



ALASKA: WILDERNESS & WILDLIFE - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2024)

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North America, USA



8 days from AU\$16,000 pp



18 Guests

Journey Overview

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Journey Highlights

- Venture by air beyond the rarely crossed Arctic Circle for a guided visit to an isolated wilderness community, meeting intrepid locals who choose to live there year round
- Ride a dome railcar with breathtaking views of Denali National Park and go flightseeing, landing and setting foot on a snow-covered glacier
- Visit the kennels of a three-time-consecutive Iditarod race winner and meet his Alaskan huskies
- Embark on a private full-day cruise on Prince William Sound with its diverse marine wildlife and majestic Alaskan scenery



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Fairbanks, Alaska

Arrive in Fairbanks, nicknamed the Golden Heart City, where you are met and privately transferred to your hotel. Tonight, enjoy a reception and welcome dinner.

Pike's Waterfront Lodge | Meals: D

Day 2: Fairbanks | Exploring Above The Arctic Circle

Start your day with a guided tour of historic Fairbanks, and then Ride Like a Local, boarding a small plane for a sightseeing flight (weather permitting) that carries you over the majestic Brooks Range to a landing above the Arctic Circle. Visit the far-flung outpost of Wiseman with a local guide and learn more about the Trans-Alaska Pipeline and the Koyukuk River, a tributary of the mighty Yukon River. Return to Fairbanks for an evening at your leisure.

Pike's Waterfront Lodge | Meals: BL

Day 3: Talkeetna | Train Ride Through Scenic Denali

Journey overland through breathtaking scenery to Denali National Park. Take in the Denali Visitor Centre before transferring to the train depot, where it's "all aboard" a deluxe dome railcar. Get underway, gazing out spacious windows at the verdant wilderness. Savour lunch on board as you absorb the passing vistas of Denali's pristine forests and snow-capped peaks. Arrive in Talkeetna, a quirky village set at the confluence of three rivers, and transfer to your hotel. Tonight, gather with your fellow guests for a Scenic Sundowner, relaxing with drink in hand as you experience the Land of the Midnight Sun.

Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Talkeetna | Walking on a Glacier

This morning, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- **Embark by Jetboat** on a thrilling excursion in to the heart of the wilderness, going ashore to hike to an authentic trapper's cabin, learning local folklore as you go.
- **Relax on a Leisurely River Float Trip**, viewing mountain panoramas, watching for eagle, moose and grizzly bear, and stopping occasionally on the riverbank for a light trek.

This afternoon, board an airplane for a flightseeing adventure to the remote western end of Denali National Park, taking in marvellous views of Denali as well as Mount Foraker and Mount Hunter. Weather permitting, land on the slopes of Denali and step out onto a glacier for an exhilarating wilderness experience. Return to your lodge for an evening at leisure.

Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge | Meals: B

Day 5: Anchorage | Meet the Furry Heroes of The Iditarod

Start the day with a visit to the kennels of the Iditarod champion Seavey family in Talkeetna. Go up close with members of their Alaskan husky sled-dog teams. Afterward, drive to Anchorage for lunch, followed by a visit to the Anchorage Museum where you can explore the diverse Alaska Native cultures through their art and design. Then, set out on scenic drive to Girdwood, set at the base of Mount Alyeska.

Alyeska Resort | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Kenai Peninsula | Private Fjord Cruise

Cruise the dramatic glacier and marine wildlife country of Prince William Sound by private boat. Spy calving glaciers and watch for whale and sea lion as well as bald eagle overhead, and, during your cruise, enjoy a guided beach walk. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon for dinner on your own at any of the restaurants at the hotel or in nearby Girdwood.

Alyeska Resort | Meals: BL

Day 7: Mount Alyeska | Panoramas of Wild Alaska

Today, ride the Scenic Alyeska Tram from sea level up to 2,300 feet for a short hike with spectacular views of the rugged surrounding landscapes. Later this morning, set out for the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Centre, where you enjoy visiting with the native Alaskan species being rehabilitated there, including bison, moose and grizzly bear. Tonight, celebrate your Alaskan journey with a special farewell dinner, meeting with the chef for an engaging Chef 's Table experience.

Hotel Captain Cook* | Meals: BD

Day 8: Depart Anchorage

Transfer to the Anchorage airport and depart.

Meals: B

Journey Details

Internal air included: Arctic Circle flightseeing; Denali flightseeing

This journey contains some active elements.

Included flights are subject to weather conditions.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 7.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Please note that alternative accommodations for Day 7 will be featured on the following departure date: Jul 12, Jul 26, Aug 2 & Aug 9. Guests will be staying at *Anchorage Marriott Downtown*.

