



Glacier Bay Lodge



Humpback Whale

**SOUTHEAST ALASKAN EXPLORER**

**6 Days / 5 Nights**

Enjoy the best of Southeast Alaska via floatplane, ferry and dayboat cruising, including Glacier Bay National Park and Alaska's capital city, Juneau.

**Day 1: Juneau**

Transfer from the airport to your hotel. The afternoon and evening are free to explore Alaska's capital city. Choose optional excursions like a visit to Mendenhall Glacier or Mt. Robert's Tramway. History buffs can browse the Alaska State Museum. Gold rush fans can tour the Last Chance Museum. And for those who like to

shop, downtown Juneau is filled with colorful curio shops and art galleries. Overnight Juneau.

**Day 2: Juneau – Skagway**

Fly from Juneau to Skagway then it's All Aboard! You'll step back in time as you board the White Pass & Yukon Route railway for your journey along the Stampede Trail. Enjoy a fully narrated tour as you ascend the steep mountain pass to the summit and then retrace your steps as you return to Skagway. Your evening is free to stroll the wooden sidewalks and take in the sights of false-fronted buildings and beautiful natural surroundings. Overnight Skagway.

**Day 3: Skagway – Haines**

Relax on a ferry to Haines. Then enjoy a tour of the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve and a float trip of the local waterways in the morning. Get an up-close look at one of our nation's most recognizable symbols, the bald eagle. Overnight Haines.

**Day 4: Haines – Gustavus (Glacier Bay)**

This morning you will fly to Juneau then onto Gustavus and Glacier Bay Lodge, nestled among the spruce trees of Bartlett Cove. Enjoy the spectacular surroundings and optional activities at the lodge, including guided hikes and naturalist presentations. Overnight Glacier Bay. (D)

**Day 5: Glacier Bay – Juneau**

This morning you'll embark on a dayboat cruise through Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, one of Alaska's most sought-after travel destinations. You will marvel at towering glaciers, home to the area's marine life. Then enjoy a flight to beautiful Juneau. Overnight Juneau. (B, L)

**Day 6: Juneau**

We'll transfer you to the airport, where your tour ends with many memories from the Great Land.

**GLACIER BAY LODGE**

**2 Days / 1 Night**

This tour is a great package to add on to your vacation. Consider extending your All Alaska Tour or Yukon Highlights for more rest and relaxation in this beautiful area of Alaska. Witness the pristine beauty and awe-inspiring majesty of Glacier Bay's tidewater glaciers and the wide variety of wildlife. Choose from numerous optional activities.

**Day 1: Juneau – Glacier Bay Lodge**

Transfer from your hotel to the airport for your flight to Gustavus, the home of Glacier Bay Lodge. Upon arrival, transfer to the lodge, where you can choose from numerous optional activities, including kayaking, fishing, hiking, golfing or a gallery tour. Overnight Glacier Bay Lodge. (D)

**Day 2: Glacier Bay – Juneau**

This morning, transfer to your dayboat for an unforgettable cruise into Glacier Bay National Park. Spend the day on the waters of Glacier Bay and see magnificent tidewater glaciers, ancient snow-capped mountains, whales, Steller sea lions, rare birds, coastal bears, seals, eagles and so much more! The only day-tour permitted inside Glacier Bay National Park, the Glacier Bay Tour takes you on a high-speed catamaran for an intimate view of marine and coastal wildlife alongside massive glaciers and towering mountains. Your journey takes you to the face of the Margerie and Grand Pacific Glaciers, two of 16 tidewater glaciers found in Glacier Bay. Your 8-hour tour is fully narrated by a National Park Service interpreter. Lunch is included. At the conclusion of your cruise, we'll transfer you to the airport in Gustavus for your return to Juneau. Tour ends at the Juneau airport. (B, L)

**SOUTHEAST ALASKAN EXPLORER**

**6 Days / 5 Nights**

**Value:** May 21 – 31, Sept. 1 – 6

**\$1,685 Tax/Fees: \$71**

**Peak:** June 1 – Aug. 31

**\$1,729 Tax/Fees: \$73**

**GLACIER BAY LODGE**

**2 Days / 1 Night**

**Season:** May 23 – Sept. 1

**\$769 Tax/Fees: \$21**

*Departs daily.*

**DISCOVER SOUTHEAST ALASKA:**

- Ancient tidewater glaciers make Glacier Bay National Park a unique and stunning destination
- Visitors will discover a dynamic climate in the park with temperatures ranging from 50s to low 60s
- With no roads leading into the park, Glacier Bay is accessible only by air and water

*Fares based on double occupancy, per person, U.S. dollars.*

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

**Juneau | Page 30:** Mendenhall Glacier

Extend your vacation and add extra nights at Glacier Bay Lodge.

