ADVENTURE ALASKA TOURS
Incomparable Small Group Journeys on the Last Frontier

2020
“We continue to be reminded of how lucky we were to be a part of such a unique touring company when we compare notes with our friends who have done the ‘Cruise Ship Tour’.”

Randy & Cora B - Connecticut

“Thanks again for leading us on an adventure through the last frontier. It took me a while when we got home to get used to seeing more robins than bald eagles, no moose wandering along the streets and seeing the stars when it actually got dark!”

Abbie H. (aged 13) - Massachusetts
After operating tours in the Far North for more than 27 years, Adventure Alaska Tours Owners and Operators, Todd and Barb Bureau, have taken a step back and long time Lead Guide Patrick and his partner Julie have taken the reigns at Adventure Alaska Tours.

DON’T SEE EXACTLY THE TRIP YOU’RE LOOKING FOR? We believe from years of experience sharing Alaska with visitors that the tours we offer showcase the best of the state, put together in such a way as to make the best use of each day. But perhaps our tour dates don’t fit your schedule and commitments; maybe you prefer to travel only with family or with a group of good friends, maybe there’s something you’ve always wanted to see or do in Alaska and it isn’t included in our offered tours.

If so, then an Adventure Alaska custom tour is the perfect choice. We can tailor a trip to meet your interests and preferences, either working off an itinerary you put together or by modifying one of our itineraries to more closely reflect your interests. You travel when you want and with the people you choose to travel with.

The key to a perfectly customized tour is of course your input. The more information you provide us the better. So please let us know when you want to start, how many days you wish to travel, the highlights and specific destinations you want to include, the activities you would like to undertake (kayaking, glacier hiking, flight seeing, the list goes on).

Give us a call or drop us an email. Let us help you make your Alaska dreams come true.

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7 DAY ALL ALASKA INTERIOR AND COASTAL TOUR
from rainforests to glaciers
In only seven days, this wonderful itinerary offers a representative cross section of Alaska from the varied wilderness interior to the rugged maritime environments, traversing three major mountain ranges and hundreds of miles of marine sanctuary and coastline in this very accessible tour.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS
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- Wildlife and Natural History Bus Tour in Denali National Park
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- Optional hikes in Girdwood's temperate rainforest and onto Root Glacier in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park
- Two nights in the cozy, creekside Discovery Cabins in Hope
- Opportunities for optional Mt. McKinley and Wrangell-St. Elias flightseeing excursions

By being small and mobile, we can leave the crowds behind and explore treasures unavailable through other means, allowing a true sense of self-discovery. From visiting many unspoiled frontier towns and the national parks of Denali, Wrangell-St. Elias, and Kenai Fjords; to exploring a remote ghost city, to traversing famous Prince William Sound to view whales, bald eagles, and glaciers; this overview of Alaska goes far beyond what the merely conventional tourist will ever see. While many means exist to visit the wild North, the only way to truly experience it is to get off the beaten track. This 7-day itinerary provides a wonderful option to enable a tremendous and personal overview, without sacrificing several weeks or all idea of comfort. Staying each night in lovely and unique accommodations and dining in restaurants, this tour still retains a very definite spirit of adventure in the places and people we visit. If longing to see some of the real Alaska, but don't care to camp, then this is the tour for you.
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Our first day begins at 8 AM, meeting downtown with pick-ups at previously arranged locations. We’ll head northward rounding Knik Arm and stop at the headquarters for the 1000-mile Iditarod Sled Dog Race. The displays and short video here give a good insight into dog mushing in general, as well as the lifestyle and the commitment that it takes to train for and run the Iditarod itself. Before pushing northwards, we’ll have lunch in the old Teeland’s Department Store building, sitting on what was the center of Wasilla in the settlement days. We’ll then return to the Park highway, entering the great Alaska Range of mountains and on to Denali National Park. Flightseeing tours of the mountain are available just outside of the Park and are very highly recommended (~$400/person)—sliding between towering peaks and over monstrous glaciers, this is an indescribable glimpse of a world that few experience. If the weather isn’t cooperative, we’ll have another equally good opportunity on Day 3. Dinner and lodging are just outside the entrance of Denali National Park. Meals: L, D

Day 2 · Denali National Park to Paxson
After an early breakfast, we’ll take the concessionaire shuttle bus into the interior of the Park. There are chances of seeing caribou, moose, Dall sheep, bears and wolves in the wide open vistas, with the vehicle stopping for wildlife or scenic photos whenever anyone would like. Returning by the same route, we’ll leave the Park and turn back south to reach Cantwell, the western terminus of the beautiful Denali Highway. A 135-mile gravel road across wide valleys, alpine tundra and breathtaking scenery, the Denali Highway is open only during the summer months and is the only road through this remote area. Crossing glacial river and lake country, wildlife viewing opportunities abound in this large stretch of wilderness inhabited year-round only by the occasional trapper and wilderness hermit. We’ll cross the Susitna River and follow the winding road over ancient glacial eskers and over the Maclaren Summit (elev. 4082 ft), the second highest point on the Alaska road system, stopping for photos or a short hike as time and weather permit. We then travel through the Tangle Lakes Archeological District, thought to be the principal corridor through which the earliest peoples passed to populate the rest of the Americas after making their way over the Bering land bridge from eastern Asia. Dinner and lodging will be along this road at a unique and very Alaskan lodge. Meals: B, L, D

Day 3 · Paxson to McCarthy
The Richardson Highway, following the old Valdez-Eagle trail, leads us southward through Glennallen and Copper Center. We’ll stop at the new Visitor’s Center of our nation’s largest national park, Wrangell-St. Elias, for an introduction to this uncommercialized jewel more than twice the size of Denali. The scenic Edgerton Highway leads from here to the old railroad town of Chitina at the confluence of the Copper and Chitina rivers from which we will travel the tortuous abandoned railroad grade 60 miles through the mountains back to the tiny town of McCarthy in the heart of Wrangell-St. Elias. At the end of the gravel road we’ll grab our overnight bags, leave the van, and cross two forks of the Kennicott River (by footbridge) to reach the near-ghost town of McCarthy on the other side a half mile away, the only means of surface access in the months when the river isn’t frozen. Excellent flightseeing tours of the area may also be available from the McCarthy airstrip that give an incomparable overall perspective (~$150-250/person). After a short hike onto the glacial moraine, and having dinner at the McCarthy Lodge, the night will be spent in the comfortable “Old Ma Johnson” Hotel. Meals: B, L, D

Day 4 · Kennicott to Valdez
A van trip up the remainder of the road four miles to the abandoned company town of Kennicott overlooking its namesake glacier, allows an almost unbelievable exploration of an entire town sitting much the way it was when the mine closed in 1938. The Park Service has been busy for the last several years, renovating, shoring and adding interpretive displays to the historic buildings, as well as the incredible 14-story mill building itself. Kennicott is truly a ghost town without equal, due to its remoteness and fortunate lack of vandalism. A short hike to the Root Glacier allows those interested to clamber onto the face of an active glacier. Lunch is overlooking all this incredible scenery before our
van shuttle back to McCarthy. We again cross the footbridges to the van for the beautiful trip to Valdez across Thompson Pass and through Keystone Canyon. Dinner will be on the town in Valdez with accommodations at a nearby Inn. Meals: B, L, D