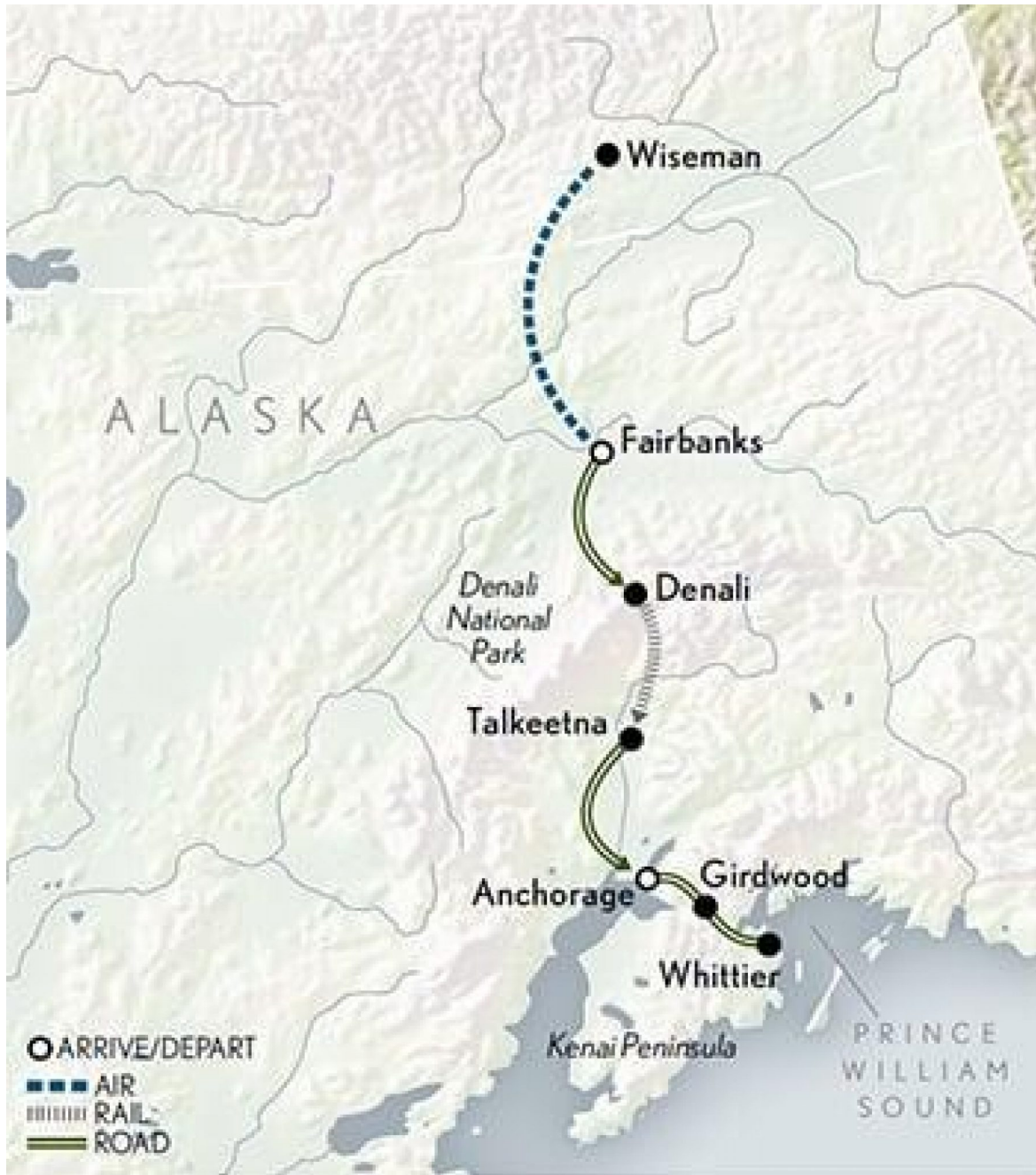
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- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy Luggage Handling
- Breakfast in Bed on Select Days
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Your Choice of Activity on Design Your Day
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Customise this Journey

Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke Tailor-Made Journey based on this itinerary.

Map



Accommodation

Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge



Talkeetna spans several pretty log buildings which houses the main lodge and 212 guest rooms in separate buildings overlooking the forest. The Mountain View Rooms are our favourite, with sweeping views of the Alaska Range and Mt McKinley, while other rooms look out onto pretty green vistas. The Main lodge has a spacious lobby with high cathedral ceilings and a beautiful stone fireplace, built with enormous logs from beetle-killed spruce trees of the Ninilchik area and stones from the Matanuska River.

There are many lovely wilderness trails nearby for exploring, either on foot or by hiring bikes. Flightseeing, fishing, jet boating, zip lining and float trips are also on offer. The Base Camp Bistro and Lounge is ideal for casual dining including filling breakfasts; Foraker Restaurant serves up wild Alaskan seafood and game for fine dining with magnificent views of the mountains. Mount Hunter Coffee Co. and gift shop is ideal for picking up supplies and souvenirs to take home.

Why we like it

- Set on a ridge, overlooking the impressive Mt. McKinley
- Set at the point where the Talkeetna and the Chulitna River join the Susitna River
- Foraker, the onsite fine dining restaurant, offers wild Alaska seafood and game
- The only Talkeetna lodging with rooms that face Mt. McKinley

Hotel Captain Cook, Alaska



Hotel Captain Cook, inducted into the Historic Hotels of America, provides fine lodging in the heart of Anchorage. Upper floors have expansive views of the Cook Inlet and Chugach Mountains. The Captain Cook is the perfect base for your Anchorage experience, offering the best cultural, retail and natural highlights just steps from your door. Featuring four restaurants, twelve shops and top-notch guest services, the Captain Cook has something for everyone.

Why we like it

- Most convenient hotel to begin your Alaskan adventure in downtown Anchorage
- Perfect location to take advantage of Anchorage's best cultural, retail and natural highlights
- Each of the comfortable rooms and suites offer a stunning view of the neighbouring Cook Inlet or the Chugach Mountains
- Perched atop Tower 3, the Crow's Nest restaurant offers a AAA-four diamond fine dining restaurant

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Jul 5, 2024 - Jul 12, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$16,000 pp	AU\$3,840	Included	Call for Availability

Jul 12, 2024 - Jul 19, 2024

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AU\$16,000 pp	AU\$3,840	Included	Call for Availability

Jul 19, 2024 - Jul 26, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
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Jul 26, 2024 - Aug 2, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
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Aug 2, 2024 - Aug 9, 2024

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Aug 9, 2024 - Aug 16, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$16,000 pp	AU\$3,840	Included	Call for Availability

Aug 16, 2024 - Aug 23, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$16,000 pp	AU\$3,840	Included	Call for Availability

Aug 30, 2024 - Sep 6, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$16,000 pp	AU\$3,840	Included	Call for Availability

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