



## **Multi-Sport Camping Adventures**

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

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**About Our Tours:** Our camping tours travel in a small group (ONLY 10 max. per trip) to and within Alaska's national parks and protected areas and camp at beautifully located campgrounds. Some tours feature a night at a motel/lodge for convenience and ease of logistics.

We provide all the specialized camping equipment necessary for a safe and comfortable camping experience. Between destinations you will be courteously driven by your guide in a specially equipped full size van. Due to our low group numbers everyone has a window seat for our very scenic drives.

From our convenient base camps, we explore Alaska's outstanding natural areas by participating in a variety of optional day trip activities. Each of the parks that we visit features a variety of world class multi-sport adventure tours to choose from. You decide what you want to do and we'll make it happen.

**You may find yourself sea kayaking to the face of a glacier looking for seals, hiking out onto glacial ice on a glacier trek, and/or photographing a breaching whale on a whale watching cruise.**

Your evenings continue with the luxuries of camp life; marshmallows by the campfire, evening walks through the woods, and those amazing Alaskan sunsets shared with new friends.

And you'll avoid the crowds and expense of conventional Alaskan tours in the process.

### **Hiking**

The hiking in Alaska is outstanding. There are excellent hiking opportunities wherever we travel throughout the state. From casual strolls to strenuous climbs and sweeping vistas, we'll recommend a trail to match your interests and fitness level. You will have a variety of opportunities to get onto the trails each day of your trip no matter which itinerary you choose. Strap up your boots and go camping and hiking in Alaska!

### **Canoeing**

Itineraries that include the Kenai Peninsula, Denali National Park, and/or Tangle Lakes also feature canoeing. We'll paddle the banks of these pristine lakes in search of wildlife and solitude. The views are outstanding and the tranquility of the lakes is superb. Canoeing is a simple and elegant means (and one of our favorites) of exploring areas not visited on foot. We'll supply all of the equipment and the expertise.

## **Additional Included Activities**

Each trip we offer includes at least 1 day of prescheduled activity. These are a few of our favorite trips and are included in the cost of our trips for your enjoyment. These include a wildlife bus tour into the heart of Denali National Park and a scenic ferry cruise across Prince William Sound.

## **Multi-sport tours**

If hiking and canoeing aren't enough to keep you busy there are a variety of additional optional day trip adventure tours at each of our destinations. These activities are offered to you by the tour operators who are the local experts of the places we visit. We have our favorite activities, based on years of experience, and will gladly make recommendations. We'll bring you directly to the tour operators (they know us well) and can even get you a discount most of the time. Our experience has been that this approach to travel in Alaska is very cost effective.

Many Alaskan tour operators include some of these same activities in their itineraries. They contract with local companies to conduct the trips and pass the cost (and sometimes more) along to you. They do this in order to offer an "all inclusive trip". What you get is an overpriced tour with a rigid itinerary and little or no opportunity to explore at your leisure.

See our individual tour descriptions for optional tour prices and compare with other "inclusive tours." You will find our trips to be an excellent value.

**With our help exploring Alaska is easy, fun and affordable!**

## **Some of the additional adventure tours available depending on your chosen itinerary:**

**River rafting:** There are a lot of rivers in Alaska and no matter which itinerary you choose you will have the opportunity to raft on both whitewater and scenic rivers.

**Glacier/wildlife cruises:** Cruise Kenai Fjords National Park and/or Prince William Sound to view marine wildlife and tidewater glaciers.

**World-class fishing:** For the anglers out there, consider fishing the waters of the Kenai River for salmon and trout. If you prefer ocean fishing, the oceans near Kenai Fjords National Park or Valdez are excellent for salmon and/or halibut. River and/or ocean fishing is available on each of our itineraries.

**Sea kayaking:** Sea kayak to the face of a calving glacier near Valdez on one of Alaska's most beautiful and serene day trips. Sea kayak near Kenai Fjords National Park near Seward to view spawning salmon and picturesque waterfalls.