Day 5 · Valdez to Hope
If schedules cooperate, we’ll have an opportunity to explore the wonderful museum in Valdez before boarding the Alaska State ferry for the beautiful ride across Prince William Sound. We should see many local creatures including murres, puffins, and sea otters, with a good chance of humpback and maybe even orcas or killer whales, as we weave amongst the many islands of the Sound before reaching Whittier. Here we will be reunited with our van and drive 2.5 miles through the Whittier Tunnel, the longest highway tunnel and the only one combining both rail and vehicle use in North America, which connects Whittier with the 1964 earthquake-destroyed community of Portage. From here we will head through the Kenai mountains to the tiny end-of-the-road frontier town of Hope on Cook Inlet. Far older than Anchorage, this first gold rush community in Southcentral Alaska is still a place of log buildings and an atmosphere that can only be experienced. Lodging is in cozy log cabins of Discovery Cabins, on the edge of rushing Bear Creek. Meals: B, L, D

Day 6 · Seward to Hope
Following a hearty breakfast, we’ll head down the road to Seward and board the tour boat to head out into the Gulf of Alaska for the spectacular Kenai Fjords National Park, passing through the Chiswell Islands Refuge. Here we will view calving glaciers up very close in our small vessel and cruise the rugged coastline to view a tremendous concentration of wildlife including orcas and humpback whales, sea otters, sea lions, porpoises, eagles, and many different kinds of seabirds. Returning late afternoon we’ll head north through the mountain lake community of Moose Pass and back to Hope. If inclined after dinner, we’ll have a walk to the historic Seaview Bar down on the waterfront to meet some of the local “wildlife”. Or, you might just like to poke around the old settlement and see the magnificent views of the mountains bordering Cook Inlet, before lodging again for the night at Discovery Cabins. Meals: B, L, D

Day 7 · Hope to Anchorage
After a leisurely breakfast, we might try our luck at gold panning, and visit the Hope Historical Museum before heading to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center to see up close some of those critters we might have missed in the days previous. Then it’s on to the small town of Girdwood, home of the Alyeska Ski Resort. Here there is an option to take the tram ride to the summit if the clouds permit for a spectacular view of the surrounding Chugach Range and Cook Inlet, while others might opt for a short hike through the rainforest (yes, rainforest) after having lunch at the locally famous bakery. Depending on the day’s activities, we’ll return to Anchorage in the late afternoon and officially end seven incomparable days on the Last Frontier. Meals: B, L

Tour Dates
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Take a look at our 9 Day All Alaska Tour for a more comprehensive Alaskan experience.

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5 DAY KENAI EXPLORER TOUR
from icefields to estuaries
With wilderness ranging from the icefields that feed tidewater glaciers to the bountiful wildlife of the countless coastal estuaries and the rugged mountains in between the famous Kenai Peninsula is a wonderful capsule of many “Alaskas”. This five-day tour offers the Kenai at its best, with a delightful and leisurely variety of contrasts including overnight stays in world-renowned Seward, a coastal village inaccessible by road and an historic end-of-the-road mountain town.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Kenai Fjords National Park Boat Tour
- Overnight in Seward – Optional sea kayaking and hiking
- Exploring the gold rush town of Hope – Two nights in creekside Discovery Cabins
- Charter boat trip from Homer, across Kachemak Bay to the charming fishing village of Seldovia
- Overnight lodging at a waterfront B&B in Seldovia
- Flight over Kachemak Bay
- Optional rainforest hike or aerial tram ride to the top of Mt. Alyeska in Girdwood

We start by following along Turnagain Arm through the mountains to reach Seward at the head of Resurrection Bay for an afternoon sea kayaking and a hike to Exit Glacier. The next day we explore the spectacular marine world of the Kenai Fjords National Park and Chiswell Islands Wildlife Refuge, lingering off the face of the calving Holgate Glacier. From Seward we travel the Kenai Mountains to the beautiful gold rush community of Hope, overnighting in log cabins on the edge of rushing Bear Creek. On the third day, the road leads along Cook Inlet and the towering volcanoes of the Alaska Range to Homer and the end of the “Spit”, for the boat trip across Kachemak Bay to the secluded fishing village of Seldovia and our waterfront lodgings. On Day 4, we cross the bay by air taxi, before heading back to quiet Hope and the creekside cabins. Day 5 we round Turnagain Arm and stop in Girdwood and the famous resort of Alyeska, before returning to Anchorage in the afternoon. If time is somewhat limited, or you’re looking to add some authentic Alaska to your existing plans, this special tour carefully skirts the crowds and promises an unencumbered and wild tranquillity guaranteed to satisfy.

5 DAYS · TRAVEL TO AND RETURN FROM ANCHORAGE LIMITED TO 8 TRAVELERS · $2975 PER PERSON

TOUR FEATURES

Day 1 Anchorage to Seward
Travel south along edge of Turnagain Arm and Chugach Mountains; arrive Seward for lunch and afternoon sea kayaking in Resurrection Bay; short hike to Exit Glacier; overnight Harbor View Inn.

Day 2 Seward to Hope
Visit excellent Seward Sea Life Center; 6 hour boat trip to spectacular Kenai Fjords National Park; Chiswell Islands Wildlife Refuge and spectacular Aialik Bay with three tidewater glaciers; return Seward, visit Alaska Sealife Center; drive through Kenai Mountains to end-of-the-road gold rush town of Hope; overnight creekside log cabins.

Day 3 Hope to Seldovia
Follow Kenai River through Cooper Landing, Soldotna; skirt edge of Cook Inlet with impressive volcanoes lining the other side; arrive Homer to board boat to the quaint fishing village Seldovia with tour enroute; afternoon exploration of town, museums, or optional hike; overnight waterfront inn.

Day 4 Seldovia to Hope
Morning exploration of Seldovia and optional walk on “Otterbahn” trail; late morning return to Homer by air taxi (beautiful views!); overnight in the creekside log cabins in Hope.

