

COMMON CLIENT QUESTIONS

Given the unique nature of our itineraries and the possibility that this is the first time many are traveling to these lands, or maybe experiencing them in this particular fashion, we encounter many very legitimate questions about what to expect. A few of the more common are answered below; some may not apply to the particular trip you are interested in, but if any at all remain, don't hesitate to let us know.

I've read the literature, but how hard are these trips, REALLY?

Adventure Alaska trips are designed to be enjoyable by a very wide range of ages, with each particular itinerary the culmination of years of input from past participants ranging from 8 to 80 years of age. Though these are "adventure" trips in that we'll be doing things that the average tourist obviously would not, our overriding emphasis is to be able to enjoy the many experiences while at the same time being as comfortable as possible. Yes, we will be spending a considerable amount of time out of doors, and while we certainly can't guarantee that it will always be sunny and the birds always singing, we can be prepared and make as many adjustments as possible to minimize the effects of uncooperative conditions. As for the difficulty of a particular outdoor sport, all portions are designed with the complete novice in mind, as detailed below.

I see that we cover a lot of territory, but are we visiting mainly tourist destinations?

We do visit some of the popular highlights of the North, for the very reasons that they are universally considered highlights, though we do very consciously avoid the most crowded areas. The majority of our travels though, and indeed our guiding philosophy, seeks to present the true character of the North, which means those destinations that aren't designed exclusively for tourists. We go to great lengths to make sure that you witness firsthand and in fact feel, what is so unique about these wonderful lands. Many of the places we stay are built, owned and operated by Adventure Alaska to better allow our guests the intimate experience that only small-scale facilities can. By traveling with long-time Alaskans, you benefit from visiting the authentic, little-known places and people that truly are the North. We bet that you'll be amazed how far we get off the "beaten path"...

With such a full itinerary, will we have time to relax?

You bet. Though the schedule is quite full, relaxation times are built into the itinerary so you can poke around a bit and discover on your own. Several mornings we will be departing quite early for the day's particular route, though plenty of time is open the night before to get to bed early. Do remember that Alaskan days are mighty long in the summer, and with all there is to do, sometimes you just have to put yourself to bed!