

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 stays 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.

"BEST OF ALASKA"

VOTED MOST POPULAR: 8-Day / 7 Night Adventure

... featuring Denali National Park, Wildlife, Flightseeing, Jet boats, Rafting, Glacier Viewing & Kenai Fjords Whale Watching Cruise, Dog Sled tours, Kayaking & Glacier Treks !!



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. 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 chalets** adding a remote feel to your adventure with added luxury of jetted tubs, suite rooms and wooded surroundings.



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, the Matanuska River and the Chugach Mountains in their 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 activities, scenic glacier float or thrilling white water.

The "Glacier Run", a scenic glacier float trip is great for relaxed sightseeing and photo opportunities. This easily negotiable class 1-2 water makes it a great way to experience rafting and the great outdoors. This raft excursion lasts 2

½ hours.

The "Lion's Head" thrilling white water 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 3 & 4 whitewater experience offers you a hand-on adventure. This raft excursion lasts 3 ½ hours.

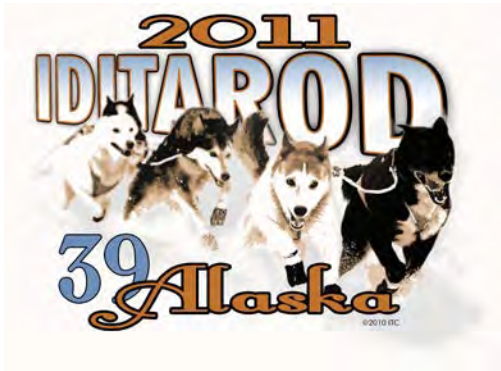
In the afternoon, it's off to Sheep Mountain Lodge, for a bite to eat. Sheep Mountain Lodge offers spectacular homemade soups, triple berry pie, and try their glacier cookies drizzled in chocolate syrup!! This area is also a famous viewing area for Dall sheep. So keep your cameras handy.

After a stop for a hearty lunch, discover the true beauty of glaciers up close & personal. Ice cramp-ons and walking sticks are your first step to enjoying your glacier trek adventure.



You'll experience glacier walking or hiking as well as 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!

After the days fun this evening, a dinner stop is offered in Palmer or you can choose to grab a deli dinner and take it back to your comfy chalet accommodations. Rest up for tomorrow bring s another day of high adventure.



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 worlds 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 and time in this quaint town with shops of local art and trinkets 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. 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 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 picnic lunch and beverage are included. This 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 Athabaskan 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 jaeger, 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 is at your leisure, you can choose to do have dinner or upgrade to dinner and a show, at Alaska's "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. Overnight again in the Denali area.



DAY FIVE

Today offers a morning sleep in for those who want a break in the middle of their adventure. Your morning is at your leisure in Denali National Park. With every vacation, one needs a bit of down time. Today is that day. But if more is what you want, here you can choose to add an optional activity or participate in free activities of the park.

Many of our guests choose to visit the Denali National Park Visitor's Center and all it has to offer. From Alaskan movies, guided ranger hikes, ranger talks, dog sled demonstrations, to shopping.

Get out there and enjoy the great trail system in the park, starting at the Visitors Center. Discover the Muir Science Center and the great geology and wildlife of the park. All these activities have no charge. A café is available right next to the Park Visitor Center as well as theater, bookstore and more.

Or if more adventure is on your list, consider adding in an ATV 4-wheeler adventure for only \$95 pp. Whether a novice or expert ATVer, this trip is a memorable experience in the Alaskan wilderness! Traveling along old coal mining and ATV trails, your adventure begins riding up to two breathtaking 360° overlooks that provide views of the Alaska Range, Otto Lake and

the Healy Valley. Then you'll navigate down to the creek bed where you'll spend time splashing through the water (weather dependent). There are several opportunities to see wildlife throughout your ride. Trail Time is approximately 1 ½ hours.

This afternoon, after a great day, begin your journey back to the Matanuska Valley. Stops at several photo viewpoints will allow for more memories to take home.

Upon arriving in Wasilla, a dinner stop will be provided at a group choice restaurant. Then it is back to your comfy accommodations and DVD entertainment for a relaxing evening. Overnight in Wasilla**.



DAY SIX



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 or near Hatcher Pass.