Day 5 Hope to Anchorage
Museum tour; optional gold panning instruction by local gold miner; visit Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center in Portage; lunch at the famous Bake Shop in ski resort town of Girdwood, situated in the northernmost rainforest; return to Anchorage in the afternoon.
Day 1 · Anchorage to Seward
Our exploration begins at 8AM, meeting in downtown Anchorage at previously arranged locations. Dispatching quickly with Alaska’s largest city, we’ll head for more tranquil locales, turning south and hugging the shore of Turnagain Arm where the Chugach Mountains meet the sea. Rising up over Turnagain Pass in the Kenai Mountains we’ll then descend toward the Gulf of Alaska and the scenic town of Seward, situated at the uppermost reaches of Resurrection Bay. A deep water port that remains ice-free all year, Seward was one of the earlier Alaskan settlements, serving the mining and various trades of the Interior, as the southern terminus of the state’s single rail line. It is also the historic start of the Iditarod Trail. Surrounded by mountains the scene is quite impressive, with the quaint downtown nearly at water’s edge. After lunch we’ll head out to Lowell Point for our afternoon sea kayaking exploration of the west side of Resurrection Bay. Back to land, we’ll head back through town to the turn-off accessing Exit Glacier of the Kenai Fjords National Park, walking up to its terminus while noting the dates of its historical retreat (hint: where we park was mighty icy about World War I). After all this fine fresh air, it’s time to check in at the Harbor View Inn and have a nice dinner downtown. Meals: L, D

Day 2 · Seward to Hope
After breakfast we’ll be first in line at the impressive Seward Sea Life Center, to garner a good background for the day’s foray into the maritime world. Bording our vessel late morning, we’ll head out of the bay and around the point, and into the Chiswell Islands Wildlife Refuge, sliding between the rocky islands that are home to an incredible variety of marine mammals and sea birds. Reaching Kenai Fjords National Park, the vast majority inaccessible by road, we’ll head into Aialik Bay and linger off the face of a calving glacier for an otherworldly experience. We’ll cruise right up to the rugged coastal cliffs, providing wonderful opportunities for viewing murres, puffins, harbor seals, and sea lions, with the stretches in between always holding promise of porpoises, sea otters, humpback whales and maybe even orcas. Arriving back in late afternoon, we’ll then head back up the road through the Kenai Mountains to the end of the road and the delightful little town of Hope on the shores of Turnagain Arm. One of the oldest gold rush communities in Alaska, Hope boasted three thousand souls long before Anchorage existed. As gold rushes pass so did many of the people, with now about two hundred folks in the community. Its unique atmosphere is quite palpable, in the many log cabins, the log Social Hall, the one room schoolhouse and certainly in the local folk that have chosen to call it home. It’s a piece of Alaska many have in mind before they come. We’ll lodge for the night in Discovery Cabins on the edge of rushing Bear Creek. Meals: B, L, D

Day 3 · Hope to Seldovia
After an early breakfast we’ll hit the road to Homer to arrive in time for our 11AM appointment with a boat. Enroute we’ll follow the beautiful Kenai River through Cooper Landing and pass through Soldotna to skirt the eastern side of Cook Inlet with the towering volcanoes of Iliamna, Redoubt and Augustine framing the other side. We’ll dawdle a bit more on the return trip, but the views are nonetheless, quite regal in any direction. Arriving at the end of the Homer Spit, we’ll board the boat to cross picturesque Kachemak Bay. With the nearby mountains and glaciers on the other side of the bay and the Alaska Range across the mouth of Cook Inlet, it is truly a beautiful mix of geography. Aiming toward the mouth of the Bay, our captain will circle Gull Island and a few others enroute to our destination, giving great explanation to the sights
before us. Early afternoon finds us on the dock in the unique community of Seldovia, inaccessible by road. Originally and still a fishing village, the name comes from the Russian word for salted herring, as this fish was the reason for its existence, prior to the purchase of Alaska in 1867. Seldovia is also a place of refuge for artists and those looking for a little less access and the pace of life that it brings. It’s a special little town to wander, with the great Sitka spruce forests unlike any other we’ve seen, starting at the end of almost every street. A good stroll is in order before dinner on Main Street. Our lodging for the night is in a lovely waterfront Inn overlooking the boat harbor, where sea otters are a frequent sight. Meals: B, L, D

Day 4 · Seldovia to Hope
The morning is as leisurely as it should be, with time to further explore town or just watch the tide come out in out the back door. Those looking to stretch their legs might try the “Otterbahn”, a great little trail starting by the school that weaves through tall grass and spruce thickets to end at the ocean for an unlimited opportunity to stroll or beachcomb. We’ll then catch our return flight with a quick hop across the bay to Homer. It’s almost hard to get back in a vehicle again, but we’ll have to to peruse some of Homer’s singular shops, in this town known for its artist community drawn to the local beauty. Lunch will be in a local eatery. Heading back north, we’ll pass through Anchor Point and make a photo stop at an old Russian Orthodox Church on a high bluff overlooking Cook Inlet. The faith of Alaska’s earliest non-Native settlers remains strong among many of the coastal Native communities. We know the way, so Hope will seem like home when we get back to our snug log cabins. A barbecue is planned on the deck of the lodge, with a creekside campfire an apt possibility afterwards. Or, there might be those that prefer to head “downtown”, to Main Street that ends in the ocean, and the Seaview Bar that is often a colorful mix of visitors, locals, and gold miners still eking an income from the creeks. Meals: B, L, D

Day 5 · Hope to Anchorage
After breakfast, we might try our luck at gold panning (optional – $25) with some local miners instructing, with an optional hike in the plan as well. After a stop at the Portage Visitor Center for some wonderful Forest Service displays, we will then follow the road to the small town of Girdwood, home of the world-class Alyeska Ski Resort situated here due to a much higher level of precipitation than even the adjacent valleys. It is a microclimate that gives rise to a temperate rainforest (yes, rainforest) with flora completely different from Hope, just a couple dozen miles away. Lush ferns and undergrowth along with large spruce trees are dominate. Some might want to explore this environment directly, following the trail up Winner Creek to its beautiful little gorge, while others might opt to take the tram to the top of Mt. Alyeska for a commanding view. It might be a late lunch but worth it at the Bake Shop upon return. The Seward Highway hugs the edge of Turnagain Arm and we just might have to stop at Beluga Point to see if any of the creatures for which it takes its name, might make an appearance. And then it’s on back to Anchorage in the late afternoon, each of us probably just a bit different than when we left, and most likely figuring out just when we can return. The Kenai is some of the best of Alaska, but then there are still many other Alaskas that remain… Meals: B, L

Take a look at our 6 Day Kenai Explorer Tour for a more comprehensive Kenai experience with an additional night in historic Homer.

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Day 2 · Denali National Park
After an early breakfast, we head to the new Park Visitor Center for an overview of what we’re about to experience; there’s a great movie and extensive interpretive displays. Nearby we pick up our scheduled concessionaire shuttle bus, the only mechanical means of public access to the Park interior. The 66-mile trip to the recently reconstructed Eielson Visitor Center offers some of the best chances anywhere of seeing caribou, moose, Dall sheep, bears, and wolves in the wide-open vistas, with the vehicle stopping for wildlife or scenic photos when anyone would like. Hopefully too, the mountain will be “out”… It’ll be full dose no matter what animals and views grace the experience, begging for a leg stretching short hike on the great network of trails near the Visitor Center. Then a bit of leisure in “Glitter Gulch” the less-than-complementary name for the proliferation of businesses just north of the Park entrance. Accommodations for the night are at White Moose Lodge. Meals: B, L, D

