

Absolute Alaska's Summer Tour Packages

Alaska Scenic Adventure Tour

This 9-day escorted tour is perfect for your vacation, it is balanced between the longer and shorter tours. We've put together all the popular, top rated adventures into this tour. You will visit the most outstanding glaciers, two National Parks, lots of water and land adventures await you. You will enjoy the Kenai Fjords National Park with its glaciers and wildlife. Dog Sledding tour, Alyeska Resort. In Talkeetna you will experience the best river jetboat tour. Experience the Alaska Railroad, where the scenery is truly stunning from the dome rail car. You will have plenty of time to explore the famous Denali National Park with a tour that takes you into the heart of the park. Enjoy the views of Mt. McKinley - the tallest peak in North America, and endless Alaskan wildlife. Visit the Iditarod Headquarters and learn about the Iditarod Sled Dog Race - the greatest race of character and endurance. Visit the Musk Ox farm and stand on one of the greatest glaciers - Matanuska Glacier in Matanuska Susitna Valley. You will also have a chance to explore the largest city in Alaska Anchorage with a tour of the city and its endless shopping and flowers, Alaska Native Heritage Center, Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, Portage Glacier, and Alyeska Resort.

Highlights Include:

Anchorage Highlights and Alaska Native Heritage Center, Lake Hood, Alaska Wildberry Products - See the highlights of this metropolis in the middle of the wilderness, visit the Native Heritage Center to discover the rich culture of the local people.

Wildlife Conservation Center - see all Alaska's wildlife at one place

Seward and Sealife Center - see Alaska's only public aquarium and ocean wildlife rescue center where you will meet puffins, octopus, sea lions and other sealife.

Kenai Fjords National Park - an all day boat tour will take you to the heart of Kenai Fjords National Park, you will sail to the open ocean where mountains soar a mile straight up from the water. Enjoy views of whales and wildlife, piedmont glaciers, a fully-narrated tour with accredited interpreters and wildlife guide.

Dog Sledding Tour - ride in a wheeled sled with famous Iditarod dog team.

Alyeska Resort - visit the Alyeska Resort where you will take a tram up the mountain and have lunch enjoying the breathtaking view of glaciers, mountains, and Turnagain Arm.

Talkeetna and the Jetboat tour into Alaska's Wilderness - you will love this little town with its Alaskan charm. On a sunny day this actually is the best spot to view the magnificent mountain McKinley, there you can also find unique Alaskan gifts and crafts. Your jetboat will take you to Alaska's Wilderness. Travel ten miles of river to view nesting bald eagles, beaver activity, and moose and you just might see black bear and grizzly bear roaming the shore.

Alaska Railroad - offers the best views in a luxury dome rail car. This ride will have some amazing scenery, so just sit back and enjoy.

Denali National Park and Mt. Mckinley - this park offers everything you came to Alaska to see: unlimited wildlife views, magnificent mountains, pristine beauty of untouched Alaskan Interior.

Matanuska Glacier Hiking - prepare for the experience of your lifetime. This hike takes you on a magnificent Matanuska Glacier, with a short hike you will be standing on a river of ice. And absolutely nothing compares to actually standing on the Glacier!

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Detailed Itinerary:



Day 1. Arrival, greeting and relaxation after your arrival.

Arrive to Anchorage and meet your local guide at the airport or at the cruise ship to be taken to your comfortable hotel downtown Anchorage. Overnight in Anchorage. D

Day 2. All day scenic, wildlife, and marine life adventure.

Prepare for a full day adventure, board your motorcoach on your way to Seward. First, explore Anchorage with such highlights as Alaska Native Heritage Center where you will discover the rich native history and culture of Alaska, Lake Hood airport (the largest float plane airport in the world!), Alaska Wildberry Products (with a chocolate fountain), and downtown Anchorage. Stop along the scenic highway to see Beluga whales in the ocean and Dall Sheep on the mountains. Visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center for a chance to view all of the Alaska native animals – bears, moose, caribou, elk, bison, musk ox, and fox. Arrive to a charming town of Seward where you will have a hearty Alaskan dinner and visit the Sealife Center – world class marine life facility. Overnight in Seward. B,L,D



Day 3. Dog Sledding adventure and Kenai Fjords National Park boat tour – see the whales, otters, seals, sea lions, puffins, and other sea birds, glaciers and more mountains.

In the morning take a 2-hour tour ride in a wheeled sled with famous Iditarod dog team, meet the mushers, dogs, and learn about this exciting Alaskan dog race. This tour was chosen as one of Alaska's Top Twenty Attractions. In the afternoon, take an all day boat tour, you will sail to the open ocean where mountains soar a mile straight up from the water. Enjoy views of whales and wildlife, glaciers, a fully-narrated tour with accredited interpreters and wildlife guide. Learn about the rich history of Resurrection Bay while viewing the jagged cliffs, seabirds and marine wildlife. Stop at the Fox Island for lunch which includes grilled salmon and Prime Rib and explore the "skipping stone" beach before cruising Resurrection Bay! Overnight in Seward. B,L,D



Day 4. Seward - Alyeska Resort – Talkeetna.