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. Be sure to get to sleep early, as tomorrow is early to rise.



DAY SEVEN

SEWARD: Today experience a unique part of Alaska, the Kenai Peninsula! Ride the rail THAT IS AMONG THE MOST SPECTACULAR TRIPS IN THE WORLD. Travel through mountainous passes full of wonder, south to the port city of Seward. The train travels along the magnificent Turnigan Arm of Cook Inlet, through mountains and tunnels, over gorges, and within a mile of three majestic glaciers - Spencer, Bartlett and Trail.

RESURRECTION BAY: Today's all inclusive adventure begins with a cruise through Kenai Fjords National Park, "Alaska's # 1 Wildlife and Glacier Cruise". These custom vessels have walk around viewing

decks and inside seating with large picture windows for great viewing of the close-up glacier experience.

Wildlife and marine life is abundant through out. Listen to narration provided by our experienced Captains and Crew. Kenai Fjords Tours' wildlife and glacier cruises take you deep into the heart of Kenai Fjords National Park and an incredible abundance of marine and land-based wildlife –whales, porpoise, Steller sea lion, along with more than 80 different species of birds make Kenai Fjords National Park their home. Enjoy a diverse array of sights, from rugged coastline to emerging rainforests and calving glaciers. Lunch is included with your tour.

Upon disembarking this evening, relax at you Seward accommodations.



DAY EIGHT

Today is a very flexible day offering many choices:



Your day begins with **ONE** included activity, your choice of the below:

- Exit Glacier Walk with Geologist
- I-did-a-ride Dog Sled Ride on Gravel
- Sea Kayaking, Single or Tandem

Or you can upgrade to:

- Helicopter with Dog Sled Ride on a Glacier \$450 pp
- Half-Day Salmon Fishing \$150 pp
- Bear Viewing \$650 - \$750 pp

Your package includes **one** of the first three tours listed above. We have also listed a few other tour adventures that you could participate in for a slight upgrade. You will enjoy a day of fun activity in Seward based on your selection of one of the **BELOW DETAILED ADVENTURES**. Then this evening, your rail adventure begins at 6 PM, and arrives in Anchorage at 10:30 PM. Flights should not leave Anchorage until 12:30 AM of the following morning. As your adventure comes to a close, you will have gained memories that will last a lifetime. With good-bye's to new friends, once you arrive in Anchorage, you can choose to go right to the airport. You can optionally add a post-night hotel here if you wish to stay in Anchorage to catch a day flight.

Finally, some guests opt to add on a day in Anchorage, to enjoy the "BEST OF THE BEST" a wilderness Grizzly Bear Viewing Adventure. (Details and costs listed below).With this amount of flexibility, you can customize your tour just as you always dreamed!

PACKAGE RATE: 8-Day Pride of Alaska \$3999.00* Per Person + 84.00 pp bed tax
*** plus any additional tours or hotel nights to connect optional day tours**

*Rates include all accommodations, transportation, all activities including flight seeing, rafting, jet boats, etc. (unless stated as optional), and complimentary beverages onboard, as well as some meals. Rates do NOT include some meals, gratuities, bed tax (\$84 pp), Fuel Surcharge as listed on our website for 2012, 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 \$799 pp. 50% Deposit is due at time of booking. 100% Final Payment is due Feb 15, 2012. Cancellations will incur full 100% penalty. Travel insurance is highly recommended.

AVAILABLE SEWARD TOURS – Choose ONE of these three:



TOUR ONE *Included in our package*
Exit Glacier Tour

Exit Glacier Tour: Head out to Exit Glacier, a major attraction of Kenai Fjords National Park. Enjoy a short walk along the nature trail that takes you to the face of the glacial ice. Watch for mountain goats, moose or bear on the mountainside. During runs, see salmon swimming upstream to spawn. Exit Glacier flows from the 300-square-mile Harding Icefield, and visitors can approach the towering glacier face on a one-half mile footpath. The glacier is one of several that branches downward from the Harding ice field - a massive field of ice spanning

the peaks of several mountains. Exit Glacier flows from the ice field down through two mountains where it creates a small river from its glacial melt. The Harding Icefield Trail is an 8-mile roundtrip with 3500' elevation gain to overlook the icefield which is the source of the Exit Glacier (and others), starts at the foot of the glacier and follows the glacier flank upwards. Really get into the spirit of Alaska!



