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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The Itinerary runs from Friday to Wednesday and is based on 2 people traveling together.

Travel Arrangements: US\$1,550.00 per person

2023 Departures: Daily from May 15 to September 8

Upgrade to Gold Star Dome Car Service, with meals and dome car seating on the Alaska Railroad for only \$285.00 more per person.

Day 1 Friday

Accommodation for 2 nights in Anchorage

Check in: 03:00 pm

Check out: 11:00 am

An Anchorage hotel in downtown near the Alaska Railroad Depot. Ideally located on the banks of Ship Creek, the property is within walking distance of lovely downtown Anchorage. Attractions that are just minutes away include the Alaska Railroad and the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts.

Anchorage



Alaska's largest city, Anchorage, lies between the mountains and the sea and yet is no stranger to the wilderness. There is no other urban area like it.

Among the northernmost cities on Earth, Anchorage is a place with big-city amenities: fine restaurants, museums, theaters and an excellent music scene. Creating the backdrop are the salmon-rich waters of Cook Inlet and the 5,000-foot-plus peaks of Chugach State Park. Within a short drive from downtown are dozens of wilderness adventures and a short plane ride opens up the possibility of almost any type adventure. That's one reason why Anchorage's Lake Hood is the world's busiest floatplane base. Anchorage's 284,994 residents embrace both the urban amenities and the wilderness beyond it.

Anchorage features dozens of parks and 122 miles of paved bike paths. Warmed by a maritime climate, you can spend the day fishing Ship Creek downtown, hiking the nearby mountains, photographing glaciers and dining at a four-star restaurant. Within a 15-minute drive from downtown is the tree-lined trailhead of Anchorage's most popular hike, Flattop Mountain. In winter, the city transforms into fluffy white playground, with 130 kilometers of maintained Nordic ski trails, dog sledding, ice skating, snowmobiling, ice sculptures and more. Just 45 minutes away is Alaska's premier alpine ski resort, Alyeska Resort.

Anchorage wasn't officially founded until 1915, even though British explorer Captain James Cook sailed past the site in 1779 and gold prospectors discovered the bounty of Ship Creek in the late 1800s. It wasn't until the Alaska Railroad set up a construction camp in 1915 that Anchorage was established and became a booming tent city of 2,000 people. Anchorage proved to be the ideal center for Alaska's rail, air and highway systems with the military build up of World War II and the discovery of oil in Cook Inlet in the 1950s, adding to its steady growth. After the 1964 Good Friday Earthquake, the city was rebuilding itself when another opportunity arose: the discovery of a \$10-billion oil reserve in Prudhoe Bay. Though the Trans-Alaska Pipeline doesn't come within 185 miles of Anchorage, the city became the headquarters of various petroleum and service companies.

Saturday, Day 2

Heritage Center Admission

Departure time: 09:00 am

Visit the premier Alaska Native Heritage Center at your own pace. The "Gathering Place" is center stage for Alaska Native dancing, compelling Native Games demonstrations and intriguing storytelling. The "Hall of Cultures" features exhibits and demonstrating Alaska Native artists. Visitors discover more about each of the five major culture groups through engaging exhibits. Alaska Native craft activities will keep the children entertained.

The Theatre hosts a variety of movies all day, including the Heritage Center produced film, "Stories Given, Stories Shared." This introductory film offers an opportunity to learn about the many different cultures of Alaska Native people, its beautiful landscape and climates all highlighted from each of the regions in Alaska.

Outside, Guests stroll through six authentic life-sized Native dwellings situated in a wooded area around beautiful Lake Tiulana and are introduced to the traditional life ways of the Athabascan, Inupiaq/St. Lawrence Island Yupik, Yup'ik/Cup'ik, Aleut, Alutiiq, and the Eyak, Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian peoples. Each village site has a traditional structure along with artifacts that each group used in their daily lives. Make sure to see the whale bones at the Inupiaq site; a favorite spot for picture-taking. Visit with the culture representatives in each village site.



Sunday, Day 3

Train from Anchorage to Denali - Adventure Class

Departure: 08:15 am (Check in: 07:15 am)

Arrival: 03:40 pm

The Denali Star, the Alaska Railroad's flagship train, links Anchorage to Fairbanks with stops in Wasilla, Talkeetna, and Denali Park.



Accommodation for 2 nights in Denali National Park

Check in: 03:00 pm

Check out: 11:00 am

The lodge is on Sugarloaf Mountain and is designed with your comfort and convenience in mind. Your first stop is the main lodge, where you will experience warm log architecture with a rock fireplace and vaulted ceilings. The interior design highlights the Alaska Native Heritage of its owners while it offers panoramic views of the surrounding Denali wilderness and the Nenana River canyon. You'll find the lodge is a very special place where you can truly relax, meet friends, share a meal, or simply take in the beauty all around you.

Denali



The towering granite spires and snowy summits of Denali National Park and Preserve straddles 160 miles of the Alaska Range and display so much elevation they are often lost in the clouds. Dominating this skyline is North America's highest peak; Denali standing tall at 20,237 feet and one of the most amazing sights in Alaska.

But it's not just the mountain that makes Denali National Park a special place. The park is also home to 37 species of mammals, ranging from lynx, marmots and Dall sheep to foxes and snowshoe hares, while 130 different bird species have been spotted here, including the impressive golden eagle. Most visitors, however, want to see four animals in particular: moose, caribou, wolf and everybody's favorite: the brown, or grizzly, bear. Here at Denali, unlike most wilderness areas in the country, you don't have to be a backpacker to see this wildlife - people who never sleep in a tent have excellent once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to get a close look at these magnificent creatures roaming free in their natural habitat.

