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## QUOTATION

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We are pleased to provide the following QUOTE for your travel request. Arrangements quoted are subject to availability. Please check the details carefully.

## TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

**Your Itinerary runs from Wednesday, May 31 2023 to Wednesday, June 14 2023 and is based on 2 people traveling together.**

**Travel Arrangements: US\$5,150.00 per person**

**Weekly Departures on Wednesdays from May 18 - August 31**

**Wednesday, May 31**

**Accommodation for 1 night in Bellingham**

Check in: 03:00 pm

Check out: Thursday, June 1

This down-to-earth all-suite hotel features relaxed studios including free WiFi and flat-screen TVs, as well as living areas with pull-out sofas and desks. All rooms offer minifridges, microwaves and coffeemakers. A hot breakfast buffet, parking and an airport and Alaska Marine Highway shuttle are complimentary. There's a casual restaurant/bar, a BBQ area and a convenience store. Other amenities include an indoor pool, a hot tub and an exercise room.

**Thursday, June 1****Ferry from Bellingham to Juneau with Alaska Marine Highway**

Ferry Departure Time: 06:00 pm

Ferry Arrival Time: 04:30 am on Sunday, June 4

The Alaska Ferry departs from the Bellingham Fairhaven Terminal for the three night voyage to Alaska's capital city of Juneau.

**Accommodation in a Two Berth Outside Stateroom****Sunday, June 4****Icefield Excursion**

Departure time: 11:00 am (Check in: 10:30 am)

This tour takes approximately 1 hour from the time it lifts off until it returns to the heliport. Your helicopter flight will take you over the spectacular rock formations and icefalls of the Juneau Icefield as it heads toward either the Herbert, Taku, Lemon or Norris Glacier. Your helicopter flight will be narrated by a knowledgeable pilot-guide. Upon reaching your destination your pilot-guide will shut down the helicopter and escort you on an informative, relaxing walk while describing the area that surrounds you. Transportation included from Downtown cruise ship dock.

**Accommodation for 1 night in Juneau**

Check in: 03:00 pm

Check out: Monday, June 5

This B&B features 14 deluxe suites in a unique Victorian-style Farmhouse. Come and spend a blissful night in a plush feather bed and indulge in the wonderful homespun comforts all while being nestled in a quiet rural setting in the Mendenhall Valley.

A complimentary full breakfast is provided each morning of your stay. Complimentary transfers to/from the airport or ferry terminal are available.

## Juneau



Alaska's state capital is also one of its most beautiful cities and one of the most visited communities in the state. With so much to see and do, there's certain to be something for you in Juneau.

Downtown Juneau sits snugly between Mount Juneau, Mount Roberts and Gastineau Channel, and is a maze of narrow streets running past a mix of new structures, old storefronts and quaint houses featuring early 19th century architecture left over from the town's early gold mining days. The waterfront bustles with cruise ships, fishing boats and floatplanes zipping in and out. With no road access to Juneau, it is the only state capital in the United States that can only be reached by airplane or boat.

Just a 15 minute drive from downtown, one of the city's most iconic sites sits at the edge of a residential neighborhood: Mendenhall Glacier. The glacier sits within the Tongass National Forest – the largest national forest in the United States – and visitors to the area can watch icebergs calve off its frozen face into Mendenhall Lake, go for a hike or check out the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center. Mendenhall Glacier is one of the 38 major glaciers that extend from the 1,500-square-mile Juneau Icefield, and many of them can be seen from the air as part of a flightseeing tour. Most helicopter tours offer glacier landings, glacier treks and glacier dog sled rides.

## Monday, June 5

### Flight from Juneau to Sitka

Flight Departure: 10:35 am

Flight Arrvl.: 11:18 am



## Sitka



Sitka is the only Inside Passage community that fronts the Pacific Ocean, hugging Baranof Island's west shore in the shadow of the impressive Mount Edgecumbe, a dormant volcano with a graceful cone reminiscent of Japan's Mount Fuji.

Located on Sitka Sound and surrounded by a myriad of small, forested islands, the city of 8,615 residents is marked by the picturesque remnants of its Russian heritage, including the onion-shaped domes and gold colored crosses of the beloved Saint Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral.

Although first inhabited by Native Tlingit Indians, Sitka is recognized as the heart of the Russian influence in Alaska. The Russians arrived by 1741 and in 1804 attacked a Tlingit fort. The region's most famous battle eventually led to the creation of Sitka National Historical Park. Originally established as New Archangel, Sitka became the capital of Russian American in 1808. When Russia sold Alaska to the United States on October 18, 1867, the transfer ceremony took place on Sitka's Castle Hill.

