

Grand Slam Alaska

July 13–22, 2023

Tour #7556



ALASKA: Where Adventure Awaits

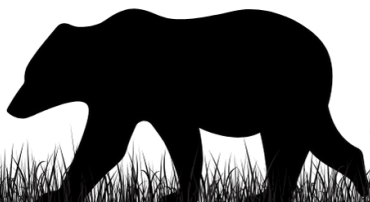
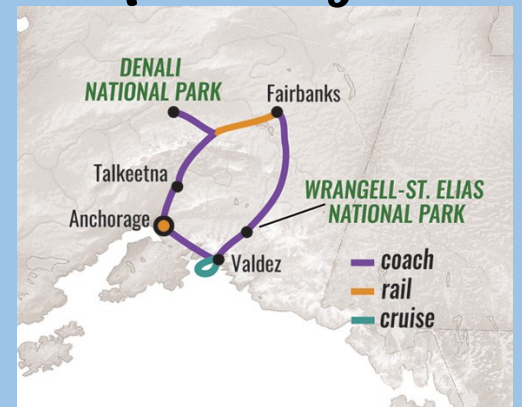
In this awe-inspiring place known as Alaska, memorable experiences are an everyday occurrence. Surrounded by spectacular natural spaces, wildlife and glaciers, and filled with a slight metropolitan appeal, Anchorage is the best of Alaska, all in one place. It offers the perfect balance between unrivaled wilderness and adventure and the amenities visitors expect from a modern city. Soar over North American's tallest peaks, watch glaciers calve in a thunderous roar, pan for gold at a real time mine or find solitude at a remote Alaska lodge. Enjoy the midnight sun at the height of summer with 1,500 resident moose, as well as eagles, salmon, Dall sheep and beluga whales, this city is wild in all the right ways.

Highlights:

- Anchorage City Tour Welcome With Welcome Dinner
- Prince William Sound - Glacier & Wildlife Center
- Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Visitor's Center
- Fairbanks With City Tour
- Riverboat Discovery River Cruise
- Exclusive Trail Breaker Kennel Iditarod Experience
- Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum
- Palace Theatre Saloon Show
- Alaska Railroad—Gold Star Service
- Denali Visitor's Center, Overnight Denali Cabins
- Denali National Park Wildlife Tour (42 mile)
- Denali Adventure Day—ATV, Zipline, Flightseeing, Rafting
- Return to Anchorage With Full Day Sights, Farewell Dinner



Map At A Glance



Day 1—Anchorage 7/20

Welcome to the metropolitan city of Anchorage, Alaska! A John Hall Alaska representative greets us upon arrival and escorts us to our luxury accommodations for the evening. Anchorage has much to offer if you wish to explore. Downtown offers many quaint shops and unique culinary delights. (D)

Day 2—Glenn Highway & Valdez 7/21

After breakfast, we board a luxury motorcoach for a ride along the Glenn Highway National Scenic Byway. Following a path carved by ancient glaciers, keep your camera on hand—there is beauty everywhere you point it! We enjoy lunch en route before arriving in Valdez, the “Little Switzerland” of Alaska and our home for the next two evenings. (B,L,D)

Day 3—Prince William Sound 7/22

This morning we join the Stan Stephens family and their fleet of vessels on an escorted adventure into striking Columbia Bay. Surrounded by towering blue ice, keep your cameras ready for sightings of whales, sea otters, harbor seals, eagles, and seabirds. We will return to Valdez for dinner and time to explore the unique town. (B,L,D)

Day 4—Wrangell-St. Elias National Park 7/23

Breakfast gets us started, then off we go to explore America’s largest national park! Our spacious luxury motorcoach is perfect for relaxing and taking in the views. Rushing waterfalls cradled between sheer black cliffs, a picture stop, and a dramatic ascent to the top of Thompson Pass takes us to the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Visitor Center. Afterward, we continue to Fairbanks. Sleep well tonight, the next few days are packed with culture, history, wilderness, and puppies. (B,L,D)

Day 5—Fairbanks 7/24

We begin today aboard the Riverboat Discovery on a three-hour narrated tour on the Chena River. We will learn about Alaska Natives’ ability to live off the land and cope with the extremes of Mother Nature at an authentic Athabascan village. Next a visit to Trail Breaker Kennels—home of the late four-time Iditarod champion Susan Butcher—for an exclusive look at kennel life and a dog mushing demonstration. Then stop at Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum before a savory salmon bake and entertaining review at the Palace Theatre. (B,L,D)

Day 6—Alaska Railroad & Denali National Park 7/25

Today we climb aboard the glass-domed cars of the Alaska Railroad and experience luxury Gold Star service with breakfast served on board during the journey to Denali National Park. Upon arrival, we will enjoy lunch and time at the Denali Visitor Center. Over the next two evenings, there will be plenty of time to relax at Denali Cabins. (B,L,D)

