

# **Untamed Alaska: Glaciers, Wildlife, and Gold Rush Glory**

8 Days | 7 Nights

Anchorage, AK

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# This tour can also be operated as a private tour exclusive to your group.

Discover the magic of Alaska on this 8-day tour from Anchorage to Denali and beyond. Marvel at North America's highest peak, encounter wildlife up close, and sail through stunning Kenai Fjords. Expert guides, comfortable accommodation, and carefully planned itineraries ensure an unforgettable experience.

Alaska's wonders are calling. Secure your Denali National Park Guided Expedition today and answer the call of the wild!



## **Highlights**

- Explore Denali's vast wilderness with knowledgeable local guides
- Spot bears, moose, and eagles on thrilling wildlife safaris
- Travel in style aboard luxurious dome trains through scenic vistas
- Discover charming Alaskan towns steeped in gold rush history
- Personalize your journey with exciting optional activities
- Capture stunning photos of North America's highest peak

Unleash your inner explorer. Reserve your Denali expedition now!

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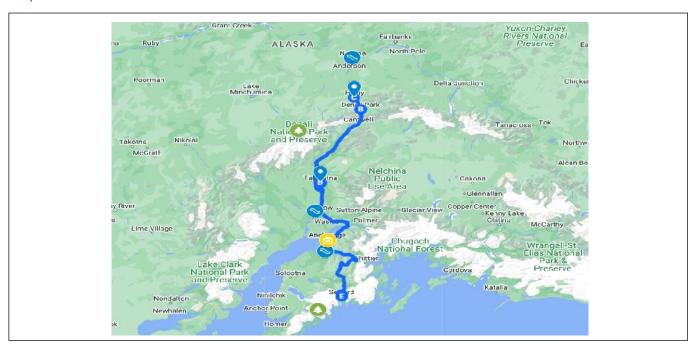


#### **Inclusions**

- 7 nights hotel accommodations at 2.5-star hotels.
  - o 2 Nights in Anchorage.
  - o 2 Nights in Denali.
  - o 2 Nights in Seward.
  - 1 Night in Talkeetna.
- Use of hotel courtesy shuttle arrival/departure transfers.
- Comfortable transportation throughout.
- Meals included: Buffet Breakfast (7); Lunch (1); Snack (1); Dinner (2).
- Motorcoach journey to Denali National Park.
- Tundra Wilderness Tour.
- Mild or wild river rafting, flight seeing, a jet boat safari on Nenana River.
- Visit to an Iditarod Champion's award-winning dog kennel.
- Scenic Deluxe Dome Railcar journey to Talkeetna.
- Susitna River.
- Turnagain Arm.
- Glacier and Wildlife Cruise.
- Kenai Fjords National Park & Anchorage Museum.
- Services of dedicated tour director will be with the group throughout the entire land tour.
- Luggage handling at hotels for a maximum of two pieces of luggage per person.
- Taxes.



#### Map



#### Map Link -

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### Day 1: Arrive in Anchorage

Experience luxury from the moment you land in Anchorage. As Alaska's premier city, it sets the stage for your upscale wilderness adventure. A personal representative will meet you, ensuring a smooth transfer to your highend hotel. Relax and anticipate the remarkable experiences awaiting you in Alaska's untamed beauty.

Overnight Anchorage.

# Day 2: Discover Alaska's Soul: A Scenic Expedition to Majestic Denali National Park

# **Highlights**

- Scenic journey north to Denali National Park
- Chance to see majestic Denali and wildlife
- Strategic stops to enjoy Alaska's beauty
- Welcome dinner in Denali



Following breakfast, a northbound adventure to Denali National Park commences. Parks Highway showcases Alaska's untamed beauty, offering potential sightings of the grand Denali and diverse wildlife. Carefully planned stops allow for deeper appreciation of the surroundings. The day's journey concludes with a delightful welcome dinner in Denali.

