

DENALI AND INTERIOR PACKAGES



Tour Director



Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge

ESCORTED ALASKA EXPLORER

8 Days / 7 Nights

Experience Alaska's best wilderness and cultural attractions by boat, luxury glass-domed railcar and deluxe motor coach, with extra time to enjoy the wonders of Denali National Park, escorted all the way.

Day 1: Anchorage

We'll pick you up and take you to your hotel. Explore Alaska's largest city on your own or just relax. This evening, meet your tour director and traveling companions at a casual "get to know you" reception. Overnight Anchorage. (S)

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Peak: June 10, 24; July 8, 22; Aug. 5

\$2,399

Tax/Fees: \$102

VALUE OF A FULLY ESCORTED TOUR:

- Fully escorted throughout your journey with a knowledgeable Tour Director
- Treated to special group functions for unmatched camaraderie
- Extra personal service and peace of mind
- All transportation, accommodations, luggage handling, logistics and transfers are taken care of for you
- Welcome reception and farewell dinner
- 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Included excursions: Tundra Wilderness Tour, Cabin Nite Dinner Theater, Portage Glacier Cruise, Kenai Fjords Cruise, Anchorage City Tour, Alaska Native Heritage Center

Day 2: Anchorage – Talkeetna

You'll transfer to the rail depot this morning. Enjoy breakfast aboard luxurious railcars with your group in a comfortable dining area. On your journey watch the scenery unfold before you. Talkeetna is an eclectic town at the junction of three rivers, where nature trails and optional activities abound. You'll stay at the beautiful Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge, featuring quite possibly the most awesome view of Mt. McKinley in the state. Once there, you'll have time for optional activities such as flightseeing and river tours. Overnight Talkeetna. (B)

Day 3: Talkeetna – Denali

You'll already be swapping stories with your new friends over breakfast this morning. Then get a different perspective along the base of the spectacular Alaska Range as you reboard the luxury railcars to Denali National Park. Tonight you'll be regaled with a sumptuous dinner and homespun entertainment at Cabin Nite Dinner Theater. Overnight Denali. (B, D)

Day 4: Denali

Enjoy breakfast with your group before you venture into Denali National Park on the famed Tundra Wilderness Tour. Watch for big game and other Alaskan wildlife. Weather permitting, Mt. McKinley may be visible in its breathtaking splendor. You will also have time to participate in some of the park's complimentary activities, or select from thrilling options such as a jet boat ride or helicopter flightseeing. Overnight Denali. (B, S)

Day 5: Denali – Alyeska

This morning we'll take you south by deluxe motor coach to Portage Lake for an unforgettable cruise aboard the *mv Ptarmigan* to within 300 yards of Portage Glacier. Along the way, enjoy lunch with your traveling companions. At the end of your

day, rest easy at Hotel Alyeska, which boasts a four-diamond rating. While relaxing in this oasis of tranquility, enjoy optional tours, including a tram ride up Mt. Alyeska, or a superb meal. Overnight Alyeska. (B, L)

Day 6: Alyeska – Cooper Landing

After breakfast, travel by motor coach to Seward for an adventure cruise along the dramatic Kenai Peninsula coastline, broken by misty glacier-carved fjords. Enjoy lunch on board while watching for whales, sea lions, sea otters, bald eagles, puffins and more wildlife, plus alpine and tidewater glaciers. This 6-hour tour is fully narrated and provides in-depth experiences within Kenai Fjords National Park. Afterward, travel to Cooper Landing and stay at the remarkable Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge. Overnight Cooper Landing. (B, L)

Day 7: Cooper Landing – Anchorage

Join your group for breakfast this morning. Then travel by motor coach to Anchorage with time to explore and have lunch on your own. In the afternoon we'll treat you to a tour of Alaska's largest city—including the Alaska Native Heritage Center, where you can experience Alaska's many diverse native cultures, past and present. This evening, join your tour director and fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at a local Anchorage restaurant. Overnight Anchorage. (B, D)

Day 8: Anchorage

Extend your Alaska vacation with a variety of Gray Line travel opportunities, or end your tour here. We'll take you from your hotel to the airport.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Denali | Pages 27-29: Helicopter or Fixed-Wing Flightseeing, River Rafting, Covered-Wagon Tours, **Talkeetna | Page 26:** Fishing, Jet Boat Safari

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

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Luxury Rail Travel



Service Is Our Passion



ESCORTED GREAT LAND EXPLORER

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Experience Alaska at its finest as you travel by boat, glass-domed railcar, and motor coach on an escorted exploration of Alaskan cultural history and majestic wilderness. With an itinerary that includes excursions to Denali National Park and panning for gold in Fairbanks, this tour has something for everyone.