**Mountain biking:** Rent a mountain bike and ride into Denali National Park. Or take the bus in part way and ride back. Mountain biking on the Denali park road is outstanding. Or experience great single track on the Kenai.

**Flight seeing:** Fly among some of the largest mountains in the world near Denali National Park. The scenery will leave you breathless! Or fly over the huge ice fields of the Wrangell Mountains within Wrangell St. Elias National Park.

**Horseback riding:** Local stables offer the opportunity to explore Alaska by horseback at several locations.

**Sled dog kennels:** Visit an active sled dog kennel at Denali National Park.

Feel like going for a hike? Go for a hike. Want to go flight seeing and land on a glacier? Go for it! Your guide will offer suggestions as well as make all of the arrangements, leaving you free from the hassles of researching, booking and logistics. They know this great land well and will enrich your experience with their knowledge and skill. Optional activities are merely suggestions and do not include all of the possibilities. All activities may not be available at the time of your tour. Contact our office for more information.

## **What's Included**

Alaska Outdoors' tours include a full time, professional guide, campground and park entrance fees, comfortable transportation, top quality camping equipment and all but two excellent meals per 7-10 day trip. These meals are taken at restaurants in order to take advantage of local cuisine and for the ease of logistics.

If you wish to sample some of the additional activities available, these can usually be arranged in the field by your guide. Master Card and Visa are generally accepted.

Not included are hotel accommodations before and/or after your trip, optional activities, alcoholic beverages and guide gratuities.

Your trip will begin at around 9:00 am at the Anchorage location of your choice. We can recommend a variety of accommodation options depending on your budget and interests and can help you make reservations. Your tour will end when we drop you off between 5:00-5:30 p.m. at the Anchorage location of your choice on your final tour day.

## **Each Trip Features**

Small groups **(only 10 max)**

A full time professional guide

Comfortable transportation

All but a few specified 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

## **Guides**

Alaska Outdoors' guides are experienced and professional. They are certified in first aid and CPR and are knowledgeable of Alaskan natural and cultural history. They will go out of their way to ensure that your trip is seamless, enriching, and fun. Your guide will act as your resident expert and you can count on them to take great care of you.

To receive a bio of any of our current guides please contact us.

## **Campgrounds**

We utilize established public and private camping areas near and within parks and protected areas as our base camps. We select campgrounds based upon their scenic beauty and secluded nature. Some camping areas have running water; others are a bit more rustic with clean outhouse style facilities. Pay showers are usually available every other night.

## **Transportation**

A comfortable full size 15 passenger van equipped with cloth interior and climate control will be courteously driven by your guide. Since our group numbers are low (**Max 10**) everyone will have a window seat with plenty of room to spread out while traveling. On travel days we stop for photographs, wildlife sightings, lunch, and short hikes.

We use heavy duty box style (enclosed) trailers to haul our camping equipment and your luggage. Many tour companies in Alaska transport their heavy equipment, and your luggage, on the roof of their vans on roof racks. We believe that putting this much weight on the roof creates an unstable driving condition and an unnecessary hazard.

Our heavy duty trailers are more secure, weather proof, animal proof, and are easier to load.

Trips that cross Prince William Sound travel the Alaska State Ferry past the massive Columbia Glacier. We'll drive our vehicle onto the ferry and head to the upper decks where we can relax and enjoy Alaska's world famous coastline. If we're lucky we'll see whales, sea lions, seals, and lots of shore birds.

## **Equipment**

We provide all top of the line equipment. We use new 4 person Eureka Outfitter all season tents that are weatherproof, roomy and easy to use. Two people will share each tent unless you prefer your own. Each tent comes with a vestibule (a covered porch for a tent) for added comfort and convenience.

Our custom kitchen shelters are a breeze to set up and are fully enclosed with mosquito netting. They are weatherproof and provide protection from the occasionally pesky bugs. On our early and late season trips we may use a heater for chilly mornings.

