



Multi-Sport Camping Adventures

Small Groups (10 max) • Great Guides • Top of the line Equipment • Excellent Meals • Active Experiences

A Classic Alaskan Tour (7 Days)

A Classic Alaskan itinerary featuring Alaska's most visited destinations: the Kenai Peninsula and Denali National Park.

Highlights Include

5 nights camping

1 night hotel/ lodge in Seward

Visit 5 National Parks and protected areas

Wildlife viewing trip in Denali National Park

Canoeing in the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge and near Denali National Park

Excellent hiking opportunities throughout

Additional optional day trip adventures

Whitewater and scenic river rafting, Mt. biking, glacier/ wildlife cruises, horseback riding, dog sledding, world class fishing, flight seeing, sea kayaking and more!

2012 Classic Alaskan Tour Itinerary and Dates

		<u>Departs Sundays:</u>
Days 1-2:	Kenai National Wildlife Refuge	6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24
Day 3:	Kenai Fjords National Park	7/08, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29
Day 4:	To Denali National Park	8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26
Days 5-6:	Denali National Park	
Day 7:	Denali National Park to Anchorage	
		\$1195 per person
		Single Supplement \$75 may apply to single travelers

Add one of our other tours to the Classic Alaskan tour to form a combination tour you will never forget:

Grand Tour Combo - 14 days

Classic Alaskan / Arctic Adventure Combo - 14 days

Classic Alaskan / Wildland Glacier / Arctic Adventure Combo - 21 days

Classic Alaskan Tour Highlights: We'll spend two nights in the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge camped near one of the many local lakes, an area known for its beauty and abundant wildlife. We'll explore the area on foot and by canoe. Next we'll explore the glaciers and wildlife in Kenai Fjords National Park. Finally, we'll head north to Denali National Park, home of the largest mountain in North America and abundant wildlife.

What's Included: A full time Alaska Outdoors guide, hotel accommodations in Seward, top of the line camping equipment, all but 2 meals (taken at restaurants), transportation throughout, park entrance fees and specified included activities.

Included Activities

- Canoeing in the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge and near Denali National Park
- Full day bus tour in Denali National Park to search for wildlife and Mt. McKinley
- Excellent hiking opportunities throughout

For the Adventurous: Additional optional adventure tours will be available throughout your tour and little or no prior experience is needed to enjoy them.

The Classic Alaskan Tour features whitewater and scenic river rafting, Mt. biking, glacier/ wildlife cruises, dog sledding, world class fishing, flight seeing, sea kayaking and more!

These activities can generally be arranged during your trip with the local area experts at the places we visit. Your guide will make all of the arrangements and will recommend our favorite activities. See detailed itinerary description for optional trip descriptions and prices (all prices are approximate and subject to change). If you have any questions concerning these activities please contact us and we'll be happy to discuss them with you.

What's Included

Small groups
(only 10 max)

A full time professional
guide

Comfortable
transportation

All but 2 hearty meals

Entrance to National
Parks and protected
areas

Top of the line camping
equipment

A few of our favorite
activities

Lots of great hiking
opportunities

Active experiences

Flexibility and great
value!

We provide pre-trip
information that will help
you to prepare for your
Alaska vacation

Detailed Itinerary Description

Days 1 and 2: Kenai National Wildlife Refuge and Chugach National Forest

We'll travel south on the scenic Seward Highway (a USDA National Scenic Byway, Alaska Scenic Byway, and All American Road) along the Turnagain Arm to the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge on the Kenai Peninsula. The mountains of the Chugach Range and the Kenai Mountains will tower above us as we marvel at the scenery and look for wildlife along the way. We'll camp near the waters edge at one of our favorite Alaskan lakes.

You will have a full day here to participate in a variety of recreational activities. We recommend taking advantage of the great hiking in the area and encourage you to use our canoes to explore the local lakes.