Board your coach to the small town of Talkeetna. On the way, stop at the Alyeska Resort where you will take an aerial tram 2300 feet up the Alyeska Mountain for lunch and amazing views of seven glaciers, mountains and the bay. Continue on the National Scenic Highway, arrive to Talkeetna. In the evening take a 2-hour tour on a river jetboat, that is specifically designed to safely navigate rivers in the Alaskan wilderness. Arrive at the Safari sight where you will take a ¼ mile leisurely nature walk and see a Dena'ina Indian Encampment. Visit an authentic trapper's cabin with its original furnishings and view how trappers lived in "Bush" Alaska at the turn of the century. Travel ten miles of river to view nesting bald eagles, beaver activity, and moose and you just might see black bear and grizzly bear roaming the shore. Overnight Talkeetna. B,L,D



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Detailed Itinerary continued:



Day 5. Talkeetna – Denali National Park via Alaska Railroad.

This morning board the famous Alaska Railroad. The track follows the serpentine banks of the Susitna River. On clear days, more views of Mt. McKinley emerge across the river presenting many chances for photos. Black and brown bear frequent the sandbars and scuttle into the brush as the train approaches. Next, the Indian River Canyon is home to many beavers and beaver lodges can be seen in the ponds along the way. The track climbs toward tree line, first crossing Hurricane Gulch, the longest bridge on the railroad just over 914 feet and 296 feet above Hurricane Creek. The train moves into Broad Pass, at 2,363 feet it's the highest point on the railroad, and where caribou migrate through during the fall. Arrive to Denali National Park. In the evening have Alaskan dinner and enjoy a talented performance with great storytelling, spirited music, and humor for your unforgettable true-to-life Gold Rush tale of adventure in early 1900s Alaska. Overnight Denali National Park. B,L,D



Day 6. Go into the heart of the Denali National Park for an all day adventure.

This tour includes everything that you came to Alaska to see: unlimited wildlife views, magnificent mountains, pristine beauty of untouched Alaskan Interior. Learn about Alaskan animals from expert naturalists, explore the unspoiled tundra and forest, see amazing views of the "Great One" – Denali, and the wildlife in their natural environment. Overnight Denali National Park. B,L,D



Day 7. Denali – Iditarod Dog Sled Headquarters – Musk Ox Farm

Board your coach to the Mat-Su Valley. On the way stop at the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Headquarters. This is internationally known 1,100-mile sled dog race to Nome that takes place the first Saturday in March. You will learn all about this race of endurance and character and see the trophies and photos on display. Then proceed on to the next stop – Musk Ox Farm, which started as a domestication project to bring Musk Ox back to Alaska. You will see these prehistoric-looking animals up close, learn about their history, and find out about the use of qiviut, the exceptionally soft wool of the musk ox. Overnight Mat-Su Valley. B,L,D



Day 8. Matanuska Glacier hiking - Anchorage

This morning prepare for the experience of your lifetime – Glacier Hiking. This hike takes you on a magnificent Matanuska Glacier, one of the few that is accessible by car and with a short hike you will be standing on a river of ice. And absolutely nothing compares to actually standing on the Glacier! There is no experience required and gear is provided. After the hike board your coach and transfer to Anchorage hotel. Overnight Anchorage. B,L,D

Day 9. Explore downtown Anchorage, tour ends.

Enjoy free time in Anchorage in the morning, self-tour downtown Anchorage for endless gift shops, historical places, and local coffee shops. Flight back home or transfer to cruise ship in the afternoon. B

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Prices and Dates

Tour price	Tour departure dates	Departure city	Tour level	Tour options
\$4,626	May 25 - Sept. 5	Anchorage	EASY Moderate walking required	9-day escorted tour

Price is per person based on double occupancy.

Single supplement is \$1,058.

Discounts are available for groups 8 or more. Triple, Quad occupancy and Child discounts available.

The tour price package includes: all hotel fees; meals as specified; arrival and departure transfers; fully-guided sightseeing as noted in the itinerary (including park and entrance fees); bottled water supplied during sightseeing; services of an Absolute Alaska Tour Director; handling of two pieces of baggage per person; hotel taxes; gratuities throughout, except to your Tour Director, and driver.

The tour price package does NOT include: Travel insurance; airfares; excess baggage charges; gratuities to the Absolute Alaska Tour Director, driver or staff (our employees work for your tips); meals other than specified in the itinerary; alcoholic beverages; sightseeing and drives not included in the itinerary; personal expenses such as laundry, communication charges and optional activities (which are subject to availability)

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