



## Alaska Highlight Tour 13-Days

### **ANCHORAGE**

Day 1: Arrive in Alaska's largest city for a 6 PM Group Meeting to discuss our adventure along with meeting your fellow travelers.

### **SEWARD**

Day 2: Drive along the Turnagain Arm and through the Chugach Mountains to end up at Resurrection Bay. Visit Exit Glacier to experience the fast receding hanging glacier along with a Dog Sled Tour with 3-time Iditarod winner Mitch Seavey.

Day 3: Kenai Fjords National Park cruise visiting an active tidewater glaciers and searching for exciting marine wildlife like humpback whales and orcas along with puffins, sea otters and so much more.

### **MOOSE PASS**

Day 4: Scenic Drive to Exit Glacier for a hike up to Marmot Meadows and a short drive to stay in yurts tonight

Day 5: Enjoy some kayaking and hiking in the mountains

### **TALKEETNA**

Day 6: Visit the busy but quaint town of Talkeetna and go on short hikes and hopefully get your first glimpse of Mount Denali, visit town and take an optional Denali flightseeing tour

### **DENALI NATIONAL PARK**

Day 7/8: Scenic Drive along the Alaska Range towards Denali. Spend 2 nights in the wilderness at Denali View Chalets.

Day 9: Drive into the Wilderness: The shuttle bus will take you far into the park with possible sightings of grizzly, moose, caribou, wolf and views of Mount Denali.

### **MACLAREN RIVER**

Day 10: Camp near Maclaren Glacier in the wilderness and explore the surrounding wilderness on foot.

Day 11: Canoe down the Maclaren River in the morning and enjoy the rustic lodge for the evening

### **FAIRBANKS**

Day 12: Soak in the Chena Hot Springs

Day 13: Try your luck in Gold Panning, trip ends around noon in Fairbanks



### **What is included?**

- 12 nights lodging (2 hotel nights, 2 yurt nights, 8 cabin/hostel nights)
- 12xBreakfast, 12xLunches, 1xDinner
- Visit Exit Glacier/Kenai Fjords National Park
- Mitch Seavey Dog Sled Tour
- 6 hour Kenai Fjords National Park Wildlife Cruise
- Yurt Stays and Kayaking
- Denali View Chalets with sauna
- Denali National Park Wildlife Shuttle
- Canoeing at Maclaren River Chena Hot Springs and Gold Panning in Fairbanks
- National Park Entrance Fees
- Tour Guide & Transport in our Infinite Adventures Van

### **Not included in Trip Price**

- × Flight to and from Anchorage
- × Airport Transfer
- × ESTA-Fee/Visa Fee for USA
- × Snacks and Drinks
- × Optional activities
- × Tips



**Day 1: Anchorage** – Welcome to the population capital of Alaska! Surrounded by the Kenai, Talkeetna, and Chugach mountain ranges, the city of Anchorage is the gateway to Alaska's wilderness. Along with the largest population in Alaska, the city boasts over 1,200 moose, 250 black bears and 60 brown bears along with world class Coastal Trail, Anchorage museum, and Ship Creek salmon fishing. Our 1st night of the trip will be a 6pm Pre-departure Meeting along with a Group Dinner to get to know your leader and fellow travelers.



**Day 3: Seward** – Prepare yourself for an excellent day aboard one of the catamarans exploring Kenai Fjords National Park. The opportunity to see humpback whales, orcas, stellar sea lions, calving glaciers and so much more during our 6-hour wildlife cruise is an experience not to be missed. The experienced captain will fully narrate your journey while pointing out the spectacular sights and providing information on the area's wildlife, history, and geology.

**Day 4: Moose Pass** – Our final destination of the day may be Yurts overlooking Grant Lake, but we'll start our day with a hike along Exit Glacier with 3 options (Ranger led hike, Marmot Meadows or The Cliffs.) After hiking, we'll continue up the road to Moose Pass to be awed with a kayak across Trail Lake and a short hike to our remote camp along Grant Lake for the next two nights.