Not surprisingly then, visitors come here in droves; the park is a popular place, attracting 432,000 visitors annually. Over the years the National Park Service (NPS) has developed unique visitor-management strategies, including closing its only road to most vehicles. As a result, Denali National Park is still the great wilderness it was 20 years ago. The entrance has changed, but the park itself hasn't, and a brown bear meandering on a tundra ridge still provides the same quiet thrill as it did when the park first opened in 1917.

Although generations of Athabascans had wandered through what is now the park, the first permanent settlement was established in 1905, when a gold miners' rush gave birth to the town of Kantishna. A year later, naturalist and noted hunter Charles Sheldon was stunned by the beauty of the land and horrified at the reckless abandon of the miners and big-game hunters. Sheldon returned in 1907 and traveled the area with guide Harry Karstens to set up boundaries for a proposed national park. Sheldon was successful as the area was established as Mount McKinley National Park in 1917 with Karstens serving as the park's first superintendent. As a result of the 1980 Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, the park was enlarged to more than 6 million acres and renamed Denali National Park and Preserve. Denali now comprises an area slightly larger than the state of Massachusetts and is generally ranked as one of Alaska's top attractions.

Monday, Day 4

Tundra Wilderness Tour

Departure time: 05:00 am (Check in: 04:30 am)

The Tundra Wilderness Tour is a 5-5.5 Hour fully narrated tour that travels 43 miles into the Denali Park and Preserve. This tour includes a snack and beverage. The Tour has departure points from all the major area hotels. Departure times are announced the day before your tour and are available from the desk in the lobby upon arrival. Check in is 30 minutes prior to departure.

2023 - Please note that due to damages on the park road, the tour will be going to mile 43.



Tuesday, Day 5

Train from Denali to Fairbanks - Adventure Class

Departure: 04:00 pm (Check in: 03:00 pm)

Arrival: 08:00 pm

The Denali Star, the Alaska Railroad's flagship train, links Anchorage to Fairbanks with stops in Wasilla, Talkeetna, and Denali Park.



Accommodation for 1 night in Fairbanks

Check in: 05:00 pm

Check out: 11:00 am

This riverfront seasonal resort is 2.2 miles from Fairbanks International Airport, 3.7 miles from the University of Alaska's Museum of the North, and 3.9 miles from the train station. All of the traditional hotel rooms have cable TV and coffeemakers. Quaint cottages add private patios; some overlook the river. There's also a riverside restaurant with a terrace, and a free airport and train station shuttle service.

Fairbanks



Alaska's second-largest city – Hub of the Interior, Gateway to the Bush, the Golden Heart City – call it what you will, Fairbanks is as diverse and distinct as any place in Alaska. The Fairbanks area is home to just over 100,000 hearty souls, making this region the second-largest population center in Alaska. The city features a university, an Army base and an Air Force Base and is known for dog mushing, northern lights and its extremes of light, dark, warmth and cold. In winter, temperatures as low as -62 degrees have been recorded; temperatures in the 80s are common in summer. Summer days are also long – Fairbanks enjoys more than 22 hours of daylight when the solstice arrives on June 21.

Fairbanks is also a gateway for trips further into the Interior and the Arctic. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is accessible by small plane, and any trip up the famous Dalton Highway to Prudhoe Bay – also known as the “Haul Road” – begins in Fairbanks. Check out the city's new Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitor Center for planning help. The center houses the Fairbanks Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Alaska Public Lands Information Center.

Chena River State Recreation Area is a great place to see moose or launch a canoe, kayak or raft on the Chena River. The Angel Rocks Trailhead is in the Chena River State Recreation Area, and an eight-mile hike leads to nearby Chena Hot Springs Resort, where tired hikers can soak their bones in the soothing hot springs pools.

Wednesday, Day 6

Riverboat Discovery

Departure time: 08:45 am (Check in: 08:15 am)

Return time: 12:00 pm

Board the Sternwheeler Riverboat Discovery that will take you into the heart of Alaska and a family who has made the river their way of life for five generations. Be immersed in frontier living firsthand with a guided walking tour of an Athabascan Indian village. It's an Indian village with cabins made of spruce logs, a cache used for storing supplies, a primitive spruce bark hut and fur pelts. The guides will explain how the wolf, fox, martin, and beaver were used to provide food and protection in the harsh Arctic climate. They will also share how the Athabascans skillfully survived for over 10,000 years and how they adapted to village life and Western culture in the past century. At the end of your guided tour, you will have time to explore the village on your own, interact with the guides and visit dogs from Iditarod winner Susan Butcher's kennels.



GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS ALASKA TOURS

A **"plan-to-go" deposit** may be required after initial consultation. Usually, we spend up to an hour planning alternatives for you for free. Then we request a small fee (and apply it to the cost of your tour) to cover the time our Alaska Tour Planning Specialists spend further customizing your tour to your timeframe and budget. This fee usually is \$50 per adult.

Reservations are recommended as early as possible to confirm specific departures. A deposit of \$500 per person or 50% of the total tour, whichever is greater is required at time of booking. Full payment is required 60 days prior to departure. Components are presented as a package tour and the individual prices will not be broken out due to contractual arrangements with our vendors.

Cancellations and refunds: Deposits and other payments are non-refundable.

Late reservations: Reservations booked within 30 days of departure are on a request basis and are subject to availability. Late reservations are subject to a \$25 Express Handling fee.

Due to weather cancellation or change of some of tour components may be necessary and are non-refundable.

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