Day 3 · Denali to Gakona
Turning south to reach Cantrell brings us to the western terminus of the Denali Highway. Only open during summer months, the 135-mile gravel road crosses broad valleys, alpine tundra, and breathtaking scenery, and is the only road through this remote area. Crossing glacial river and lake country, wildlife viewing opportunities abound in this vast stretch of wilderness inhabited by the occasional trapper and wilderness hermit. We make a mandatory stop at the Gracious House; an old homestead on the road and one of the last occupied. Next we cross the Susitna River and follow the winding road over ancient glacial eskers and the Maclaren Summit, the second highest point on the Alaska road system (elev. 4082 ft), stopping for photos or a short hike as time and weather permit. We then travel through the Tangle Lakes Archeological District, thought to be the principal corridor through which the earliest peoples passed to populate the rest of the Americas after making their way over the Bering Land Bridge from eastern Asia. The Richardson Highway, following the old Valdez-Eagle trail, leads us southward through Glennallen and Copper Center. We stop at the Visitor’s Center of our nation’s largest national park, Wrangell-St. Elias, for an introduction to this uncommercialized jewel more than twice the size of Denali. Just a few miles away is our lodging in a historic roadhouse dating from the earlier days. Meals: B, L, D
Day 4 · Gakona to McCarthy
After breakfast we tour a small museum just next then, then travel the scenic Edgerton Highway to the old railroad town of Chitina at the confluence of the Copper and Chitina Rivers where we enjoy a Park history intro in the nearby log cabin of one of the early settlers. From here we travel the tortuous abandoned railroad grade, 60 miles through the mountains. At the end of the gravel road, we grab our overnight bags and cross two forks of the Kennicott River by footbridge (the only means of surface access when the river isn't frozen) to reach the near-ghost town of McCarthy in the heart of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. Excellent flightseeing tours may be available from the McCarthy airstrip that offer an incomparable perspective ($150-250/person). After a short hike onto the glacial terminal moraine, and dinner at the McCarthy Lodge, we spend the night in the historic Old Ma Johnson Hotel. Meals: B, L, D

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Day 6 · McCarthy to Valdez
After breakfast, we cross the footbridges for the beautiful trip to Valdez across Thompson Pass. Stopping at Tiekel River and the Worthington Glacier, we climb toward the pass where it's been known to snow almost a thousand inches in a winter. It's quite breathtaking in summer too.
Descending through Keystone Canyon, a dramatic waterfall-filled passage to the ocean, the challenge of the terrain shows why the route took many years to discover and pioneer. In late afternoon we have an opportunity to explore the beautiful museum and stroll the streets. Dinner in Valdez with accommodations at a nearby B&B. Meals: B, L, D

Day 7 · Valdez to Hope
After breakfast, we board the Alaska State ferry for the beautiful ride across Prince William Sound which offers the opportunity to spot murres, puffins, sea otter, and possibly humpback, orca, or killer whales. Arriving in Whittier we travel through the 25-mile-long Whittier Tunnel, the longest and only tunnel combining both rail and vehicle use in North America. Just out of the tunnel is the excellent Portage Glacier Visitor’s Center, a town destroyed by an earthquake in 1964, and an easy short hike to view the Byron Glacier. From here we head through the Kenai mountains to the tiny end-of-the-road frontier town of Hope on Cook Inlet. Far older than Anchorage, this first gold rush community in Southcentral Alaska is still a place of log buildings with an atmosphere that can only be experienced. Hope is the Alaska many have in mind from stories past. Lodging is in the cozy log cabins of Discovery Cabins on the edge of rushing Bear Creek. Meals: B, L, D

Day 8 · Seward and Hope
Following a hearty breakfast, we head to Seward and board the tour boat into the Gulf of Alaska for the spectacular Kenai Fjords National Park passing through the Chiswell Islands Refuge. Here we will view calving glaciers up close from our small vessel and cruise the rugged coastline to see a tremendous concentration of wildlife including orca and humpback whales, sea otter, sea lions, porpoises, eagles, and many different kinds of seabirds. It’s one of the best one-day experiences in Alaska. Returning late afternoon, we head north through the mountain lake community of Moose Pass and back to Hope. After dinner, we might have a walk to the historic Seaview Bar on the waterfront to meet some of the local “wildlife”. Or, you might poke around the old settlement and see the magnificent views of the mountains bordering Cook Inlet before lodging again at Discovery Cabins. Meals: B, L, D

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After a leisurely breakfast, we might try our luck at gold panning (optional) and visit the Hope Historical Museum before heading to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center to see up close some of the critters we might have missed in the days previous. Then it’s off to the small town of Girdwood, home of the world-class Alyeska Ski Resort. Here there is an option to take the tram ride to the summit for a spectacular view of the surrounding Chugach Range and Cook Inlet, while others might opt for a short hike through the rainforest (yes, rainforest) after lunch at the locally famous bakery. Depending on the day’s activities, we return to Anchorage late afternoon and officially end nine incomparable days on the Last Frontier. Meals: B, L

TOUR DATES
June 3 - June 11 · Tour Code 9A1
June 17 - June 25 · Tour Code 9A2
July 1 - July 9 · Tour Code 9A3
July 15 - July 23 · Tour Code 9A4
Aug 5 - Aug 13 · Tour Code 9A5
Aug 19 - Aug 27 · Tour Code 9A

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6 DAY KENAI EXPLORER TOUR
from icefields to estuaries
With wildness ranging from the icefields that feed tidewater glaciers, to the bountiful wildlife of the countless coastal estuaries and the rugged mountains in between, the famous Kenai Peninsula is a wonderful capsule of many “Alaskas”. This six day tour offers the Kenai at its best, with a delightful and leisurely variety of contrasts including overnight stays in world-renowned Seward, a coastal village inaccessible by road and an historic end-of-the-road mountain town.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

• Kenai Fjords National Park Boat Tour
• Overnight in Seward—Optional sea kayaking and hiking
• Exploring the gold rush town of Hope—Two nights in creekside Discovery Cabins
• Overnight Homer, tour boat across Kachemak Bay to the charming fishing village of Seldovia
• Overnight lodging at a waterfront B&B in Seldovia
• Flight over Kachemak Bay
• Optional rainforest hike or aerial tram ride to the top of Mt. Alyeska in Girdwood

We start by following along Turnagain Arm through the mountains to reach Seward at the head of Resurrection Bay, for an afternoon sea kayaking and a hike to Exit Glacier. The next day we explore the spectacular marine world of the Kenai Fjords National Park and Chiswell Islands Wildlife Refuge, lingering off the face of the calving Holgate Glacier. From Seward we travel the Kenai Mountains to the scenic gold rush community of Hope, overnighting in log cabins on the edge of rushing Bear Creek. On the third day the road leads along Cook Inlet and the towering volcanoes of the Alaska Range to explore and overnight in delightful Homer. The next morning we make it to the end of the Homer “Spit” for the boat trip across Kachemak Bay to the secluded fishing village of Seldovia and our waterfront bed and breakfast.

