



Overlanding North America – 58 Day Las Vegas to Anchorage in spring / Anchorage to Las Vegas in fall

LAS VEGAS

Day 1: Arrive for Group Meeting and VIP Night on Strip (H)

Day 2: Free Day to explore “Sin City” (H)

GRAND CANYON

Day 3: Cross over Colorado River and engineering marvel, the Hoover Dam. Optional Grand Canyon helicopter flight (C)

Day 4: Sunrise at Mather Point and hiking down into the Grand Canyon to Plateau Point (C)

ZION NATIONAL PARK

Day 5: On our way to Zion drive along the Canyon and visit the historic Watchtower (C)

Day 6: Hike to Angel’s Landing, visit Emerald’s Pools and Weeping Rock (C)

PARIA CANYON RANCH

Day 7: Ranch experience horseback rides/cowboy dinner (C)

MONUMENT VALLEY

Day 8: Jeep Tour and traditional Native American Hogan Experience (C)

ARCHES NATIONAL PARK

Day 9: Iconic Delicate Arch Sunset Hike (C)

Day 10: Explore Devil’s Garden and Landscape Arch (C)

Day 11: Free Day for Optional Activities (C)

SALT LAKE CITY

Day 13: Delve into the historic Temple Square (H)

Day 12: Camp at Antelope Island and visit Great Salt Lake (C)

JACKSON

Day 14: Explore an eclectic mountain town set in Gold Rush architecture (C)

YELLOWSTONE

Day 15: Explore Snake River, Grand Teton NP, and “Old Faithful” of Yellowstone (C)

Day 16: Exploring Mammoth Hot Springs & Firehole River (C)

Day 17: “Grand Canyon” of Yellowstone & Norris Geyser Basin (C)

BIG SKY COUNTRY

Day 18: Join the trail of Lewis & Clark (C)

Day 19: Cross into Canada to camp along the foothills of the Rockies (C)

CALGARY

Day 20: For some the adventure ends here, for others we will traverse into the Canadian Rockies (H)

Day 21: Free Day in Calgary (H)

BANFF/Lake Louise

Days 22-23: Day 22 will include a visit to Lake Louise and a hike up to Lake Agnes or Valley of Six Glaciers. Day 23 enjoy the small but vibrant town of Banff, hike Tunnel/Sulphur Mountains or visit the Banff Hot Springs (optional) to soak overlooking the Canadian Rockies. (C)



ICEFIELDS PARKWAY

Day 24: One of the most picturesque drives in all of North America. Make sure batteries are charged because your camera will be firing non-stop with all the breathtaking views. (C)

JASPER

Day 25-26: Less touristy than Banff, Jasper is no less an entertaining little town. Hiking, mountain biking and other activities are available. (C)

YELLOWHEAD HIGHWAY

Day 27: Traverse Alberta into British Columbia along the Yellowhead Highway. Camp along the Fraser Lake and explore this old fur-trading post area. (C)

‘KSNAN VILLAGE

Day 28: Visit the ‘Ksan or Nisga’a Historical Village where you’ll experience the village and learn of its heritage as it has existed for centuries (C)

MEZIADIN LAKE

Day 29: A frequent hotspot for bears, we’ll make our way to the start of the Cassiar Highway. A visit to the Bear Glacier is not to be missed. (BC)

CASSIAR HIGHWAY

Day 30: One of the most scenic and prolific roads to spot black bear or moose. “Into the wild” is an understatement. (BC)

TESLIN/WATSON LAKE

Days 31: Home of the Tlingit First Nation, whose livelihood is centered around traditional hunting, trapping and fishing. Make sure to get out your creative side for the “Sign Forest.” (C)

WHITEHORSE

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Day 32-33: Whitehorse is located on the Yukon River where you can check out the old paddleboat, the SS Klondike. Included in the trip is a visit to the Takhini Hot Springs and a canoe trip on the Yukon River. (C)

DAWSON CITY

Day 34-35: A visit to this lively and historic city perpetually set in 1896, includes checking out Diamond Tooth Gertie's Gambling Hall, gold panning, and trying the Sour Toe Cocktail. (C)

TOK

Day 36: Cross over the Yukon River on a short ferry ride to drive the Top of the World Highway. See remnants of old mining operations along the way to Chicken, AK. (C)

ANCHORAGE

Day 37: A beautiful drive on our final day surrounded by the Wrangell and Chugach Mountains. There are some spectacular views of the Matanuska glacier on our way to Anchorage (H)

Day 38/39: Free time in Anchorage (H)