Other popular activities in the area include

Hiking- There are multiple hiking trails within the Chugach National Forest and the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge to enchant a wide variety of hiking interests and abilities. Some of the highlights include pristine alpine lakes surrounded by towering mountains; spawning salmon leaping up a waterfall; and great wildlife viewing opportunities throughout our stay in the area. Your guide will explain your hiking options and will make recommendations based on our many years spent exploring and guiding in this region.

River Rafting- Two hour and full day scenic river rafting trips are available on the Kenai River.

Scenic Float- Float within the Chugach National Forest and the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. During the two hour scenic float your guide will talk about the wildlife and history of the area. The views are outstanding. \$54, \$34 ages to 11.

Kenai Canyon Raft Trip- Travel deep into the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge on a full day float down the Kenai River to Skilak Lake. The trip is capped with a motorized float along the shore of this very large, glacier carved lake- a true wilderness experience. \$140, \$99 ages to 11.

Guided Drift Boat Fishing- The Kenai River and its neighboring waters are known throughout the world for their abundance of salmon and trout. Anglers prize these world class waters for Sockeye (red), Coho (silver), and Chinook (king) salmon, Rainbow Trout, and Dolly Varden. Guided drift boat fishing on the Kenai River includes all necessary equipment and instruction (from beginner to advanced): \$175 ½ day, \$250-\$275 full day.

Horse Back Riding- Trail rides are offered in the Chugach National Forest. Ride along the base of Mt. Langille and perhaps continue to Russian Gap, or travel to Crescent Lake in the late summer. Traveling by horseback in Alaska is like going back in time. \$95 2 hours, \$159 ½ day, \$190 full day.

Day 3: Seward

Today our destination is Seward and Kenai Fjords National Park, home of the 300 square mile Harding Ice Field and abundant marine wildlife. You will have a full day here to participate in a variety of recreational activities. Tonight we'll stay at a Seward hotel.

There is outstanding hiking here for those who didn't get enough the past few days. Hikers can choose between the Harding Ice Field trail at Exit Glacier or Caines Head trail along the shore of beautiful Resurrection Bay.

Or consider the other activities available. The glacier/wildlife cruise is one of our favorites.

Other popular activities in the area include

Hiking- We recommend one of two day hikes in the Seward and Kenai Fjords National Park area. Choose between the Harding Ice Field Trail at Exit Glacier or Caines Head trail along the shore of beautiful Resurrection Bay. The Harding Ice Field Trail is a strenuous hike into Kenai Fjords National Park up the side of Exit Glacier; the higher you go the more sweeping the views. The Caines Head Trail follows the shore of Resurrection Bay through dense temporal rainforest with towering trees and magnificent views of the ocean. Depending on the time of year spawning salmon can be seen. Both hikes are wonderful.

Glacier/Wildlife Cruise- By far the most popular activity in the area is the glacier/wildlife cruise into the heart of Kenai Fjords National Park. Look for the abundant wildlife that can be observed including whales- orcas and humpbacks, sea otters, endangered Stellar sea lions, Dall porpoises, and colonies of nesting sea birds- including Puffins, cormorants, Oyster Catchers, and Bald Eagles to name a few. On the way you'll visit an active tidewater glacier and watch and listen for falling ice. This is one of Alaska's premier wildlife and glacier viewing trips and we highly recommend it! \$144, \$72 Age to 11.

Sea Kayaking- Explore Resurrection Bay by sea kayak with a shoreline paddle along Cain's Head State Recreation Area. Look for sea otters, spawning salmon, eagles, seabirds and many others while enjoying the tranquility of the water from your kayak. From \$65.

Dog Sledding- Fly out to a glacier for a ride with a team of sled dogs. Breathtaking scenery of Resurrection Bay treats you during the entire helicopter ride to the Godwin Glacier; upon landing you will find over 80 dogs waiting to take you for a ride. Your guide will explain the history of the legendary Iditarod Sled Dog Race and the fundamentals of dog sledding and then off you go with a dog team across the glacier. \$450 adult, \$420 child.

