

Alaska's Northern Lights & Wildlife: Midnight Magic Safari

8 Days | 7 Nights

Anchorage, AK

Tour Operates: May to September 2025

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

Embark on an 8-day journey through Alaska's untamed wilderness. Witness the magical Northern Lights, encounter Alaska's "Big Five" animals, and cruise through glacier-filled fjords. Immerse yourself in Gold Rush history and native cultures while experiencing the Midnight Sun. Expert guides ensure a comfortable and worry-free adventure.

Secure your spot on this unforgettable Alaska Northern Lights and Wildlife Safari today. Limited spaces available for this once-in-a-lifetime experience!



Highlights

- Capture stunning shots of wildlife, glaciers, and Northern Lights
- Learn pro tips from expert guides to enhance your photography skills
- Enjoy comfort and amazing views in glass-domed train cars
- Explore diverse landscapes from Anchorage to Denali National Park
- Create a portfolio of unique Alaska images to cherish forever
- Experience the thrill of photographing bears, moose, and rare birds

Don't miss this chance to capture Alaska's beauty! Book your tour now!

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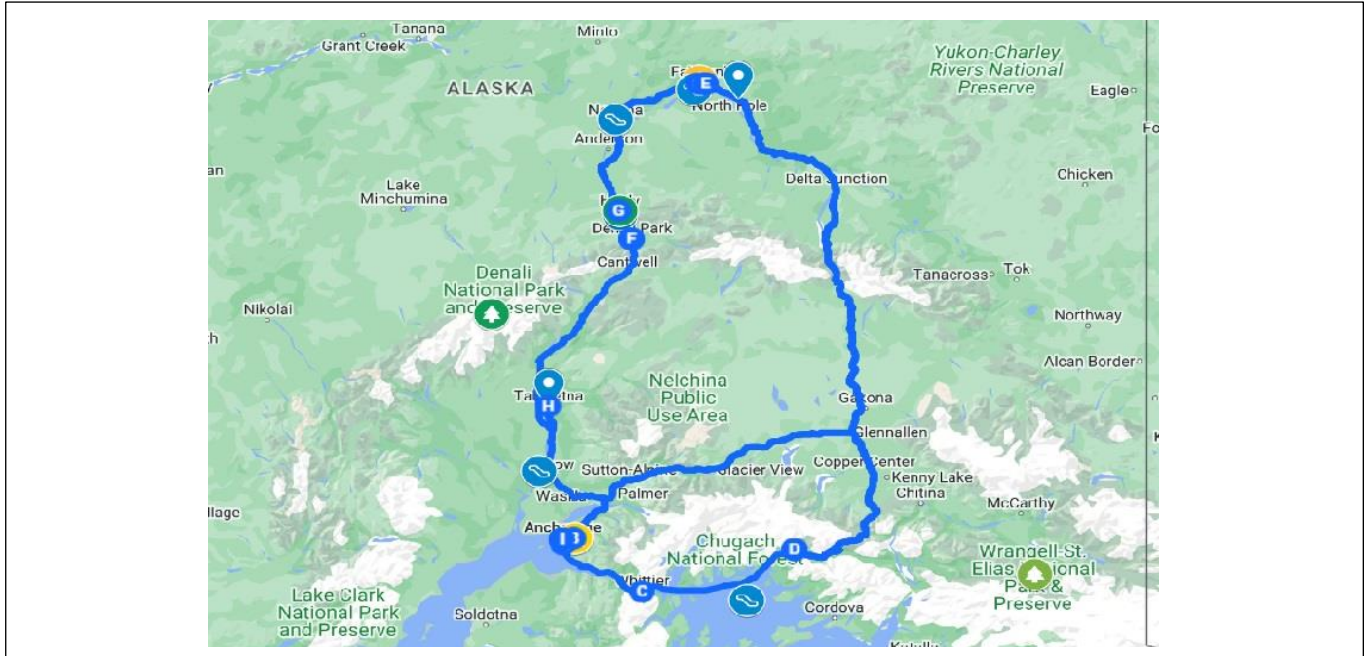
Inclusions

- ✓ 7 nights hotel accommodations at 2.5-star hotels.
 - 2 Nights in Denali
 - 2 Nights in Fairbanks
 - 2 Night in Anchorage
 - 1 Night in Valdez
- ✓ Use of hotel courtesy shuttle arrival/departure transfers.
- ✓ Comfortable transportation throughout.
- ✓ Meals included: Buffet Breakfast - (7); Lunch – (0); Snack – (1); Dinner – (1); Reception – (1).
- ✓ Sightseeing:
 - Alaska Native Heritage Center
 - Prince William Sound
 - Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve
 - Trans Alaska Pipeline
 - Museum of the North
 - Chena River
 - Otto Lake
 - Tundra Lane
 - Nenana River
 - Denali
 - Susitna River
 - Talkeetna
- ✓ Services of dedicated tour director will be with the group throughout the entire land tour.
- ✓ Sightseeing tours as indicated.
- ✓ Luggage handling at hotels for a maximum of two pieces of luggage per person.
- ✓ All applicable taxes.

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Map



Map Link –

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Day 1: Arrive in Anchorage.

The Affordable Grand Alaska Escorted Land Tour starts when guests land in Anchorage. This big city is the gateway to Alaska's wonders. Travellers can catch the hotel's shuttle bus for free. They sleep in Anchorage, getting ready for their big adventure. Some people choose to pay for the Tour Director's special pickup service. Enjoy your trip!

Overnight Anchorage.

