

# Epic Alaska: 10 Days of Natural Marvels and Adventures

10 Days | 9 Nights Anchorage, AK DM - ETANCMAGALK

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

Embark on a 10-day odyssey through Alaska's natural wonders. Encounter whales, bears, and marine life in pristine habitats. Cruise fjords, hike ancient forests, and soar over Denali. Enjoy comfortable lodgings and authentic Alaskan cuisine throughout your journey. Don't miss this chance to explore Alaska's wild beauty.

Reserve your Alaskan Wildlife and Glacier Cruise today!

#### Highlights

- Sightseeing in Anchorage
- Sightseeing along the Turnagain Arm and Kenai Peninsula
- Stop at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center
- Floatplane trip to Katmai (or Lake Clark) National Park
- Kayaking in Resurrection Bay
- Hike along Exit Glacier
- Optional helicopter and dogsled tour in Seward
- Ocean cruise of Kenai Fjords National Park and Resurrection Bay
- Sunset train ride on Alaska Railway's Gold Star Dome Train
- Matanuska Glacier Hike
- Jetboat adventure on the Susitna River
- Bus tour of Denali National Park's interior
- Flight tour of Denali summit and Ruth Amphitheatre (weather permitting)

Embark on your Alaska Wilderness Adventure Tour now for an unforgettable journey!

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## Tour Operates: Jun to July 2025

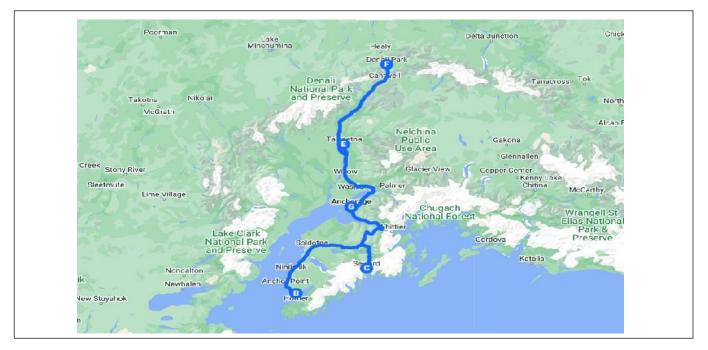


## Inclusions

- ✓ 9 nights hotel accommodation.
- ✓ 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 3 dinners.
- ✓ Park entrance fees.
- ✓ Airport transfers.
- ✓ Services of a dedicated tour director a professional tour guide.
- ✓ Comfortable transportation.
- ✓ Taxes, GST.



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## Day 1: Arrive in Anchorage

The journey begins in Anchorage with hotel check-in. A narrated tour introduces travelers to the city's rich history and culture. Highlights include the bustling Lake Hood, breathtaking vistas, and the intriguing Earthquake Park. A welcome dinner brings the group together, setting the stage for an authentic Alaskan expedition. Enjoy your trip!

#### Overnight in Anchorage, AK.

## Day 2: Whales, Wildlife, and Wonders from Anchorage to Homer

## Highlights

- Observe marine life along picturesque Turnagain Arm
- Learn about wildlife conservation and animal rescue
- Travel through diverse Alaskan ecosystems to Homer



• Eco-friendly photo opportunities of pristine wilderness

Travelers embark on a scenic drive along Turnagain Arm, watching for Beluga Whales and massive bore tides. A visit to the Wildlife Conservation Center offers a chance to see rescued animals. The journey to Homer showcases Alaska's breathtaking landscapes, with multiple stops for photos and exploration.

#### Overnight in Homer, AK.

## Day 3: Aerial Safari to Untamed National Parks and Marine Life

## **Highlights**

- Fly to Katmai or Lake Clark National Park
- Close-up wildlife viewing, featuring Grizzly Bears
- Unforgettable trek through breathtaking wilderness
- Discover Alaska's marine ecosystems

Nature enthusiasts fly to breathtaking national parks, seeking close encounters with Grizzly Bears. An invigorating hike through diverse landscapes provides unforgettable wildlife experiences. The journey ends at the Alaska Islands and Oceans Visitor Center, offering insights into the region's rich marine life.

Overnight in Homer, AK.

## Day 4: From Ancient Woods to Icy Wonders of Kenai Fjords

#### **Highlights**

- Scenic boat ride to untouched Kachemak Bay wilderness
- Trek among towering cottonwoods, observing wildlife
- Witness the majesty of Grewingk Glacier up close
- End with magical sunset at Exit Glacier, Kenai Fjords

Begin your eco-adventure with a water taxi to Kachemak Bay State Park. Hike through pristine forests, admiring ancient cottonwoods and diverse wildlife. Encounter the breathtaking Grewingk Glacier and its iceberg-filled lake, a testament to Alaska's raw beauty.

Post-lunch, travel to Seward via a scenic route. End your day exploring Exit Glacier in Kenai Fjords National Park, choosing from various trails to experience a magical sunset in this unspoiled wilderness.

Overnight in Seward, AK.

#### Day 5: Resurrection Bay to Glacier Heights: An Alaskan Wildlife Odyssey

## **Highlights**

• Paddle alongside wildlife in pristine coastal waters



- Witness diverse marine life in natural habitats
- Experience thrilling glacier dog sledding (optional)
- Create lifelong memories in Alaska's wonderland

Begin your day paddling through Resurrection Bay's pristine waters, witnessing stunning coastal scenery and diverse wildlife. Later, choose an optional helicopter flight to a glacier for an authentic dog sledding experience. Ride with enthusiastic huskies, interact with puppies, and hear captivating tales from Alaskan mushers. Immerse yourself in Alaska's natural beauty and rich traditions.