## ADVENTURE TOURS



Iditarod Trail Sled Dogs



Barrow, Alaska



Native Alaskan Blanket Toss

### WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

#### IDITAROD WINTER TOUR

6 Days / 5 Nights

Race day! Saturday, March 8, 2009

Tour: March 4 – March 9

Adult: \$675 Tax/Fees: \$25

Join us as we celebrate Alaska's favorite pastime—dog sledding! On this tour, you will have the opportunity to attend the Musher's Ball and also cheer on the racers and sled dogs as their 1150-mile adventure to Nome begins.

##### Day 1: Anchorage

Transfer to your downtown hotel and enjoy the rest of the day on your own. Overnight Anchorage.

##### Day 2: Anchorage

Tour Anchorage, including stops at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art and Lake Hood, the world's largest floatplane base. This evening, attend the Iditarod Gala known as the "Musher's Ball." Overnight Anchorage.

##### Day 3: Anchorage – Alyeska – Anchorage

Travel by deluxe motor coach through scenic Turnagain Arm to Alyeska Resort. While exploring this beautiful resort, opt for an optional tram ride to the top of Mt. Alyeska or a superb lunch. You'll also stop at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center and Portage Glacier Lake. Overnight Anchorage.

##### Day 4: Anchorage

Attend the ceremonial start of the Iditarod, in downtown Anchorage and cheer on your favorite team! Overnight Anchorage.

##### Day 5: Anchorage

Motor coach from Anchorage to Willow for the official start of the 2009 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race! Overnight Anchorage.

##### Day 6: Anchorage

Transfer to the Anchorage airport, where we'll say good-bye.

### ARCTIC SIGHTSEEING

#### AN ADVENTURE IN NOME

Daily departures: May 25 – September 5

1- or 2-Day tours from Anchorage or Fairbanks

Nome, situated on the Seward Peninsula by the Bering Sea, is rich in colorful Gold Rush history, and is home to the world's longest dog sled race. Have your camera ready as you pull into a dog musher's camp, where you'll experience firsthand the difficulty of dog racing. During your visit to Little Creek Mine, you'll be greeted by a gold miner's family and learn about the gold strike of the 1890's. See modern day prospectors looking for the big strike and try your own luck at panning for gold—what you find, you keep. Shoppers and collectors will find exquisite jade, hand-carved ivory and skin sewings here.

#### ON TOP OF THE WORLD: BARROW

Daily departures: May 15 – September 16

1- or 2-Day tours from Anchorage or Fairbanks

Take flight for "the top of the world." Barrow is the northernmost point on the continent, 330 miles north of the Arctic Circle, and Alaska's largest Eskimo village. Local residents enjoy sharing their stories and culture, and you'll tour the Inupiat Heritage Center to experience local music, native dances, and the traditional blanket toss. Examine the tundra, search for bird species, see Arctic Ocean ice, and walk on a beautiful beach as far north as you may ever travel. Extra-brave guests can join the world's most prestigious Polar Bear Club with a swim in the Arctic Ocean.

**An Adventure in Nome and On Top of the World: Barrow pricing and ability to book will be available on our website by January 2, 2009.**

#### PRUDHOE BAY NORTH SLOPE EXPLORER

4 Days / 3 Nights

Departs Sundays and Fridays

Value: May 24, 29, 31

\$1279 Tax/Fees: \$63

Peak: June 7 – August 30

\$1349 Tax/Fees: \$65

Marvel at the austere beauty of this remote location on the Arctic Ocean—the source of the oil fields that feed the Trans-Alaska pipeline. Located on Alaska's North Slope and the Arctic Ocean, Prudhoe Bay is 1,300 miles south of the North Pole and 250 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

##### Day 1: Anchorage

Upon arrival we'll transfer you to your downtown hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day on your own. Overnight Anchorage.

##### Day 2: Anchorage – Prudhoe Bay

We'll transfer you to the airport this morning for your flight to Prudhoe Bay. Upon arrival, enjoy a tour of the area that surrounds the oil field facility. Overnight in Deadhorse, on the outskirts of Prudhoe Bay.

##### Day 3: Prudhoe Bay – Coldfoot

Travel aboard a deluxe motor coach as we venture along the Dalton Highway, also known as Haul Road, since it was the supply route for the pipeline workers during construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. We'll pass Gates of the Arctic National Park, an untouched 8.3 million acres of Alaskan wilderness where populations of birds, moose, caribou and other wildlife roam free. Overnight Coldfoot.

##### Day 4: Coldfoot – Fairbanks

Today we'll journey to Alaska's "Golden Heart" city. Along the way we'll cross the Arctic Circle and you will be awarded an official Arctic Circle Club certificate. Look for caribou, musk ox, ptarmigan and fox. When we arrive in Fairbanks we'll transfer you to the airport or hotel.