On Day 5, we cross the bay by air taxi, before heading back to quiet Hope and the creekside cabins. Day 6 we round Turnagain Arm and stop in Girdwood and the famous resort of Alyeska, before returning to Anchorage in the afternoon. If time is somewhat limited, or you’re looking to add some authentic Alaska to your existing plans, this special tour carefully skirts the crowds and promises an unencumbered and wild tranquility guaranteed to satisfy.
**Day 1 · Anchorage to Seward**
Our exploration begins at 8AM, meeting in downtown Anchorage at previously arranged locations. Dispatching quickly with Alaska’s largest city, we’ll head for more tranquil locales, turning south and hugging the shore of Turnagain Arm where the Chugach Mountains meet the sea. Rising up over Turnagain Pass in the Kenai Mountains we’ll then descend toward the Gulf of Alaska and the scenic town of Seward, situated at the uppermost reaches of Resurrection Bay. A deep water port that remains ice-free all year, Seward was one of the earlier Alaskan settlements, serving the mining and various trades of the Interior, as the southern terminus of the state’s single rail line. It is also the historic start of the Iditarod Trail. Surrounded by mountains the scene is quite impressive, with the quaint downtown nearly at water’s edge. After lunch we’ll head out to Lowell Point for our afternoon sea kayaking exploration of the west side of Resurrection Bay. Back to land, we’ll head back through town to the turn-off accessing Exit Glacier of the Kenai Fjords National Park, walking up to its terminus while noting the dates of its historical retreat (-hint: where we parked was mighty icy about World War I). After all this fine fresh air, it’s time to check in at the Harbor View Inn and have a nice dinner downtown. **Meals: L, D**

**Day 2 · Seward to Hope**
After breakfast we’ll be first in line at the impressive Seward Sea Life Center, to garner a good background for the day’s foray into the maritime world. Bording our vessel late morning, we’ll head out of the bay and around the point, and into the Chiswell Islands Wildlife Refuge, sliding between the rocky islands that are home to an incredible variety of marine mammals and sea birds. Reaching Kenai Fjords National Park, the vast majority inaccessible by road, we’ll head into Aialik Bay and linger off the face of a calving glacier for an otherworldly experience. We’ll cruise right up to the rugged coastal cliffs, providing wonderful opportunities for viewing murres, puffins, harbor seals, and sea lions, with the stretches in between always holding promise of porpoises, sea otters, humpback whales and maybe even orcas. Arriving back in late afternoon, we’ll then head back up the road through the Kenai Mountains to the end of the road and the delightful little town of Hope on the shores of Turnagain Arm. One of the oldest gold rush communities in Alaska, Hope boasted three thousand souls long before Anchorage existed. As gold rushes pass so did many of the people, with now about two hundred folks in the community. Its unique atmosphere is quite palpable, in the many log cabins, the log Social Hall, the one room schoolhouse and certainly in the local folk that have chosen to call it home. It’s a piece of Alaska many have in mind before they come. We’ll lodge for the night in Discovery Cabins on the edge of rushing Bear Creek. **Meals: B, L, D**

**Day 3 · Hope to Homer**
After breakfast we’ll pick up the Sterling Highway toward Homer. Enroute we’ll follow the beautiful (and quite famous for salmon) Kenai River through Cooper Landing, where bald eagles quite frequently gather to scour for leftover fish. We’ll pass through Soldotna, and stop at the historic center of old Kenai, where there was any early Russian settlement prior to Alaska’s sale. Skirting the eastern side of Cook Inlet, the towering volcanoes of Iliamna, Redoubt, Spur, and Augustine frame the Alaska Range on the opposite side. We’ll drive down to the water’s edge and catch the unique fishery of Deep Creek, before visiting the photogenic old Russian Orthodox Church nearby. Situated on the prominent bluff above the old native village of Ninilchik, the light in the church belfry long served as a beacon for vessels on Cook Inlet, in the days before GPS. The views are quite regal in any direction. Passing through Anchor Point, the most western point on the nation’s road system, we arrive at the lookout above Homer, needing no explanation as to why this is a favorite destination of many Alaskans. Glaciers and mountains rim the far view, with Homer below, and beautiful Kachemak Bay in between. We’ll head to the wonderful Islands and Oceans Center for a fascinating look at the uniqueness of this area, and insight into the thousands of miles of extreme wilderness of the Aleutian Chain. Just our back is Bishop’s Beach, begging for a beach combing stroll. Homer has long been known as an artist’s community and wandering the main street yields several funky emporiums that prove just why. Later we’ll visit the eclectic Pratt Museum, gaining further insight into both the area’s early history and chapters more recent –namely the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. Dinner will be at a local institution, whose decor and cuisine is better experienced than explained. Lodging will be just below our former lookout, with a magnificent panorama that might just beg for a long linger before bedding down. **Meals: B, L, D**
**Day 4 · Homer to Seldovia**

Arriving at the end of the Homer Spit mid-morning, we’ll poke around a bit before boarding the boat to cross the picturesque Bay. With the nearby mountains and glaciers on the other side of the bay and the Alaska Range across the mouth of Cook Inlet, it is truly a beautiful mix of geography. Aiming toward the mouth of the Bay, our captain will circle Gull Island and a few others enroute to our destination, giving great explanation to the sights before us. Early afternoon finds us on the dock in the unique community of Seldovia, inaccessible by road. Originally and still a fishing village, the name comes from the Russian word for salted herring, as this fish was the reason for its existence, prior to the purchase of Alaska in 1867. Seldovia is also a place of refuge for artists and those looking for a little less access and the pace of life that it brings. It’s a special little town to wander, with the great Sitka spruce forests unlike any other we’ve seen, starting at the end of almost every street. A good stroll is in order down the historic boardwalk, vestige of the pre-earthquake vitality of Seldovia, before dinner at the always excellent Tidelock Cafe. Our lodging for the night is in the waterfront Boardwalk Inn overlooking the boat harbor, where sea otters are a frequent sight. **Meals: B, L, D**

**Day 5 · Seldovia to Hope**

The morning is as leisurely as it should be, with time to further explore town or just watch the tide come in out the back door. Those looking to stretch their legs might try the “Otterbahn”, a great little trail starting by the school that weaves through tall grass and spruce thickets to end at the ocean for an unlimited opportunity to stroll or beachcomb. We’ll then head to the nearby airstrip to catch our air taxi quick hop back across the bay to Homer. From above the perspective is priceless. It’s almost hard to get back in a vehicle again, but we’ll still have time to peruse a bit more of this town that draws so many for its beauty. Lunch will be in a local eatery. We’ll know the way back north by now, so Hope will seem like home when we get back to our snug log cabins. A barbecue is planned on the deck of the lodge, with a creekside campfire an apt possibility afterwards. Or, there might be those that prefer to head “downtown”, to Main Street that ends in the ocean, and the Seaview Bar that is often a colorful mix of visitors, locals, and gold miners still eking an income from the creeks. The music is often phenomenal too. **Meals: B, L, D**