Overnight in Denali.

# Day 3: Tundra Adventures: Discover Denali's Wildlife on a Personalized Journey

#### **Highlights**

- Spot bears and moose on wilderness expedition
- Learn about Denali's unique ecosystem
- Personalize your adventure with various options
- Adaptable tours for year-round excitement

Denali National Park Guided Expeditions begin with a nourishing breakfast. Adventurers embark on a Tundra Wilderness Tour, seeking bears, moose, and other wildlife. Expert narration enriches the journey, offering insights into the region's nature. After a snack, guests can explore freely, choosing from activities like river rafting or flight seeing. Early or late season tours may be adjusted.

Overnight in Denali.

#### Day 4: Opulent Alaskan Odyssey: From Denali's Wilds to Historic Talkeetna

## **Highlights**

- Optional morning activities for customization
- Scenic rail trip in opulent dome car
- Witness stunning Alaskan landscapes en route
- Explore charming, historic town of Talkeetna

After breakfast, travellers have free time for optional explorations. Later, they board a luxurious dome railcar at Denali Rail Depot. The journey south reveals Alaska's natural beauty, ending in historic Talkeetna. This former gold rush trading post now welcomes visitors with its quaint charm and rich heritage.

Overnight in Talkeetna.

#### Day 5: Glacial Grandeur: Kenai Fjords Cruise Through Alaska's Icy Wonderland

#### **Highlights**

- Luxurious journey to Seward and Kenai Fjords
- Scenic drive along breathtaking Turnagain Arm
- Opportunities to spot diverse Alaskan wildlife
- Gateway to Kenai Fjords National Park adventure



The day begins with a delicious morning meal before the grand adventure unfolds. A plush motorcoach carries travellers towards Seward, gateway to Kenai Fjords National Park. The route showcases Alaska's beauty, with chances to see Dall sheep, moose, bears, and eagles along Turnagain Arm's scenic shores.

Overnight in Seward.

#### Day 6: Seward's Secrets: Explore Charming Town and Glacial Marvels by Sea

### **Highlights**

- Free time to wander through scenic Seward
- Embark on unforgettable Kenai Fjords expedition
- Marvel at glaciers and diverse wildlife
- Delicious meal with stunning coastal panoramas

Kenai Fjords Glacier Cruises begin with a nourishing breakfast. Guests explore charming Seward before embarking on a thrilling wildlife cruise. The journey through Kenai Fjords National Park reveals glaciers, seals, sea lions, whales, and diverse birdlife. A delicious onboard lunch completes this half-day adventure, offering unforgettable views of Alaska's coastal wonders.

Overnight in Seward.

## Day 7: From Glaciers to Galleries: Explore Alaska's Wilderness and Urban Treasures

#### **Highlights**

- Scenic journey to vibrant Anchorage
- Explore historic downtown on guided tour
- Discover Alaska's heritage at Anchorage Museum
- Share memories at special farewell dinner

Following breakfast, guests embark on a scenic ride to Anchorage. Upon arrival, a captivating city tour highlights downtown's rich history. The world-class Anchorage Museum provides a deeper understanding of Alaska's cultural heritage. The adventure culminates in a special closing dinner, perfect for reminiscing about the trip's extraordinary experiences.

Overnight Anchorage.

#### Day 8: Affordable Alaska National Parks Tour: Memories to Last a Lifetime

Breakfast marks the start of the tour's final chapter. Travelers savor their last taste of Alaska before departing for the airport. This smooth transition gives adventurers time to reminisce about their journey through the state's stunning national parks, diverse wildlife, and rich culture.

End of Alaska National Parks Escorted Land Tour.