Alaska Sea Life Center- Visit a world class marine research facility. The many exhibits at the Alaska Sea Life Center immerse visitors in marine ecosystems and provide opportunities to watch animals in naturalistic habitats as well as research settings. This is a great ½ day activity. \$20 Ages to 11 \$10.

Day 4: Denali National Park

Today we travel north to Denali National Park. Mt. Denali (Mt. McKinley) (20,320 ft.), Mt. Foraker (17,400 ft.), and Mt. Hunter (14,573 ft.) are all visible (weather permitting) from several vistas along the way.

Continuing north, we will head over Broad Pass and into our first taste of the treeless north. On the north side of the Alaska Range we'll meet up with the Nenana River which will lead us to Denali National Park.

This afternoon we'll have time to explore the park entrance, visit the newly constructed Denali National Park Visitor Center and/or go on a short hike. This evening you can canoe from our exclusive campsite on Otto Lake.

Days 5 and 6: Denali National Park

We'll spend two full days exploring the Denali region.

One day is set aside for a wildlife viewing tour into the heart of Denali National Park (included in tour cost). Keep your camera ready as you search for grizzly bears, black bears, moose, wolves, caribou, Dall sheep, arctic fox, and if your lucky, tremendous views of North America's largest mountain, Mt. McKinley (Denali). Get off the bus for a hike in a wild and remote wilderness.

The other day is set aside for recreational activities based near the park entrance. There are multiple hiking options within Denali National Park near the park entrance. Another popular activity is the sled dog kennel tour offered free by the National Park Service.

Other popular activities in the area include

Hiking- There are a number of great hiking options in Denali National Park. Hike up Mt Healy for sweeping views of Denali National Park and the Nenana River corridor. For those desiring a less strenuous hike there are multiple established trails surrounding the visitor center that are great hikes. Or, head into the park 15 miles on the free park shuttle and hike along the Savage River or hike up a nearby peak. Your guide will explain your hiking options and will make recommendations based on our many years experience exploring and guiding in this region.

Guided Ranger Hike- Guided ranger hikes are offered by the National Park Service. These vary in length and location. No Charge.

Sled Dog Kennels- Visit an active sled dog kennel. The Denali National Park sled dog kennel is responsible for the winter patrols of the Denali National Park wilderness- where no motorized vehicles are permitted. There is an informative talk along with a dog sledding demonstration. No Charge.

National Park Bus- You can head back into the park again for more wildlife viewing, perhaps a good view of Mt. McKinley, and/or another hike. \$25.

River Rafting- Mild and wild whitewater rafting trips are offered on the Class II-IV Nenana River, the river that forms part of the Denali National Park Boundary.

MILD: Relax, and enjoy the scenery on a 2 plus hour float along the boundary of Denali National Park. Take in Mt Fellows, Mt Healy, Musher's Monument and other surrounding peaks. Watch for wildlife along the river bank; moose, caribou, bears and wolves can be seen. \$80, \$52 Ages to 13.

WILD: The Nenana River Canyon is packed with over 10 Class III and IV rapids over a stretch of river 11 miles long, fun whitewater that is very suitable for beginners. Paddle rafting and oar rafting options are available. \$85, \$62 Ages 10-13.

River Kayaking- For a little more intimacy in your river experience, paddle an inflatable kayak down the float section of the Nenana River. Navigate a few class two rapids and practice your kayaking strokes while enjoying the beautiful mountain scenery. \$85.

Flight Seeing- Flying is the most impressive way to view Mt McKinley (Denali) and the incredible scenery within Denali National Park. On a good weather day the views are truly breathtaking. Add a glacier landing for an experience beyond description. From \$349 per adult, \$235 Ages to 12.

Mountain Biking- Rent a Mt. Bike for a ride into Denali National Park- ride the park road or take the bus in and ride back. \$40 full day \$7 hour.

Day 7: To Anchorage

Casual drive to Anchorage with time for sightseeing and day hikes depending on the weather. We will arrive in Anchorage by 5:00-5:30 pm and will bring you to the Anchorage location of your choice.