For the nature lover, Sitka is home to a number of attractions that will amaze and educate visitors. These wildlife-oriented destinations include the Alaska Raptor Center and Fortress of the Bear. The Alaska Raptor Center rehabilitates injured birds and releases them back into the wild. The few who don't regain flight remain housed at the center and visible to guests. Fortress of the Bear features a three-quarter-acre habitat for orphaned brown bear cubs complete with covered viewing areas.

### Accommodation for 2 nights in Sitka

Check in: 03:00 pm

Check out: 11:00 am Wednesday, June 7

Located on beautiful Baranof Island, this hotel offers studio suites with kitchenettes. The modern décor and ambiance is a welcome sight. This hotel is at a prime location that's close to everything the city has to offer.

## Tuesday, June 6

### Best of Sitka by Land and Sea Combo Tour

Departure time: 09:00 am

Designed to make the most of your time in Sitka, you'll see all the best stuff by land—Fortress of the Bears, the Sitka Raptor Center, Totem Park and downtown—and sea—whales, sea lions, otters, puffins and the magic Sitka waterways, islets and inlets. All this in the comfort of a small-group tour.

You'll make the most of your time in Sitka aboard their boat and van seeing all there is to see. You'll have plenty of time to take the tour plus time to see other things of interest.

Honestly, the thing we love about this tour is that although you can explore Sitka for a lifetime, in five hours we can give you a "best-of" tour of Sitka.



## Wednesday, June 7

### Flight from Sitka to Anchorage

Flight Departure: 06:00 am

Flight Arrvl.: 09:38 am

### Accommodation for 1 night in Anchorage

Check in: 03:00 pm

Check out: Thursday, June 8

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.

## Thursday, June 8

**Train from Anchorage to Denali - Gold Star Service**

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

Arrival: 03:45 pm

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

GoldStar, first-class service aboard double-deck dome cars, luxury rail travel has never been better. Reserved upper-level dome car seating, priority check-in, upper-level outdoor viewing deck, exclusive lower-level dining room, and complimentary Breakfast and Lunch and non-alcoholic beverages.

**Accommodation for 2 nights in Denali National Park**

Check in: 03:00 pm

Check out: Saturday, June 10

Your accommodations are nestled within a colorful tapestry of spruce and birch trees on the slopes of Sugarloaf Mountain, the hotel provides the ideal jumping off point for your special Alaskan adventures. Featuring comfortable guest rooms situated in 12 buildings tucked into the forest on the gently sloping hillside. The inviting main lodge features a log-beamed great room bathed in natural light with a stone fireplace and traditional Alaskan art.

## 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 in an effort 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.

### Denali Natural History Tour

Departure time: 07:30 pm

Return time: 09:00 pm

This tour focuses on the rich, cultural history of Denali National Park with interpretive programs that depict the diverse native and early pioneer influences in and around Denali. You'll learn about the history and culture that surround you at a Living History presentation while visiting Savage Cabin, and learn more about local native culture at Primrose Ridge. The tour also stops at the Wilderness Access Center for a viewing of "Across Time & Tundra", and award winning presentation on the building of the park road. 4.5 - 5 hours, travels 17 miles one-way.

**Friday, June 9**



### **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.



## **Saturday, June 10**

### **Denali To Anchorage**

Departure: 07:00 am

Arrival: 01:30 pm

Motorcoach transportation from Denali National Park to Anchorage. Time permitting, photo and restroom stops will be made on your 237-mile trip. A 15 minute stop will be made at the McKinley Princess Lodge allowing great views of Denali, weather permitting, and the ability to purchase "to-go" coffee, soda and snacks. Please note length of stops and arrivals may vary based on traffic and road delays.

### **Accommodation for 2 nights in Anchorage**

Check in: 08:00 pm

Check out: Monday, June 12

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## **Sunday, June 11**

### **26 Glacier Cruise**

Departure time: 09:30 am (Check in: 09:00 am)

The 26 Glacier Cruise travels over 140 miles into Prince William Sound where you will see 26 "named" glaciers and many more unnamed. You will get face to face with these towering masses of ice, so close you can "hear" the glaciers move and gaze at their brilliant blue hues. The 26 Glacier Cruise and Glacier Quest Cruise depart from the Cliffside Marina, in Whittier Alaska.



## **Monday, June 12**

### **Flight from Anchorage to Seattle**

Flight Departure: 10:00 am

Flight Arrvl.: 02:30 pm



## 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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