**Day 6 · Hope to Anchorage**

fter breakfast, we might try our luck at optional gold panning with some local miners instructing, while others wander the historic displays of the museum next door. Heading out of Hope, we’ll visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center in Portage on the way to the small town of Girdwood, home of the world-class Alyeska Ski Resort situated here due to a much higher level of precipitation than even the adjacent valleys. It is a microclimate that gives rise to a temperate rainforest (yes, rainforest) with flora completely different from Hope, just a couple dozen miles away. Lush ferns and undergrowth along with large spruce trees are dominate. Some might want to explore this environment directly, following the trail up Winner Creek to its beautiful little gorge, while others might opt to take the tram to the top of Mt. Alyeska for a commanding view. It might be a late lunch but worth it at the Bake Shop upon return. The Seward Highway hugs the edge of Turnagain Arm and we just might have to stop at Beluga Point to see if any of the creatures for which it takes its name, might make an appearance. And then it’s on back to Anchorage in the late afternoon, each of us probably just a bit different than when we left, and most likely figuring out just when we can return. The Kenai is some of the best of Alaska, but then there are still many other Alaskas that remain… **Meals: B, L**
**TRIP ENHANCEMENTS**

While your trip with Adventure Alaska may be the centerpiece of your travels north, we can also make recommendations and assist you with lodging or tour arrangements to complement our packages. Many options exist, from exploring an area not featured in your chosen itinerary, to simply securing a room if you would like to arrive early for your trip. There are particular establishments and operators with which we are comfortable, and some “secret” spots we’d be delighted to recommend. Anchorage is an excellent base from which to head out by bush plane, train or rental car. Activities abound from sightseeing to fly-out fishing to remote lodge stays, and we can offer a bit of advice on which might best meet your desires. Give us your thoughts, and we’ll help you decide and then set up everything at no extra cost to you.

A Few Ideas…

**Hope, Alaska**

Hope is a tiny little gold rush town at the end of the road that retains a real frontier flavour. It is the Alaska many have in mind when the name is mentioned. While many of the itineraries feature time there, we suggest that you might consider Hope (if you can squeeze a few more days of vacation!) as a base for further exploration. Accommodations include creekside log cabins with shared baths.

The hiking out the back door is fantastic and other intriguing options exist for whatever you desire, from just plain relaxing to gold panning to world class whitewater rafting. Located 1 1/2 hours by road from Anchorage, Hope is also less than 15 minutes by air charter. Inexpensive scheduled van shuttles can also be arranged for drop off and pick up to destinations such as Seward, Homer and Anchorage. Hope is our chosen home and we’d love to share it with you!

**Kenai Fjords National Park**

Boat trips into the park are fantastic and more than worth the price. Seward is an easy drive from Hope and allows for a great day in the Fjords and Chiswell Islands Wildlife Refuge, with tour boats departing at 11:30AM and returning between 5 and 6PM. Tours that feature overnight stays on remote Fox Island in Resurrection Bay are also available, with great sea kayaking an option.

**White Water Rafting**

Nearby Six-Mile Creek offers some of the most exciting whitewater in North America, guided by Alaska’s most experienced river company. This creek has three canyon segments, as beautiful as they are thrilling. Trips featuring Canyons 1 & 2 offer Class IV rapids, with those opting to include Canyon 3 promised Class V water. Dry suits are provided.

**Homer & Kenai Peninsula**

The Kenai is home to some of Alaska’s most famous fishing as well as a wealth of recreational possibilities. Great jaunts include: overnight trips across Kachemak Bay to Seldovia; fly-out fishing or kayaking; deep sea charters from nearby Whittier, and oodles more.
McCarthy, Alaska
McCarthy is a truly unique end-of-the road ghost town, situated in the middle of our country’s largest national park, the Wrangell-St. Elias. Here we have a wonderfully private facility, located on an island between the Kennicott River and McCarthy Creek. Views of the great icefalls delight the eyes, with the sound of the two rivers massaging the ears.

We’re in the midst of building a lodge here, with the current state of progress being creekside tent sites, an outhouse and a dining cabin. It’s truly a wild world to explore, with McCarthy as a great base for hiking (fly-out or from the island itself), ice climbing, or river rafting. Multi-day river trips to Chitina or all the way to Cordova are a fantastic custom option with our guides and equipment. It’s a location that begs any length of exploration, befitting one of our crown jewel national parks.

Eagle, Alaska
Eagle is another gem at the end of the road, steeped in the history and stark beauty that so define the vast Interior. It’s here that we’ve renovated a couple of historic structures and built a few new ones to enable our guests to linger in this tiny outpost unique unto itself.

Our regular trips include the Yukon and Forty Mile, and the Yukon-Charley Natl. Preserve awaits, just 12 miles downstream…

Other Possibilities
Small boat cruises: Some fantastic small boat cruises are available in Southeast Alaska as well as Prince William Sound, from overnight to multi-day explorations. We’ve some great places and folks we’d be delighted to recommend.

Glacier Bay National Park
Home to more than half of Alaska’s active tidewater glaciers Glacier Bay is truly a jewel. Tour options range from day trips out of Juneau, to 4-day small vessel cruises that include hiking and sea kayaking.

Wrangell-St. Elias Nat’l. Park
It’s our country’s largest park. Air charter and bus transport from Anchorage make the Wrangells a fantastic place to explore, from the ghost towns of McCarthy and Kennicott to the wild backcountry.

Fishing, fishing, fishing
Many of the fish stories here are actually true and we will happily refer you to reputable operators that offer anything from one day fly-out fishing from Anchorage to overnights and salt water charters.

The Pribilof Islands
The Pribilofs are some of the most remote islands in the world, and home to the largest Aleut native community. Famous for their abundance of wildlife, here are found in great numbers seals, sea lions, whales, reindeer and over 210 species of birds.

Photographic opportunities are guaranteed with the local guides practiced in helping you set up for that fantastic shot as part of your tour. Activities include a visit to the historic Russian Orthodox church and guided naturalist trips to the incredible seal and bird rookeries, with an invitation to stay as long as you would like.

Package prices include round trip air from Anchorage, transfers, naturalist/guide services and double occupancy accommodations, with meals not included.

Option PRB1 3 Days/2 Nights (departs Monday & Wed.)
Option PRB2 4 Days/3 Nights (departs Friday)
Please call for current pricing.

A few others…
Among our staff, specialties in the art of playing outside abound, and we’d be delighted to set something up according to your interests. This might include mountain biking, scuba diving (dry suits only), running, kayaking or a simple hike in the mountains. Give us a call!

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**Why would I want to travel in a group?**

Alaska is far more vast and varied than most visitors recognize, and traveling independently can be quite challenging. Reservations are required long in advance for most lodging and activities, as the summer season is so short. Our past clients, many taking a group trip for the first time, express appreciation for the convenience of planning that a set itinerary offers, as well as for the professional experience of what and where truly is of interest.

While many options exist for visiting Alaska, small group travel is among the most rewarding, combining the ease of travel arrangements with a very personal experience, highlighted by the perspective of knowledgeable guides. As the quality of experience for each participant is our overriding goal, group size is limited to six persons on some itineraries, no more than eight on most, and ten on select tours.