**Day 2: Seward** – Take a journey down the Seward Highway along the Chugach Mountains and Turnagain Arm down to Resurrection Bay and the world-famous Kenai Fjords National Park. We will visit Bear Lake Weir, which is a man-made waterfall that collects spawning salmon who are returning to their birthplace in order to restock the lakes and rivers throughout Alaska. After your visit to the weir, we'll experience another animal essential to the lives of Alaskans, sled dogs. A visit to the Seavey Homestead will bring us face-to-face with these excitable and joyful creatures showing you their favorite pastime on a 1.5-Hour Wilderness Dog Sled Ride and Tour.





**Day 5: Moose Pass** – The day begins with a delicious breakfast and gearing up for another kayak/hiking day on Grant Lake to the local waterfall along with other gorgeous scenery. After your paddle, take in the scenery and excellent service by your Moose Pass adventure guides.



**Day 6: Talkeetna** – The small town of Talkeetna is the launch point for hundreds of yearly climbers of Mount Denali. Although you won't be climbing Mount Denali, there are some fantastic optional activities in this quaint historic town that will allow you to circle and land on "The High One", jet boat "Devil's Canyon", float trips on Talkeetna or Chulitna rivers, or salmon fishing charters.

**Day 7/8: Denali** – The next two days are dedicated to the Denali View Chalet, situated in the southern foothills of the Alaska Range just 40 miles south of Denali, is a true wilderness lodge with no road access. No generator noise, as our lights are solar powered. The living room offers a fine vantage of Mts. Denali, Foraker, Hunter and the other massifs in the Alaska Range. The sitting area is centered around an enormous woodstove to toast your toes on cool summer nights. Hearty and wholesome meals served in

the communal dining area and a wood fired sauna with hot shower.

**Day 9: Denali** – Today we will depart early to catch the shuttle to the East Fork River in Denali National Park. Hopefully we will spot grizzly bears, moose, caribou, wolves, and so many other beautiful creatures who call Denali their home. Along with the shuttle ride, you can choose your hiking experience in the park's 6 million acres of wilderness.

**Day 10: Maclaren River** – Leaving Denali National Park but not leaving the Alaskan mountain range boasting glorious glaciers and vistas. The Denali Highway has been used by humans for over 10,000 years and we'll make our way to Maclaren River Lodge. We'll board a jet boat to go 10 miles upriver for a night at Remote Camp with canvas tents, cots and our "own" wilderness!



**Day 11: Maclaren River** – The morning starts with some delicious pancakes and then a canoe trip back down the Maclaren River to the lodge. Although going down river, you still need some navigating skills! Braided rivers change every day and you'll do your best not to get slightly stuck on a gravel bar. Once your canoe trip ends, you'll have the day to enjoy conversing with your fellow travelers or grizzled Alaskan with their tall tales.



**Day 12: Fairbanks** – Today we will finish the Denali Highway connecting with the Richardson Highway, the North Pole and “The Land of the Midnight Sun.” Favorite middle-of-the-night activities include hiking, running, golfing and even baseball. The Midnight Sun Season is teeming with activity as people are energized by the everlasting sunshine. The evening will end with a soak in the Chena Hot Springs, which is fed by water that circulates deep underground over a period of thousands of years, picking up the natural heat from the earth, and then ‘short circuits’ back up to the surface through cracks and fractures in the granite rock underneath the hot springs area.

Fairbanks, please make sure don’t book them earlier than 3pm.\*\*

\*\*Please feel free to contact us regarding the 2-day add-on Bear viewing out of Anchorage or 4-day add-on up to the Arctic Circle/Ocean.\*\*



**Day 13: Fairbanks** – The trip will end today, but first we will try our hands at a little gold panning. Your day starts with a bag of paydirt from Fairbanks Gold Co, but there’s more than guaranteed gold... you also have the chance to uncover ice age fossils and cool minerals. It is not uncommon to find pyrite, quartz crystals and garnets. We’ve even had people walk away with woolly mammoth ivory!

\*\*The trip typically ends around lunch time in Fairbanks. If you are planning flights out of