Overnight in Seward, AK.

## Day 6: Kenai's Hidden Gems and Gold Star Mountain Views

#### **Highlights**

- Explore Kenai Fjords' hidden wonders by boat
- Spot puffins, whales, and majestic glaciers up close
- Scenic train ride through Alaska's rugged beauty
- Indulge in fine dining with panoramic mountain views

Experience the wonders of Kenai Fjords National Park on an extended cruise. Marvel at puffins, whales, and a majestic tidewater glacier. Conclude your day with a luxurious train ride to Anchorage, savoring a gourmet dinner aboard the Gold Star Dome Train amidst stunning Alaskan vistas.

#### Overnight in Anchorage, AK.

## Day 7: Ice Treks and Mountain Peaks - Matanuska to Denali

#### **Highlights**

- Exclusive glacier exploration on Matanuska
- Premium flightseeing tour around majestic Denali
- Aerial views of massive glaciers and gorges
- Evening relaxation in picturesque Talkeetna

Embark on an unforgettable journey through Alaska's breathtaking landscapes. Begin with a thrilling 2–3hour exploration of Matanuska Glacier, discovering blue ice and glacial features. Learn about the region's fascinating glaciology and history.

Next, travel to historic Talkeetna for an awe-inspiring flight around Denali. Witness North America's tallest peak up close, soaring past Ruth Amphitheatre, Great Gorge, and massive glaciers. Marvel at the stunning vistas of Little Switzerland and Kahiltna Base Camp.



End your day relaxing in charming Talkeetna, enjoying distant views of majestic Denali. This tour offers a perfect blend of adventure, natural wonders, and Alaskan culture.

#### Overnight in Talkeetna, AK.

#### Day 8: From River Rapids to Alpine Heights - Denali's Best

#### **Highlights**

- Experience Denali's splendour on an exciting jet boat tour
- Immerse in indigenous culture at Dena'ina encampment
- Explore Denali's wilderness through guided hikes
- Share stories over a traditional Alaskan group dinner

Discover the wonders of Denali on this comprehensive tour. Start with an exhilarating jet boat ride, showcasing Denali's splendor from the Susitna River. Learn about local flora, fauna, and indigenous history at a Dena'ina encampment and historic trapper's cabin.

In the afternoon, journey to Denali State Park, soaking in magnificent views. Explore the Denali National Park Visitor Center and choose from various hiking options, including a shuttle service for more remote trails.

This day offers a perfect blend of adventure, education, and natural beauty, culminating in a shared group dinner.

#### Overnight in Denali Park, AK.

## Day 9: Denali's Pristine Wilderness - Nature's Grand Spectacle

#### **Highlights**

- Experience Denali's pristine tundra ecosystem
- Observe native animals in untouched wilderness
- · Gain insights from eco-conscious park guides
- Admire Alaska Range and Denali's awe-inspiring heights

Discover Denali's wonders on the premier Tundra Wilderness Tour. Immerse yourself in diverse ecosystems and watch native wildlife. Gain insights into the park's cultural significance from expert narration. Admire the awe-inspiring vistas of the Alaska Range. Complimentary water and snacks enhance this authentic Alaskan adventure.

#### Overnight in Denali, AK.

## Day 10: Scenic Memories from Denali's Peaks to Anchorage's Charms Highlights



As your wilderness tour winds down, embark on a picturesque drive from Denali to Anchorage. The 4-hour journey offers last glimpses of Alaska's stunning landscapes. Bond with your group over a heartwarming farewell lunch. Plan your departure flight after 3 pm to fully embrace this final day of adventure.

#### End of your Alaska Experience Tour.

#### **Exclusions**

- × Airfare. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Transfer from (ANC) Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport to a hotel in Anchorage.
- × Transfer from Hotel in Anchorage to (ANC) Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport.
- \* Bottled Water while on tour.
- Travel Insurance is strongly recommended to all travelers. Travel Agents, please note If your client chooses to decline your offer to sell them Travel Insurance, you must secure a signed 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. Gratuities are expected.

## Tariffs 2024

#### Cost per person starting from:

TWIN	SINGLE	TRIPLE	QUAD
US \$ 8,137	US \$ 8,774	US \$ 7,599	US \$ 7,379
CA \$ 11,479	CA \$ 12,379	CA \$ 10,719	CA \$ 10,409

#### Tariffs 2025

#### Cost per person starting from:

TWIN	SINGLE	TRIPLE	QUAD
US \$ 7,999	US \$ 8,499	US \$ 7,499	US \$ 7,299
CA \$ 11,279	CA \$ 11,989	CA \$ 10,579	CA \$ 10,299

Note: Rates are subject to availability. Tour operator reserves the right to revise rates without prior notice.



## **Tour Departures**

2024	2025
June 3	June 29
June 17	July 13
July 8	July 27
July 22	
August 5	
August 19	

## **Hotels Featured**

Destination	Standard Hotels	
Anchorage, AK	Springhill Suites Midtown	
Homer, AK	Best Western Bidarka Inn	
Seward, AK	Harbor 360 Hotel	
Talkeetna, AK	Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge or Swiss Alaska Inn	
Denali Park, AK	Denali Park Village	

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.



## 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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