SEWARD

Days 40-42: Cruise along orcas, humpbacks and sea lions. See calving glaciers and hike Exit Glacier (C)

HOMER

Day 43: Camp on the Homer Spit with volcanic views (C)

ADVENTURE CAMP

Day 44-45: Roughing it in style and guided sea kayaking (LC)

HOPE

Day 46: Explore Fishermen Culture along Cook Inlet and First Gold Rush Town in Alaska (BC)

ANCHORAGE

Day 47: Beluga Point and optional city tours, exploring Anchorage city nightlife (H)

DENALI NATIONAL PARK

Days 48-50: Explore the famous National Park by tour bus, spot bears and moose and trail blaze in the wilderness (C)

MACLAREN RIVER LODGE

Days 51-52: Camp next to Maclaren Glacier in the wilderness under Alaska's stars and enjoy the rustic lodge the following day (BC/C)

WRANGELL/ST. ELIAS NATIONAL PARK

Days 53-55: Camp alongside river in largest National Park in North America. Explore the old mining town and get your adrenalin flowing with ice climbing, glacier hikes or rafting (optional) (BC)

VALDEZ

Days 56-57: Find bears catching salmon and Sea Kayak through massive icebergs (optional) (C)

LAST DAY

Day 58: Return to Anchorage by afternoon (-)

H = Hotel stay C = Camping BC = Bushcamp

itinerary can change due to local circumstances

prices for optional activities are estimated costs and are subject to change





Trip Highlights

- ✓ Spend a great night out in Las Vegas with an All-You-Can-Eat Buffet, Lightshow and much more. Try your luck in gambling!
- ✓ Visit one of the natural wonders of the world: The Grand Canyon
- ✓ Experience the culture of the Navajo, visit a traditional Hogan and go on a sunset jeep tour in Monument Valley
- ✓ Feel like a cowboy! Go horse-back riding and spend a night on a typical southwest ranch.
- ✓ Climb up to Angel's Landing to watch the sunrise in Zion National Park and enjoy Arches National Park by foot, bike or even on board a hot air balloon?
- ✓ Spend 3 days in Yellowstone: There is no park in the world that can compare with the scenic, geologic, and animal diversity. We will explore Snake River, Grand Teton NP, and "Old Faithful" of Yellowstone.
- ✓ Hike, bike, canoe or raft in the Canadian Rockies: Icefields Parkway with its turquoise lakes and glaciers has breathtaking views!
- ✓ Visit the 'Ksan village in British Columbia: it is a great example of how the First Nation has continued to survive in harsh environments and keep their culture alive
- ✓ Travel the road less travel in the Yukon and spot black bears, moose and caribou.
- ✓ Feel the excitement of the historic Klondike Gold Rush: Dawson City waits with its historic buildings, gold panning and Gertie's show and gambling hall.
- ✓ Travel on the "Top of the World Highway" and arrive in Alaska: The last Frontier
- ✓ The Kenai Peninsula awaits you with a full day wildlife cruise to hopefully see humpbacks, orcas, otters and calving glaciers, opportunities to go fishing for salmon or halibut, hike along Exit Glacier and with some relaxing days on a remote beach at Katchemak Bay with some sea kayaking
- ✓ 3-Days in Denali National Park to see the highest mountain of North America, plenty of wildlife viewing opportunities such as grizzly bears, moose and wolves and some backcountry hiking.
- ✓ Into the Wild: spend a few nights bush camping out in the wilderness, canoe down Maclaren River and go ice climbing in the biggest National Park of North America: Wrangell St Elias.
- ✓ Enjoy two days along the coastline of Alaska and possibly go sea kayaking around turquoise ice bergs.