Day 1: Fairbanks

After you arrive in Fairbanks, we'll transfer you to your hotel. Relax or enjoy Fairbanks on your own. This evening we will host a welcome reception so you can meet your Tour Director and traveling companions. Overnight Fairbanks. (S)

Day 2: Fairbanks

After breakfast, visit Gold Dredge No. 8 to learn how it worked and have lunch. Pan for gold at El Dorado Gold Camp and learn about modern day gold mining. Then enjoy a ride on the Chena and Tanana rivers aboard an authentic sternwheeler. Overnight Fairbanks. (B, L)

Day 3: Fairbanks – Denali

An unforgettable rail journey to Denali is waiting for you this morning. Enjoy breakfast onboard the luxurious railcars as the untouched wilderness passes outside. Upon arrival, you'll travel into Denali National Park to watch big game and other Alaskan wildlife on the Tundra Wilderness Tour. Weather permitting, Mt. McKinley may be visible in its breathtaking splendor. Overnight Denali. (B, S)

Day 4: Denali – Talkeetna

Take time this morning to choose from many complimentary park-sponsored activities or optional tours. Then reboard the spacious

full domed railcars as you make your way to beautiful Talkeetna, located at the junction of three rivers and the closest town to Mt. McKinley. You'll stay at the beautiful McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge, featuring quite possibly the most awesome view of Mt. McKinley in the state. Once there, you'll have time for optional activities such as flightseeing and river tours. Overnight Talkeetna. (B)

Day 5: Talkeetna – Anchorage

This morning you will embark on a scenic journey via motor coach along the George Parks Highway. Along the way you'll stop at Happy Trails Kennels to learn how Martin Buser, an Iditarod champion, races and cares for his dogs on and off the trail. The tour begins with a DVD presentation about the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race from Anchorage to Nome, narrated by Buser and including his unique anecdotal stories gathered over 23 Iditarods. Learn about what it takes to care for up to 16 dogs on this 1,150-mile race. Watch a demo of the dogs in action, and you will have the chance to cuddle with the puppies. Enjoy lunch before returning to Anchorage. Overnight Anchorage. (B, L)

Day 6: Anchorage – Cooper Landing

After breakfast, relax on your motor coach journey to scenic Seward. Enjoy a 6-hour Kenai Fjords cruise today—a wildlife and glacier tour is one of the best ways to explore the Alaskan wilderness! Cruise along the rocky, wild shorelines and look for a variety of birds plus sea lions, bears and Dall sheep. Afterward, travel to Cooper Landing and stay at the remarkable Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge. Overnight Cooper Landing. (B, L)

Day 7: Cooper Landing – Anchorage

Join your group for breakfast this morning before you leave for a full day of sightseeing. First stop is

at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center where you will see moose, black bear, musk ox and other large animals in natural settings at this wildlife rehab and research center. Next we'll stop at Alyeska Resort for a tram ride and lunch. You have free time this afternoon to explore. Then we'll treat you to a tour of Alaska's largest city—including the Alaska Native Heritage Center, where you can experience Alaska's many diverse native cultures, past and present. We finish the day with a farewell dinner at a local Anchorage restaurant. Overnight Anchorage. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Anchorage

We'll take you from your hotel to the airport, where we'll leave you with fond farewells.

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\$2,445

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OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Denali | Pages 27-29: Rafting, Self-Drive Jeep Tour, Helicopter or Fixed-Wing Flightseeing

Fairbanks | Page 30-31: Chena Hot Springs & Ice Museum, Journey Above the Arctic Circle, Alaska Salmon Bake