastal villages.

The soft under-wool of the musk ox, qiviut, is harvested once a year and delivered to Oomingmak, an Alaskan native knitter's co-operative. The knitters work at home in Eskimo villages throughout Alaska creating scarves, nachaqs (Eskimo smoke rings) and luxurious caps. Each village has it's own signature pattern derived from traditional designs. Come to view the animals, learn about the project and take advantage of this unique opportunity to see and photograph one of the Arctic's oldest living species and take an informative tour led by a knowledgeable guide. See tame cows, powerful bulls, and newborn calves that will make your heart melt.



Now it's off to the Sheep Mountain Lodge, for a bite to eat and where views of the dall sheep are unrivaled. It is wilderness, and the beauty is all encompassing. High-powered spotting scope and binoculars are provided.

Continuing on, 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! Picnic benches along the way provide resting and stopping points for guests who wish to watch from afar.

This evening, relax and enjoy the leisure ride back to Wasilla to your comfy accommodations. A dinner stop will be provided, at a restaurant of group choice.



DAY SIX Sept 7

After your morning breakfast you will head South through the Matanuska Valley, the farming belt of Alaska. Pass the Palmer Hay Flats and the Knik Arm of the Cook Inlet where this tundra area is home to arctic wildlife and several species of birds. You will travel through Anchorage to the Turnagain Arm. As you make your way to Portage Valley, keep your eyes out as you pass Windy Point, one of the best spots to see mountain goats and magnificent Dall Sheep. Finally travel the longest highway tunnel in North America, the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel. A unique design that enables a single lane of traffic to travel directly over the railroad track saved tens of millions of dollars over the cost of constructing a new tunnel. At the other end is the quaint little fishing town of Whittier.

This afternoon aboard your Prince William Sound day cruise, explore the untamed wilderness and calm waters of magnificent Prince William Sound. Visit a working salmon hatchery. Cruise spectacular Esther Passage before exploring the numerous glaciers in Harriman Fjord and Barry Arm. Stop at majestic Surprise Glacier. Marine animals and birds flourish in these waters. Delicious King Crab cake lunch included.

After your cruise, you will make your way back thru the tunnel to Portage Valley, you will have a stop at Portage Glacier and Begich Boggs Visitor Center. Learn how Portage Glacier deposited a gravel ridge here called a terminal moraine during it's 1893 advance. From here, depending on tunnel times, you will arrive at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. Visit Alaska's only drive-thru wildlife park, sanctuary to orphaned and injured animals. Get close-up shots of bison, elk, deer, musk-ox, moose, caribou, and eagles. The bear cubs are the icing on the cake! Potters Marsh offers an opportunity to photograph water fowl from the boardwalk, read the wildlife displays or search for spawning salmon.

Once in Anchorage, your driver escort will take you to your hotel and assist you with your luggage.



DAY SEVEN Sept 8

Today, enjoy a morning at leisure with time to rest up after your adventure of fun. Upon check out of your hotel, you can leave your luggage at the desk for safe keeping, and Anchorage is open for exploration at your leisure. Local shops, museums, open air markets and more. Consider a visit to the New Anchorage Museum exhibits.

This afternoon or evening, schedule your departure from the Anchorage Airport. Your complimentary transfers are provided by the local hotel to the airport. Here your Alaskan tour comes to a close with memories to last a lifetime!

PACKAGE RATE: 7-Day Package starting at \$3799.00* Per Person
*** plus any additional pre or post hotel nights**

*Rates include all accommodations, transportation, all activities including flight seeing, rafting, jet boats, etc. (unless stated as optional), and complimentary beverages onboard. Rates do NOT include meals, gratuities, bed tax (\$72 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. Single supplement is \$599 pp. 50% Deposit is due at time of booking. 100% Final Payment is due Feb 15, 2012 or at time of booking. Booking made after final payment date, are due in full. Cancellations will incur full 100% penalty. Travel insurance is highly recommended. Ask your agent for any discounts that may apply to your tour date.

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