# ADVENTURE TOURS



Puffin



Denali Backcountry Lodge



Monument in Homer

## KENAI FJORDS ADVENTURE

3 Days / 2 Nights

Value: May 12 – 31, September 1 – 13

\$589 Tax/Fees: \$40

Peak: June 1 – August 31

\$669 Tax/Fees: \$46

Experience some of Alaska's most spectacular marine wildlife in just a few days as you tour a handful of glacial waterways! This tour may be added on to any package that ends in Anchorage.

### Day 1: Anchorage – Seward

This morning, transfer to the Alaska Railroad depot for your journey to Seward. You'll take a remarkable rail journey and wind through some of the most beautiful scenery to be found in Alaska. In Seward, visit the Alaska SeaLife Center, the only cold-water marine research facility in the Western Hemisphere and home to Steller sea lions, harbor seals and a variety of seabirds. Tonight, enjoy your stay in picturesque Seward, a scenic coastal town of only 3,000 residents. Overnight Seward.

### Day 2: Seward – Kenai Fjords National Park – Anchorage

You will start your morning with a six-hour wildlife and glacier cruise along the rugged Kenai Peninsula viewing rocky coastlines and glacier-crowned peaks. Porpoises, puffins, sea otters, whales and dozens of seabird species make their home in Kenai Fjords National Park. Enjoy lunch onboard while you're exploring the spectacular sights. After you've returned to Seward, board the Alaska Railroad. Experience the wilderness backdrop through the outdoor viewing areas, or sit back and relax on your journey to Anchorage. Overnight Anchorage. (L)

### Day 3: Anchorage

We provide a transfer to the airport.

## DENALI BACKCOUNTRY LODGE

3 Days / 2 Nights

Value: June 4 – 12, September 7 – 11

\$829 Tax/Fees: \$24

Peak: June 13 – September 6

\$975 Tax/Fees: \$24

This package may be added to any tour that includes Denali National Park. An additional night may be required at the park entrance.

### Day 1: Denali Backcountry Lodge

Start with a scenic drive from the park entrance to the end of the Denali Park Road at Denali Backcountry Lodge. You'll enjoy the sweeping vistas and variety of wildlife that make Denali National Park so famous. Nestled in the snug valley carved by Moose Creek as it winds to the Yukon, the lodge lies at the very end of the restricted 95-mile park road. Overnight Denali Backcountry Lodge. (D)

### Day 2: Denali Backcountry Lodge

Begin your day exploring the pristine Alaska landscape. Relax and enjoy optional activities throughout the day, such as gold panning, mountain biking, guided hikes and a shuttle to spectacular viewing areas. On a clear day, you will capture stunning photos of majestic Mt. McKinley. Wind down the evening in the dining and lounge areas found in the spacious two-story lodge. Overnight Denali Backcountry Lodge. (B, L, D)

### Day 3: Denali Park Entrance

During your journey back to the park entrance, you will have more opportunities to view wildlife in search of the Denali Big Four: moose, caribou, bear and Dall sheep. Tour ends at park entrance. (B)

*Departs daily. Please note that deposit requirements and cancellation policies for this tour may differ from those of Gray Line of Alaska. All meals and activities are included at the Lodge.*

## HOMER EXPLORER

7 Days / 6 Nights

Value: May 23 and Sept. 12

\$1449 Tax/Fees: \$85

Peak: June 6, 20; July 4, 18; Aug. 1, 15, 29

\$1549 Tax/Fees: \$92

### Day 1: Anchorage

Upon your arrival in Anchorage, we'll transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore Anchorage. Overnight Anchorage.

### Day 2: Anchorage – Seward

This morning, board the Alaska Railroad to Seward where you'll embark on a scenic wildlife and glacier cruise along the Kenai Peninsula. Overnight Seward. (L)

### Day 3: Seward – Homer

Today, you will venture to Homer along the Seward and Sterling Highways. The rest of the day is yours to explore this scenic area. Overnight Homer.

### Day 4: Homer

Today is free for optional activities in Homer. Visit the Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center or the Pratt Museum to experience firsthand the culture and wildlife of Homer. Overnight Homer.

### Day 5: Homer – Cooper Landing

Travel by motor coach along the stunning coastline of Cook Inlet via the Sterling Highway. Overnight Cooper Landing.

### Day 6: Cooper Landing – Anchorage

Enjoy a stop at Portage Glacier for a one-hour glacier cruise aboard the *m/v Ptarmigan*. Then, continue on to Anchorage with outstanding views along Turnagain Arm. Overnight Anchorage.

### Day 7: Anchorage

We'll transfer you to the airport, where your tour ends.