**Who are your typical clients?**

Our customary clientele is quite diverse, ranging in age from 9 to 84 years. Certain itineraries attract different ages, with groups often mixed between couples and individuals traveling alone. We’ve had numerous honeymooners (and even a marriage en route!). Some itineraries are popular with families, and we can try to arrange to pair similarly aged children if possible. Increasingly too, we have had the privilege of multigenerational travelers.

**What about prices?**

Travel options in Alaska obviously vary widely, and are generally more costly than elsewhere. When making comparisons, consider how the size of the group might help define the experience that you are looking for, and that the costs are necessarily spread accordingly. Our trips also include a full first and last day of activities, which is not the industry norm. Many companies also do not include meals or have “hidden” options. If you’re traveling as a single and are willing to share accommodations, we also don’t charge a forced, “single supplement”. It’s your wallet but it’s also your vacation.

**How strenuous are the trips, really?**

It depends on the itinerary you choose. “Tours” stay only in established accommodations and dine in local restaurants, with light hiking an option. They are quite comfortable and are enjoyed by a vast range of ages. “Adventures” involve wilderness travel and camping and can be somewhat more rigorous by nature. Some destinations offer only rustic accommodations, and of course we aren’t always able to guarantee the weather or unforeseen circumstances of travel.

No special skills are required and beyond good health, the only requirement is a keen spirit of adventure and a true desire to appreciate what is unique about these lands. Adventure Alaska trips are not for everybody and should you have any questions as to the suitability of a trip, please don’t hesitate to contact our office. We’ll gladly recommend a competitor rather than steer you toward a trip that you might not fully enjoy.

**How do we travel?**

Most itineraries involve a variety of means of travel in order to give a better feel for the particular area we are exploring. From trains to boats or on foot, each is integral to the overall experience. While all involve some road travel, we will be in specially equipped 15-passenger vans with never more than 10 persons.

**What are the tour leaders like?**

We go to great pains to find those that believe in what they are doing, because they are the basis of your experience as well as ours. This means that each is older than the industry norm and extremely knowledgeable on the areas visited, as well as the activities involved, and not simply a college kid from somewhere else, looking for a summer job. All are more qualified than you might expect, from safety training to natural history to just plain interesting.
Will we follow the itinerary exactly?
We attempt to stick as close to the itinerary as possible, but due to the wild nature of Alaska and the remoteness of some of our destinations, occasionally weather conditions, road construction delays and other unforeseen events require us to alter our plans. Flexibility is the key to fully enjoying your trip.

When is the best time to visit Alaska?
Every summer month has something special to recommend it: late May and early June may still have snow on the ground and fewer leaves on the trees. This makes spotting wildlife (with their Spring newborns) easier. Late June and July feature stupendous wildflowers (including our famous fireweed) and, generally, warmer temperatures. This time period also offers the opportunity to experience Alaska’s midnight sun. Berries are the stars of August visits to Alaska—and with berries, come the bears who eat them. Visitors in late August may be able to glimpse the first displays of the Northern Lights of the fall season, as well as the beautiful fall colors starting to spread across the tundra.

Those wishing to experience the “real” Alaska should travel with us on one of our winter itineraries. We provide the arctic winter gear; you provide a sense of adventure.

Can you accommodate my dietary restrictions?
Tours use established restaurants and guests may choose what they wish off of the menu. Most establishments offer vegetarian options and do their best to accommodate special requests. Please keep in mind, however, that at many of the remote locations we visit, access to the freshest fruits, vegetables and gourmet items is limited.

Adventures rely upon a combination of restaurants and camp cooking. Our camp recipes use some beef and fish, but vegetarian modifications can be made easily by your guide upon request. We strive to provide reasonably healthy and tasty meals with ingredients chosen for maximum energy, transportability and durability.

Most tours stop at a grocery store on the first day so that you can purchase any items, including snacks and alcoholic beverages, you require. Please note that you will need to purchase your own cooler, if needed, as the group coolers have only very limited extra space.

Please contact us if you have questions about your specific dietary needs.

What about the mosquitoes?
Alaskan mosquitoes are the stuff of legends...at least that’s what you’ve heard from others who have visited. While it’s true that at certain times and places in the summer, the flying insects can test the patience of even the most trail-hardened veteran, many find that bugs are worse where they come from! If particularly sensitive and you find yourself in one of those areas of “concentration”, here are a few tips that will make your visit more bearable.

1. Use an insect repellent with DEET and re-apply frequently. Though there are legions of natural and non-DEET repellents on the market, research in Alaska has shown that only DEET is truly effective, and lasts the longest.
2. Wear light-colored clothing.
3. Bring your own head-net or, if traveling with us on an Adventure itinerary, borrow one of ours.

What kind of precautions do you take against bears?
Almost all of our destinations offer the opportunity to view bears in their natural surroundings. While this is an exciting and memorable experience, we will be required to take certain precautions when hiking and camping in bear country. Your guide will teach you the proper techniques to use in bear encounters and while camping. In a nutshell, you will not be permitted to store food, drink or anything with a scent (including toothpaste, deodorant and lip balm) in your tents.

We do not carry firearms as we firmly believe that following the appropriate steps and using good bear sense are the best techniques for sharing the wilderness with these wonderful animals.

Adventure Travel: is just that!
We pride ourselves in being able to give our guests what the large tour companies (i.e. Princess, Holland America, etc.) do not – a chance to visit some of the out-of-the-way places, meet the true locals and support the local economies. Since most everyone has a different definition of just what is adventure, we ask that you consider carefully the type of trip you’re taking and the level of comfort you expect. We very intentionally feature smaller destinations that have not been developed to handle large numbers, and as such do not promise the level of amenities found at larger facilities. We believe that this is integral to experiencing a more “authentic” Alaska, and the overwhelmingly positive feedback from our past clients makes us confident that we’re succeeding in showing an Alaska that most visitors rarely enjoy.

Adventure Alaska trips aren’t for everybody and we’ll gladly recommend a competitor rather than have you take a trip that you might not fully enjoy. Our only requirement: A keen spirit of adventure and true desire to appreciate what is unique about these lands and their peoples. You’ll be rewarded with a personal experience that simply can’t be had on a cursory cruise tour, designed to handle many thousands at a time.

**Tipping**

We are often asked about tipping, and it is frankly difficult to come up with an adequate response. When it comes to gratuities to your tour guide, generally speaking, we feel it is entirely up to each individual, as each traveler’s means and desire to tip varies. We do believe however that tipping encourages excellence and rewards a job well done, so with this in mind, we support the concept of tipping. And because we’ve been asked so often what an appropriate tip is, a possible guideline for tipping your guide is $10-15 per person per day. Please note that all restaurant tips for meals during the trip will be handled by Adventure Alaska. Tipping to outside vendors GUIDES (i.e. ice-trekking guides, pilots, boat captains, etc.) is at the discretion of those partaking in the individual services, and again, is highly recommended.