#### **Exclusions**

- × Airfare. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Meet & Greet services to/ from (ANC) Anchorage International Airport to the hotel. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Bottled Water while on tour.
- Travel Insurance is strongly recommended to all travelers. Please note If you must choose to decline our offer to sell you Travel Insurance, you are required to sign off on a Liability Waiver, as required by the TICO, the Provincial Travel Regulatory Authorities of Ontario, Canada. Stars & Maple Holidays sells Travel Insurance to residents of Ontario who are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants (Permanent Residence Card Holders) only. Non-Canadians and non-residents of Ontario or international clients must purchase Travel Insurance in their respective province, state, or country of residence.
- Visa and Documentation Fees.
- × Telephone calls, Laundry, and other expenses.
- × Any personal expenses.
- × Resort Fees if applicable.
- × Gratuities for Tour Guide & driver and for other services. Gratuities are expected.

#### **Tour Departures**

2025
15 May 2025
5 June 2025
12 June 2025
26 June 2025
10 July 2025
21 August 2025
28 August 2025
4 September 2025

## **Hotels Featured**

Destination	Standard Hotels
Talkeetna	Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge or similar
Denali	Denali Park Village or similar
Seward	Seward Windsong Lodge or similar



Anchorage Anchorage Hilton or similar

Rooms featured will be Standard ROH room unless specified otherwise.

Hotels featured will be as above or similar.

#### **Deposit & Payment Policy**

- Minimum deposit of 25% is required at the time of reservation.
- Full payment required 45-days prior to start date of your tour.

#### **Change & Cancellation Policy**

- 46-days or more prior to start date of tour refundable less 10% of the Tour Price per person.
- 45-days or less 100% non-refundable.
- No Show 100% non-refundable.
- Unused Services non-refundable.
- All name changes within 30 days of departure will incur a \$50.00 administrative fee

#### FAQ

- Is this tour an Escorted Tour with a Tour Director? Yes. This is an Escorted Tour with a
  Tour Director. Commentary on sightseeing tours will be either a pre-recorded commentary or
  narrated by your driver-guide in English.
- Are there fixed dates of departure for this tour? Yes. This tour departs on fixed departure dates.
- **Is this tour customizable?** No. This tour is not customizable.
- Will I be sitting with the same group of people on this tour like on an Escorted Tour? Yes. You will be sitting with the same group of people through this tour.
- What size of coaches are used for transfers and tours? Most of our tours are operated with Mercedes Sprinter Vans or similar. We specialize in small groups unless otherwise specified on certain tours. Some tours will run with a full-sized Motorcoach as noted on that tour.
- What kind of clothing should I wear? Layers! Light-weight layers made of technical fabrics
  are best. Pants that convert into shorts also work well in the desert. Brimmed hat and sunglasses
  will add additional protection from the sun. See our Packing List page.
- What kind of footwear should I wear? We suggest light-weight, breathable, flexible hiking boots with ankle support. Additionally, you will want to add several pairs of socks, designed for desert hiking; breathable, wicking, technical fabrics work best.