Our propane cooking systems allow us to prepare hot meals with ease. We carry a complete collection of kitchen equipment and prepare a variety of excellent meals in the field.

All you need to bring is a sleeping bag and pad. Or, if you prefer, rent one from us for \$25 each or \$45 both per trip. Our sleeping bags are rated at 20 degrees, come with a fleece insert and are extra roomy. Our pads are 1 1/2 inch closed cell foam, are very comfortable and practically indestructible. We will send you a detailed packing list suitable to your Alaskan adventure when you book your tour.

## **Meals**

Your guide, with a little teamwork from the group, will treat you to a variety of expertly prepared meals. We are excellent outdoor cooks and have created menus that are wholesome, hearty, and consistently good. You won't go hungry. We've even had requests for an Alaska Outdoors cookbook!

Breakfasts are varied and generally consist of eggs, pancakes, French toast, cereals, fruit and the like. Special additions like fresh blueberries, real maple syrup, and good locally roasted coffee are the norm. Our hearty breakfasts will prepare you for the wilderness each day.

Lunches are generally deli style with a wide selection of meats and cheeses, including locally smoked salmon and halibut (the local specialty). Plenty of fruits and vegetables are always available as are crackers, trail mix, dried fruit, nuts etc.

For dinner your chef/guide will treat you to famous fresh Alaskan seafood, barbeque, and pasta dishes, just to name a few. A typical dinner might include grilled meat with fresh steamed vegetables and wild rice. Or with a flair, Mexican fajitas with all the extras like guacamole, sour cream and fresh salsa. We have developed a variety of well balanced meals that generally include appetizers, a main course, and dessert.

Alternative meal suggestions are encouraged and special dietary needs can usually be accommodated.

## **Permits**

Alaska Outdoors, LLC operates under permit from the following land management agencies:

National Park Service, Alaska State Parks, Chugach National Forest, Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, and Bureau of Land Management.

## **References**

Our experience, attention to detail, and commitment to making each trip special is what sets us apart from similar tours in Alaska. We encourage you to contact our past guests and learn what they have to say about us. Contact us for details.

## **Custom Tours**

Have a group with an idea for a custom tour in Alaska? We provide complete outdoor expedition services to clubs, school groups, families, groups of extended friends, and the like. If you would like to design an Alaska adventure tour of your own, we'll help. Ask about trip leader discounts. Visit our [Custom Tours](#) page for more information.

## **Contact Us to Confirm Availability**

**Due to the short Alaskan travel season and our low group sizes many tours book up early.** Contact our office or email us for trip availability.

## **Reservation Confirmation**

Reservations will be confirmed upon the receipt of a deposit of \$200 per person for 7-day trips or \$300 per person for longer tours. Deposits may be paid for with a credit card, personal/ travelers check or money order and are on a first come first served basis. No reservations may be held without a deposit.

Upon receipt of your deposit we will send you a pre-trip information packet including packing suggestions, recommended readings, optional activity information, and additional information specific to your tour. We can recommend hotel accommodations in Anchorage (as well as fun activities in the local area) and can help you with some of your reservations.

## **Final Payment**

Full payment for all tours is due 60 days prior to departure.

## **Cancellation Policy**

If Alaska Outdoors is notified in writing:

60 days prior to departure: \$50 administration fee per person is retained

30-59 days prior to trip departure: 25% of trip cost is retained

29 or fewer days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost is retained

## **Cancelled and/or Altered Trips**

Alaska Outdoors reserves the right to cancel or alter any trip prior to or during your tour for any reason. Reasons include, but are not limited to, weather conditions, changes in ferry schedules and road conditions. Alaska Outdoors is not responsible for expenses incurred as a result of these changes. In the rare event that Alaska Outdoors cancels a tour prior to departure a full refund will be granted.

Alaska Outdoors recommends the purchase of travel insurance to protect you from potential losses. All guests must sign an "Acknowledgement of Risk" form prior to the trip