Day 2: Capture Wild Alaska: Urban Culture to Pristine Nature

Highlights

- Capture Anchorage's city life and native culture
- Scenic drive to Whittier for mountain views
- Prince William Sound cruise: wildlife and glaciers
- Evening in Valdez, gateway to more photo ops

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Photographers on the Alaska Wildlife and Scenic Photography tour start their day with breakfast. Anchorage's highlights await, including downtown sights, busy seaplanes, and earthquake history. The Alaska Native Heritage Center offers cultural insights.

The adventure moves to Whittier via a picturesque highway. A cruise through Prince William Sound presents perfect shots of sea creatures, glaciers, and mountains. Valdez serves as the night's rest stop, preparing for tomorrow's wonders.

Overnight Valdez area.

Day 3: Fairbanks Bound: A Historical Adventure Through Wild Alaska

Highlights

- Travel to Fairbanks, a city shaped by gold
- Pass America's largest park, Wrangell-St. Elias
- See the famous Trans-Alaska Pipeline up close
- Uncover stories of Alaska's exciting past

Day three of the Alaska Cultural and Historical Tours begins with a tasty morning meal. Explorers then set off on a bus ride to Fairbanks, called the Golden Heart City. Along the way, they learn about Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, which is very large. The group also spots the important Trans-Alaska Pipeline, learning about Alaska's history.

Overnight in Fairbanks.

Day 4: Discover Gold Rush Magic: A Family Journey Through Time

Highlights

- Discover gold history at fun, interactive museum
- Explore town's hidden treasures as a family
- Enjoy exciting river cruise on old-style boat
- Try yummy Alaskan salmon at special dinner

The Alaska Cultural and Historical Tours continue with a tasty breakfast. Explorers learn about the gold rush at the Museum of the North. They enjoy free time in town for shopping or eating. A fun boat ride on the Chena River shows how people travelled long ago. At night, guests can choose to eat yummy salmon at a special dinner.

Overnight in Fairbanks.

Day 5: Lens on the Last Frontier: Scenic Wonders of Denali

Highlights

- Panoramic train ride in glass-domed cars
- Guided hike for perfect nature photo ops
- Expert tips on Denali wildlife photography
- Preview of upcoming animal sightings

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Photographers on the Alaska Wildlife and Scenic Photography tour start their day on a beautiful train ride. The glass-domed cars offer perfect views of the landscape. In Denali, a guided hike provides chances for amazing nature shots. An expert then explains what animals and sights guests might photograph on their upcoming park visit.

Overnight in Denali.

Day 6: Capture Alaska's Magic: From Bears to Aurora Borealis

Highlights

- Capture wild animals on Denali bus tour
- Get photo tips from knowledgeable guide
- Snap bears, moose, and sheep in nature
- Optional activities for unique picture chances

The Alaska Northern Lights and Wildlife Safari continues with a yummy breakfast. Explorers go on a big bus ride in Denali Park to look for bears, moose, and sheep. A friendly guide talks about the animals and plants. Everyone gets a snack on the bus. Later, guests can choose fun activities like riding a raft or seeing the park from a plane.

Overnight in Denali.

Day 7: Alaska Wilderness Adventure: Scenic Wonders and Frontier Tales

Highlights

- Travel to Talkeetna with mountain vistas
- Look for bears and Denali along the way
- Discover Talkeetna at your own pace
- End tour with fun dinner in Anchorage

The Alaska Wilderness Adventure Tours continue with a tasty breakfast. Travelers ride a comfy bus to the town of Talkeetna. They might see Denali, a big mountain, or black bears. In Talkeetna, everyone can explore on their own. Then, the bus takes them to Anchorage. At night, friends share stories about their trip over a special dinner.

Overnight in Anchorage.

Day 8: Explore Alaska's Beauty: Unforgettable Journeys for Every Budget

The final day of the Affordable Grand Alaska Escorted Land Tour starts with a morning meal. Travelers prepare for their journey home. A complimentary shuttle brings them to the airport. For extra comfort, guests can choose a paid transfer service. The tour ends, but the amazing Alaskan experiences will last forever.

End of Grand Alaska Escorted Land Tour.

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Exclusions

- × Airfare. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Meet & Greet services to/ from (FAI) Fairbanks International Airport to the hotel. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × 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. DMCi Inc. 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 as well as all other services. Gratuities are expected.

Tour Departures

2025
16 May 2025
30 May 2025
13 June 2025
4 July 2025
11 July 2025
8 August 2025
29 August 2025
5 September 2025

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Hotels Featured

Destination	Standard Hotels
Anchorage	Crowne Plaza or similar
Valdez Area	Best West Valdez or similar
Fairbanks	River's Edge Resort or similar
Denali	Denali Grizzly Bear 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.

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- **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 duffel, 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 spend at each 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 join the 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 in 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.
- **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.

- **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

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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 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.

For More Information on this Tour Package, Operating Dates & Tariffs,

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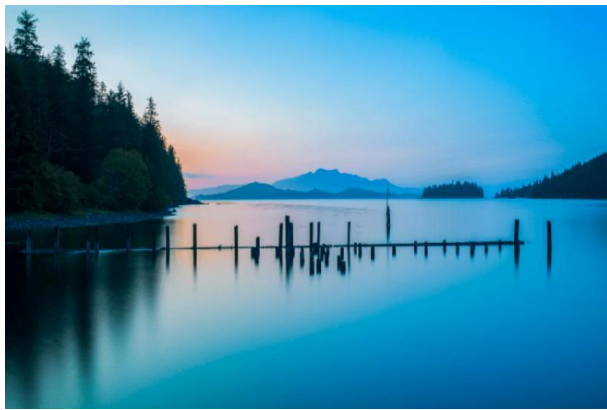


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