Included in Trip Price

- ✓ 58-day tour in overland vehicle
- ✓ Accommodations outlined for nights in Hostel/Campsites
- ✓ All meals cooked off the truck (most times we will cook except in bigger cities/town going out for dinner will be at own expenses)
- ✓ Admission to National Parks and Monuments
- ✓ Hiking Plateau Point Grand Canyon NP
- ✓ Hiking Angel's Landing Zion NP
- ✓ Jeep Tour and Native Hogan Experience Monument Valley NP
- ✓ Hiking Delicate Arch and Devil's Garden Arches NP
- ✓ Ranch Experience with Cowboy Dinner
- ✓ Horseback Ride at Ranch
- ✓ Yellowstone-3-Day Experience
- ✓ Visit K'san Historical Village
- ✓ Canoe Trip on Yukon River in Whitehorse
- ✓ Visit Takhini Hot Springs
- ✓ Gold Panning Dawson City
- ✓ Entrance into Diamond Tooth Gertie's Gambling Hall Dawson City
- ✓ Hiking Tunnel or Sulphur Mountains
- ✓ Hiking near Lake Louise and Icefields Parkway
- ✓ Denali National Park wildlife buses to Toklat River and Eielson Visitor Center (2 days)
- ✓ Maclaren Lodge/Wilderness Glacier camp
- ✓ Boat and canoe trips Maclaren River
- ✓ Hiking in Denali NP, Wrangell/St. Elias NP, Seward and Valdez
- ✓ Kenai Fjords National Park wildlife cruise and calving glacier - Resurrection Bay Tour including lunch on boat
- ✓ Two-night stay at Adventure Luxury Camp – lodging and all meals including salmon dinner
- ✓ Half Day Sea Kayaking at the Adventure Camp
- ✓ Pre-departure meeting to welcome and provide you with a good understanding of the trip ahead
- ✓ Services of two trained/commercially certified leaders/drivers
- ✓ Fully equipped Overland vehicle
- ✓ High quality four person tents (sleeping only two), camp chairs and cooking equipment
- ✓ Information regarding places to be visited, history, flora and fauna

Not included in Trip Price

- ✗ Flights to/from Las Vegas/Anchorage
- ✗ Airport Transfer
- ✗ ESTA-Fee/Visa Fee for USA
- ✗ Snacks and Drinks
- ✗ Optional activities
- ✗ Tips



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LAS VEGAS



One night in Vegas is not sufficient to pay homage to "Sin City." That's why we have a second day for you to explore. Las Vegas does not only cater to socialites and gamblers. There are so many things to do here: shows, spa, restaurant, sky diving...., with just a little imagination; you could knock of a few bucket list items!

Included: VIP night out including dinner, limo service, light show old Las Vegas and much more!

GRAND CANYON



The Grand Canyon is one of the "Seven Natural Wonders of the World." The Grand Canyon is 277 miles (446 km) long, up to 18 miles (29 km) wide and attains a depth of over a mile (6,000 ft / 1,800 m). While exploring this natural wonder, you can see the California Condor, petroglyphs, rocks up to 2 billions years old, and stunning geologic formations. Hike into the Canyon with the sun rising or explore the rim with stunning views.

Included Activities: Hover Dam, Hikes either along the rim or down to Plateau Point, Sunset at the Canyon
Optional Activities: Helicopter Flights

ZION NATIONAL PARK



Over 150 million years of rock can be seen throughout this park that is a part of the Grand Staircase (Grand Canyon, Zion, and Bryce). We will camp in the valley next to the Virgin River, enjoy the quaint town of Springdale, and climb up to Angel's Landing. The different colors and the light in the early morning will make this a photographer's paradise.

Included: Hike up to Angel's Landing and Scenic Drive Zion NP, Entrance Fees

PARIA CANYON RANCH



Feel like a cowboy of the old days: Welcome to the wide open spaces! Come and pitch your tent in a rustic atmosphere. The scenic trail rides highlight exciting canyon country in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness Area.

Included: Horseback Ride and Cowboy Dinner

MONUMENT VALLEY



Monument Valley has been the focus of many movies and commercials. The iconic mittens, spires and mesas lie within the Navajo Nation. After the "Long Walk" wrongful imprisonment of the Navajo people, this semi-autonomous nation was created to give these people their own land. Now, they have created the Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park for tourist to appreciate their culture and traditional homes.

Included Activity: Jeep-Tour at Monument Valley, Native Hogan Experience



ARCHES NATIONAL PARK



One of the five national parks in Utah, Arches National Park is home to over 2,000 naturally formed arches. Along with the amazing hikes to Delicate Arch, Devil's Garden, and Balancing Rock,

there are an excellent selection of optional activities. Moab is known to have some of the world's best mountain biking trails. The so-called "slickrock" sandstone, which forms the majority of the trail's surface, is not slick at all, but has a surface much like sandpaper. The rubber tires of a mountain bike or off-road motorcycle will grip readily to its surface on even the steepest hills.

Included Activities: Hikes and Scenic Drives in Arches NP

Optional Activities: Hummer Tours, Mountain biking, Scenic flights, High ropes course, and Hot Air balloon

SALT LAKE CITY



Camp at Antelope Island and visit Great Salt Lake. The afternoon is free to explore the city: Delve into the historic Temple Square and enjoy city life before venturing into nature again. The Great Salt Lake has some unique landscape to offer and with some luck you can spot coyotes, birds and bison.