TOUR TWO *Included in our package*
I-did-a-ride Dog Sled Ride

Your real Alaskan adventure begins with a two-mile dog sled ride. Feel the power, excitement, and energy of our amazing sled dogs as they are harnessed to our comfortable wheeled sleds. 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. Your Iditarod veteran guide will thrill and excite you with stories from the trail as you experience the raw

power of 13 Iditarod sled dogs. Upon return to the kennel, tour our beautiful kennel facilities, laugh as a guest is dressed up as an Iditarod musher, and cuddle adorable husky puppies. Our guides are all Iditarod racers, and offer a delightfully humorous, behind-the-scenes look at the Seavey family's training for the most demanding race on earth. Guaranteed to be one of the highlights of your vacation, this tour was chosen as one of Alaska's Top Twenty Attractions, and is a must-do for all visitors to the Greatland.

Sled Dog Tour Highlights / Six 1.5 Hour Tours Daily 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am 1:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:00pm

- ❖ Alaska's most exciting summer ride!
- ❖ Six Iditarod mushers.
- ❖ Cuddle Adorable puppies.
- ❖ Meet Tread... a legendary Iditarod lead dog.
- ❖ Iditarod photo galleries.
- ❖ Iditarod highlight footage... the best crashes & splashes.
- ❖ Safe & comfortable for EVERYONE.
- ❖ Gift shop with Alaska & mushing souvenirs.

TOUR THREE

Included in our package

Kayaking Mystical Orca Island to Kayaker's Cove: (3 to 4 hours)

9 AM to 12:30 PM ; 11 AM to 2:30 PM ; 1 PM to 4:30 PM

Price Includes approximately 1 hour of water taxi time watching for wildlife!
See Salmon Stream and Waterfalls.

See Beautiful Pillow Basalt Rock Formations & magical rock gardens.

View driftwood Ghost Forests left from 1964 Alaskan Earthquake.

Calm Serene Pristine Emerald Green Cove... protected from the wind.

Watch for whales, sea otters, sea lions, eagles, black bear, mountain goats.

Free shuttle if you need it from town (call in advance).

No experience needed, all gear and instruction provided.



This paddle is one of our Kayak Guides Favorite half day paddles. The water taxi takes you to the eastern remote side of Resurrection Bay and lands in Humpy Cove. There, you will paddle around Orca Island area, and into magical rock gardens teeming with marine wildlife in them... lots of starfish... and other wildlife too! Kayakers will paddle to a salmon stream area, where there is a beautiful waterfall area cascading down pillow basalt formations that are absolutely gorgeous.... Starfish are everywhere... this calm cove is a beautiful emerald green and commonly seen here are sea lions, sea otters, mountain goats, and sometimes orca and humpback whales. Bald Eagles are common. From Orca Island and Humpy Cove we travel south to Kayaker's Cove, where we wait in a comfortable wilderness lodge/hostel for the water taxi to take us back to beautiful Lowell Point. This paddle is appropriate for any athletic ability. No experience is required.

ADD ON TOURS BELOW ARE OPTIONAL AND ADDITIONAL:

OPTIONAL DAY TOUR

\$150.00 pp (Plus Tax) UPGRADE

Half Day Salmon Fishing Charter

Welcome aboard. Clear, deep-water gulf currents upwelling against offshore reefs and ledges create a nutrient-rich marine ecosystem with heavy bait fish concentrations, drawing huge game fish of all Alaska gulf species. Incredible catches are a regular occurrence in this unique environment and anglers from all over the world converge here to try their hand at Alaska fishing.

Fishing Alaska Silver Salmon

With our know-how, we'll put you on the fish and on the bite. Your part is to hang on for some mighty, pole-bending action. Fishing for silvers is a passion for us, so we'll share your excitement from the first hit to landing that chrome-bright beauty.

Fishing Alaska King Salmon

Just when you thought it couldn't get any better, along comes the opportunity to haul in some monster kings fresh from the depths. With knowledge born of experience, we employ the techniques mastered from our years of commercial fishing. But be warned, these techniques often result in some tackle-testing workouts!



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 Chignik 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.