Day 7—Denali National Park 7/26

The sun rises early in Alaska, and chances are high we will too! There is a lot to squeeze in today—a sightseeing bus ride 42 miles deep into the outback of Denali National Park, lunch, and time on our own to explore. During the drive be on the lookout for moose, caribou, Dall sheep, wolves, grizzly bears, and of course Denali. (B,L,D)

Day 8—Denali Adventure Day & Knik River 7/27

From sunup to sundown, it is a day of eye-popping scenery. Enhance your time in Denali with your choice of one included activity—backcountry ATV excursion, zipline tour with 360 views, flightseeing around Denali, or a whitewater rafting trip on the Nanana River. After lunch, we board our motorcoach for a journey south to the Knik River Valley. We settle into our private, plush wilderness cabins for the evening in the valley. (B,L,D)

Day 9—Knik River & Anchorage 7/28

Starting our day with a warm meal at the lodge, we then step outside for one last morning of exquisite wilderness. Surrounded by vast forests and mountains, take in the beauty from the deck of the cabin, take a short hike around the lodge, observe helicopters landing on the beach, or perhaps add an optional activity. Later, we head back to the big city for a visit to the Anchorage Museum. Tonight we will have a farewell dinner with all our new friends. (B,L,D)

Day 10—Anchorage Sightseeing 7/29

Our final day in Alaska—we have planned a fun full day of mysteries before dinner and then arrival at the airport for our (10:30PM) overnight flight. (B,D)

Day 11—Arrive Home 7/30

We are greeted by our motorcoach upon arrival in Chicago (8:00AM) as we start heading home with memories of a trip of a lifetime to the Land of the Midnight Sun. We say our final goodbyes to our new friends made along the way.



11 DAY TOUR INCLUDES:

July 20-30, 2023

- Roundtrip Airport Transportation From Local Areas
 - Roundtrip Airfare (To/From Anchorage)
 - Roundtrip Airport Transfers to Hotel
 - All Portage
- 9 Nights Accommodations All Fees and Taxes
 - 9 Breakfasts
 - 8 Lunches
 - 10 Dinners
- All Sightseeing Per Itinerary
- Gratuity for John Hall Driver Guide
 - All Park Fees & Taxes
 - Custom Windbreaker
 - Services of a Tour Director
 - Pre-Tour Meeting

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\$9,989 Per Person Double Occupancy

\$11,389 Single Occupancy

\$1,000 Per Person Deposit Due With Reservation

Final Balance Due March 1, 2023

NOT INCLUDED

- Trip Insurance (Call For Quote)
- Optional Sightseeing/Excursions
- Alcoholic Beverages (aside from those listed in itinerary)

★ **Airfare is subject to increase if not paid in full by February 1** ★

Due to current fuel prices, airfare is subject to increase before final payment is received. Credit card payments are subject to a 3% fee. Checks are preferred payment.

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6 DAY INCLUDES:

July 14-20, 2023

Premium Inside Passage Optional ADD ON

Add this pre-inside passage on to the land package and save \$900 per person if booked by December 31, 2022 and \$500 per person if booked by February 1, 2023.

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Day 1: Arrive Sitka, AK and meet your fellow travelers for a warm welcome.

Day 2: Enjoy the Fortress of the Bears and the Sitka Raptor Center. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Enjoy the day in Sitka, known for fishing, incredible scenery, hiking, and abundant wildlife. Sitka is Alaska's most culturally rich in history city. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Board a private vessel and venture from Sitka to Juneau. Explore the Mendenhall Glacier & Visitors Center and Glacier Gardens in Tongass National Forest. (B, D)

Day 5: Explore Glacier Bay National Park on a private charter vessel. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Journey to Skagway on a private charter vessel where we explore for the day before returning to Juneau for the evening. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Explore Icy Strait Point by private vessel and a mountaintop gondola. An Alaska-style dinner feast will be served before boarding your flight to Anchorage to meet with the rest of our group for the land tour.

\$6,899 Per Person Double Occupancy

\$7789 Per Person Single

Flight reservations are confirmed upon receipt of deposit. Airline tickets are NON-REFUNDABLE and schedules are subject to change. Flights sell out quickly so book early.

ALASKA RESERVATION FORM

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON PHOTO ID _____

(Please Print)

DATE OF BIRTH _____ Platinum Inside Package Upgrade? Yes _____ No _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT (Name, Address & Phone) _____

Relationship

JACKET SIZE _____

TSA Known Traveler Number (if applicable) _____

Alaska Airlines MVP Number (if applicable) _____

Dietary Restrictions _____ Mobility Restrictions _____

Do you use a CPAP or breathing machine? _____

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