## ADVENTURE TOURS



Spectacular Seaplane Flightseeing



Fly-In Fishing



Susitna River Jet Boat Tour

### ALASKA FISHING OPTIONS

Fishing license fees are \$20 and are not included in the following tours, unless otherwise specified. Inquire with your Gray Line of Alaska reservations specialist for more information.

#### DENALI FLY FISHING

**Daily departures: June 7 – September 7 at 7:15am**

**Full-Day Adult: \$325 • Child (ages 2 to 12): \$325**

**Half-Day Adult: \$175 • Child (ages 2 to 12): \$175**

For experienced and first time fly fisherman, enjoy this fully outfitted excursion into the heart of the Alaska Range. We'll visit small streams and wade fish for native Arctic Grayling, the northernmost member of the Trout family. No fly fishing experience is needed however you must be able to walk up to a half mile during the trip. An Alaska fishing license is required. All transportation, fishing gear, flies, rain jacket and hip waders are included. We suggest bringing a pair of good wool or acrylic socks and sunglasses.

#### ONE-DAY FLY-IN FISHING FROM ANCHORAGE

**Daily departures: June 1 – August 31**

**Spin Cast: Adult: \$485 • Child (ages 2 to 12): \$485**

**Fly Fishing: Adult: \$535 • Child (ages 2 to 12): \$535**

Approximately 12 hours. Experience some of the world's best fishing in Alaska's backcountry, only minutes away from the city by seaplane. From fighting king and silver salmon, to feisty trout and grayling, you will travel to a remote lake or stream where the action is and the crowds aren't! We'll outfit you with an experienced Alaskan guide and all the gear. Trip price includes: flight tour, fishing gear and boat as required, guide services and hearty lunch with refreshments. Fishing license (\$20) and salmon tags (\$10) are additional. (L)

#### GREAT ALASKA FISH CAMP

**Daily departures: June 1 – September 7**

**1 Day (5 hours): \$295**

**2 Days/1 Night: \$1375**

**3 Days/2 Night: \$2075**

**Tours do not depart on Sundays or Mondays**

Enjoy world-class fishing at a deluxe lodge in the heart of the Kenai Peninsula. Fish for rainbow trout, Dolly Varden, sockeye, silver and king salmon. Special two- and three-day packages include transfers to the lodge in Sterling, all meals, guided boats, tackle and your fish boxed for your trip home. (Fish processing is an additional charge.)

#### TALKEETNA FISHING

**Daily departures: May 14 – September 14**

**Adult \$175**

Approximately 5 hours. With Mt. McKinley as the backdrop and the Susitna, Talkeetna and Chulitna rivers joining together, this area boasts the largest migrating fish run in the world. The fishing guides are longtime Alaska residents who will take you to their favorite fishing holes. With spectacular scenery all around, watch for bear and moose, as they're often seen on the riverbanks.

### TALKEETNA SIGHTSEEING

#### MCKINLEY EXPERIENCE FLIGHTSEEING AND GLACIER LANDING

**Daily departures: May 11 – September 18**

**McKinley Experience (60-minute flight):**

**Adult/Child (ages 2 to 12): \$215**

**McKinley Experience, glacier landing**

**(90-minute flight): Adult/Child (2 to 12): \$290**

This magnificent flightseeing tour provides panoramic and close-up views of Mt. McKinley. See the Kahiltna Glacier, Climbers Base Camp, the Ruth Glacier, Don Sheldon Amphitheater, and the Great Gorge. View all the peaks and glaciers on the stunning south face of Mt. McKinley.

#### RAFTING IN TALKEETNA

**Daily departures: May 15 – September 15**

**2-hour Rafting: Adult: \$75 • Child (8-12): \$59**

**4-hour Rafting: Adult: \$129 • Child (8-12): \$109**

Our rafting trips will take you through the remote wilderness of Denali, just a stone's throw away from Denali National Park's wild south side, with breathtaking views of glacial moraines, boulder fields, granite canyons and sparkling hematite beaches. The 2-hour float trip explores the lower end of the Talkeetna River and the 4-hour raft tour will take you 19 miles through the glacier-fed Chulitna River. It is quite common to see eagles, bears, foxes, wolves, lynx, beavers and moose, as well as many species of birds and fish.

#### JET BOAT SAFARI

**Daily departures: May 15 – September 20**

**Adult: \$65 • Child (ages 2 to 12): \$32.50**

Approximately 2 hours. The 51-passenger *Talkeetna Queen* will whisk you into the heart of the wilderness in comfort. Upon arriving at the safari site, you'll take a quarter-mile leisurely hike. Visit an authentic trapper's cabin with its original furnishings and learn how trappers lived in "bush" Alaska at the turn of the century.

See page 26 for day trips departing from Anchorage!