- What kind of luggage should I bring? We recommend soft-sided, light-weight suitcase, convertible duffle, or backpack. Also, consider bringing a camera bag, small day pack, or fanny pack as well.
- How many miles should i hike each day? Hiking is not mandatory with the group. Let us know what you would like so we can be sure to place you on the right experience! There are elevation changes and there is uneven ground on some of the trails so please let us know your fitness level when you speak with us. Many amazing sites can be seen with 1-to-3-mile hikes. More strenuous hiking trips can be accommodated upon request.
- **Do we have to hike as a group?** No, hiking with the group is not mandatory.
- Can we do longer hikes if we wanted to? Yes, just speak with your guide and they can make recommendations. They may not be able to accompany you but they can advise you where/when to hike if you want further.
- How much time do we spending ach National Park? You will spend a minimum of 5-6 hours in each park, on average 6-8 hours depending on the tour.
- Do you have any age restrictions? We do not have any age restrictions for our tours; however, we ask that parents know their children's hiking abilities. If children are able to hike and keep up with the group, they are welcome to on tour.
- **Do you cater to dietary requirements?** Yes, we can provide vegetarian options. Vegan, gluten free, kosher options cannot be guaranteed but we will do our best to meet your needs.
- What is the Smoking Policy? For the safety and comfort of our guests and Tour Guides we have a no-smoking policy.
- Would the client require a credit card to check-in at confirmed hotels, lodges, and inns? Yes. Clients are required to present a Credit Card n their name at check-in. Hotel will typically take an authorization on the credit card for between \$500 and \$750 per stay to cover room incidentals and any damage to property. The authorization will auto-cancel within 72 hours of check-out less any incidentals or other charges relating to the room.
- Is it necessary to sign a Waiver to participate in your tours? In most cases, signing a Waiver is not required. However, if your tour package includes a tour component that is considered a soft adventure activity, you will be obliged to sign a Liability Waiver issued by the operator of that particular tour or activity. This requirement will be clearly indicated on your tour voucher. Additionally, for all participants under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign the Waiver on their behalf.
- Can we expect to see wildlife on these tours? While there is always a chance to spot wildlife during our tours, and such sightings are not uncommon, we must clarify that seeing wildlife is not a guaranteed aspect of our tours. Our guides possess extensive knowledge about the animals in the park and will gladly share information about them, should you see any wildlife or have questions about the local fauna.
- Is it safe to approach or touch wild animals based on their behavior? Absolutely not. Under no circumstances should you approach, touch, or exit your vehicle to photograph wild animals, regardless of their apparent calmness or friendliness. Interacting with wild animals poses significant risks to both humans and the animals themselves.



- Is it mandatory to present Service Vouchers received from Stars & Maple Holidays for availing confirmed services during our tour, including hotel accommodations and tours? Yes, it is mandatory. To avail of the services confirmed for your tour, including hotel accommodations and tours, you must present a digital or printed copy of the Service Voucher provided to you by Stars & Maple Holidays or your travel agent at the time-of-service confirmation. Failure to present this voucher may result in denial of services. Please note that in such circumstances, no refunds, substitutions, or alternative tours or services will be provided.
- **Do clients need a Credit Card for Hotel Check-Ins?** It is mandatory for clients to provide a credit card under their name when checking in at hotels, lodges, and inns. The hotel typically places an authorization hold of \$500 to \$750 on the card for incidental expenses and possible damage. This hold is released within 72 hours after check-out, deducting any incurred charges.
- Can we use Cash or a Debit Card instead of a Credit Card at Hotel Properties? It is important to note that most of our hotel properties do not accept cash or debit cards as a substitute for a credit card. Guests are strongly advised to ensure they have a valid credit card available for use during their stay.
- Do guests need to provide a Photo-ID during Hotel Check-In? Absolutely yes. At the time of check-in, clients are required to present a government-issued photo-ID, such as a passport or driver's license. Please be aware that other forms of government-issued photo-IDs, like a Social Insurance Number card, health card, citizenship card, etc., may not be acceptable.
- What is the hotel check-in and check-out times?

Check-in: 4 PM Check-out: 11 AM

Early Check-in and Late-Checkouts require prior approval by the hotel. Additional charges, possibly an additional night charge will apply.

What is the policy in case your client's flight gets cancelled or delayed, or if they are unable to travel and join the tour for other reasons? – Stars & Maple Holidays, our service providers, employees, contractors & sub-contractors etc. are responsible only for services booked through us. Therefore, your inability to travel or join the tour on time due any reasons including but not limited to delayed/cancelled flights, denied boarding, delayed/cancelled visas, refused admission into the country at the point of entry, health conditions, death in the family, etc. are not reasons for a refund or a substitution tour. If you are unable to join the tour or fail to join the tour on time, no refund/substitution tour will be provided. Stars & Maple Holidays is not responsible for any disruptions caused because of weather, traffic, road conditions, etc. All such circumstances should be covered by their Travel Insurance.

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