**Food & Restaurants**

During the itineraries, we provide 3 meals a day, with snacks available in the van (alcoholic beverages not included). We make no pretense promising “gourmet” meals, as food is not the focus of our types of trips (—but folks do comment that the meals are exceptional given the great distance groceries must travel!). Often we eat at the establishment where we are staying for the night, and as these are often somewhat remote locations, menu selection is sometimes limited. Meals are hearty (we do get “complaints” about the huge portions in Alaska) and sometimes include local fare such as salmon, halibut or reindeer. While camping, the guide prepares all meals, though assistance is not always refused.

**Bathrooms:**

For our “tours” full bathrooms with flush toilets and hot showers are available each night, with facilities occasionally down the hall, or in a separate building. For the “adventures”, it’s the tried and true outhouse facilities while camping, and hot showers and toilets that flush when we’re not “roughing it”!

**Smoking**

Is not permitted in the vans, nor inside most of the accommodations or restaurants, though one can certainly do so out of doors.

**The Electronic Age**

Items such as cell phones, ipods and laptop computers, though integral in many of our respective lives, can intrude upon the enjoyment of others trying to “get away from it all”, and so we ask that their use be considered and discrete. Many of the places we go are out of cell range, or have proprietary networks not always compatible with national carriers. Wireless connection locations are also suprisingly infrequent. Some locations still have satellite-based or very limited phone capacity, and are unable to accommodate non-emergency public use. What better excuse could there be for not getting a hold of the office—and remember, it is vacation!

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General travel, and depending on the particular tour the activities stated in the itinerary of camping, canoeing, kayaking, and hiking, may involve possible exposure to sun, rain, wind, and water and entails a certain amount of physical exertion. If you have reason to think that recent illness, injury or surgery would affect your participation, please discuss it with your doctor. We request the following information to help safeguard your health and well-being:

Name ____________________________

Occupation ____________________________

Height (inches) ____________________________

Weight ____________________________

Are you allergic to insect bites or stings? ______

Are you pregnant? ______

Please describe your swimming ability: ____________________________

If you have health insurance, please provide the name of the insurance company and other details: ______

Does anyone else in your party have health insurance? ______

If yes to any of the above, please explain: ______

Do you currently use a doctor’s care? ______

If so, for what reasons? ______

Have you ever had: ______

Asthma ______

Allergies (food, medication) ______

Asthma ______

Diabetes ______

High Blood Pressure ______

Back Problems ______

Heart Disease ______

Have you ever had: ______

Dislocations ______

Philosophy ______

Back Problems ______

Heart Disease ______

Have you ever had: ______

Dislocations ______

Philosophy ______

Please describe any special dietary requirements: ______

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE NOTIFY:

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Personal Information Form and the accompanying Safety Statement form are required to be filled out in full by each client before participating on any tour or trip. Thank you for your help!
We look forward to meeting you and being your guide in the Last Frontier! See you soon!

Thanks for taking the time to share this information.

Any suggestions?

________________________________________ (Other please specify):

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________________________________________ Google  Bing  Yahoo  Other Search Engine

________________________________________ Internet/Web (If you could recall exactly how, that would be great!)

________________________________________ Family Adventure Mag  AMC Outdoors  Sierra Magazine

________________________________________ Official Tour Directory  Travel Planner  Travel Agent

________________________________________ Past Client Referral  Travel Agent  Travel Planner

How did you hear about us? (if you really help our limited advertising dollars to know...

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___________________________________________ What factors influenced you to choose our tour company?

___________________________________________ Previous Travel Experience:

___________________________________________ Interests/Hobbies:

___________________________________________ Your cell phone number:

___________________________________________ Phone number of this location (in case we need to contact you):

___________________________________________ Where are you staying the night before your trip?

___________________________________________ Date of Arrival:

___________________________________________ Time of Arrival:

PRE-TRIP ARRIVAL INFORMATION:
I, __________________________________________, have asked to participate on a tour or trip given by Adventure Alaska Tours with Patrick, LLC ("Adventure Alaska"). I understand that Adventure Alaska is only prepared to accept me as a participant on this tour or trip under certain circumstances and if I make and faithfully adhere to certain representations. I therefore certify to Adventure Alaska for its benefit that:

1. I suffer no disabilities of any nature whatsoever that might impair or interfere with my safe participation on the tour or trip except as I have otherwise disclosed in writing to Adventure Alaska.

2. While on the tour or trip I will promptly and carefully obey all instructions concerning safe conduct and practices given me by the trip guide, company representatives, and/or leaders.

I understand that in these circumstances Adventure Alaska cannot be the guardian of my safety and I hereby personally assume all of the risks and dangers, whether described herein or not, in connection with the tour or trip in which I will participate. I hereby expressly and irrevocably release Adventure Alaska Tours with Patrick LLC, its shareholders, officers, directors, employees, and agents from any claims, expenses, or damages of whatever nature, whether foreseeable or not, that may arise from the tour or trip or related activities, including but not limited to claims resulting from my personal injury, death, property loss, or other damage, whether intentional or accidental, whether caused by negligence of Adventure Alaska. I have full informed myself of the contents of this release by reading it before signing.

I affirm that I am eighteen (18) years of age or older and legally competent to sign this Release.
CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

Tour and/or Lodging Dates: ____________________________
Number in Party: ____________________________

Description of Tour (if applicable): ____________________________

Trip Code: ____________________________

Guest Info:
Printed Name of Guest(s): ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City: ____________________________
State: ____________________________
Zip: ____________________________
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FullName on Card: ____________________________
Exp. Date: ____________________________
3-Digit Code on back: ____________________________

Note: Total Sale includes a 3.5% credit card handling fee.

I certify that all of the above information is correct. I hereby authorize Adventure Alaska Tours with Patrick LLC to charge the above amount to my account. I understand that I will forfeit the amount indicated by the cancellation policies outlined below if I do not adhere to the trip departure or the earliest reserved lodging date. Lodging reservations will be charged for the full amount of the stay plus the 3% Kenai Borough tax, with a $100 security deposit authorized upon arrival, but charged only in the case of damages.

Due to the very short Alaskan season, cancellation of confirmed reservations is subject to a fee to cover administrative costs and lost bookings.

Cancellation Policies:

Cancellations must be received in writing, with the fees subject to the date we receive cancellation prior to the trip departure or the earliest reserved lodging date. A cancellation code will be provided at that time which must be retained as proof of cancellation. A credit/record of deposit will be provided at that time which must be retained as proof of credit/deposit. Cancellations must be received in writing, with the fees subject to the date we receive cancellation prior to the trip departure or the earliest reserved lodging date. A credit/record of deposit will be provided at that time which must be retained as proof of credit/deposit.

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Cardholder Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Note: $100 security deposit authorized upon arrival.

Cancellation policies:

Within 30 days: 100% non-refundable on arrival
60-31 days: 50% of tour cost
90-61 days: non-refundable deposit forfeiture
Anytime after booking: $20 per person

Lodging Cancellation Policy:

Within 30 days: 100% non-refundable on arrival
60-31 days: 50% of deposit
Anytime after booking: non-refundable

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