Included Activities: Antelope Island State Park Drives and Walks/Hikes

JACKSON



Jackson is a major gateway for millions of tourists visiting nearby Grand Teton National Park and Yellowstone National Park. But Jackson also is host to a number of world-class artists, local shops and bars. Why not feel like a cowboy while sitting in a saddlebarstool?

Included Activities: Visit Jackson historic downtown

DAY 15-17: YELLOWSTONE

Are you ready to experience the world's first national park,



Yellowstone National Park? There is no park in the world that can compare with the scenic, geologic, and animal diversity. We will explore Snake River, Grand Teton NP, and "Old Faithful" of Yellowstone. The next

days we continue to Mammoth Hot Springs & the Firehole River to potentially take a bath in the hot river! Some hikes/walks for example alongside "Grand Canyon" of Yellowstone & Norris Geyser Basin will be on the agenda depending on the group and weather conditions.

Included Activities: National Park Entrance Fee, Scenic Drives, Hikes, Visit Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful as well as Norris Geyser Basin, Wildlife Watching



BIG SKY COUNTRY



Country, Entrance Fees State Park

Our journey continues into Montana: the big sky country. Join the trail of Lewis & Clark to cross into Canada the following day: camp along the foothills of the Canadian Rockies and celebrate around the campfire.

Included Activities: Scenic Drives through Big Sky

CALGARY



Situated along the Bow and Elbow Rivers, Calgary is a perfect gateway to the Canadian Rockies. Have a free day to explore Calgary before we head out into the Canadian Rockies to explore lakes, rivers and hopefully spot some animals.

Included: Hostel Calgary

BANFF/LAKE LOUISE



A short drive from Calgary will take us into the Canadian Rockies. Banff is a popular tourist destination, and for good reason. Hike up Sulphur or Tunnel Mountains or/and have a soak afterwards in the local Hot Springs (optional). Day 2 will take us to explore the famous Lake Louise preceded or followed by a drive down the Bow Valley Parkway.

Included Activities: Visit and Hike near/around Lake Louise, Banff National Park

Optional Activities: Hiking Sulphur or Tunnel Mountain, Banff Hot Springs, Banff Gondola, Rock Climbing, Canoe Rentals, & More

ICEFIELDS PARKWAY



Hands down this is one of the most picturesque roads in all of North America. Glaciers, lakes, and waterfalls line the road to make even the most basic camera take professional looking pictures. We will be

stopping many times throughout the day to take short walks to viewpoints and stop for a multitude of animal sightings.

Included: Scenic Drive Icefields Parkway including Peyto, Bow Lake and Athabaska Glacier

JASPER



Located in the heart of the Canadian Rockies, Jasper gives the adventure traveler ample opportunities at exploring wilderness or adrenaline pumping activities. One day is set aside for you to choose from the many outdoor adventures,

the other day we will explore the surroundings of Jasper hiking around / at Maligne Lake and looking out for some wildlife to find!

Included Activities: Hike at Maligne Lake

Optional Activities: Mountain biking, hiking, Jasper Tram, Whitewater Rafting, Horseback Riding



YELLOWHEAD HIGHWAY



With mountains and river valleys abound, we follow the Fraser River through the history of the Cariboo Gold Rush and Fur Trading Post area, traversing Alberta crossing into British Columbia.

The dense forest and agricultural lands drive the economy and the Fraser Lake area has been dubbed “White Swan Capital of the World.”

CASSIAR HIGHWAY



The Cassiar Highway is one of the most scenic and prolific roads to spot black bears, moose, and stone sheep. The road passes deep canyons, high glaciers, mountains, and can be rough at times and, but the reward of

travelling roads like this will truly give you a feel of being out in the wilderness!

Included: Jade City, Scenic Drive

‘KSAN HISTORICAL VILLAGE



Today we venture out to visit the ‘Ksan Historical Village. The ‘Ksan village is a great example of how the First Nation has continued to survive in harsh environments and keep their culture alive. View original totem poles and Indian history.

Included Activities: ‘Ksan Historic Village and Museum or Nsga’a Tribe

TESLIN/WATSON LAKE



The day will start off with the preparation of our sign to be included at the Sign Post Forest in Watson Lake. There are already of 100,000 signs from around the world! If you want, bring one from home.

We will be camping in one of the Provincial Parks of the Yukon.

Included: Sign Forest at Watson Lake

MEZIADIN LAKE

The junction at Meziadin Lake Provincial Park has a large concentration of black and brown bears fishing along the many creeks. Alaska just sits 40 miles away and many on the Canadian side of the border like to argue that this is part of their land.



Included: Bear Glacier, weather dependent: drive into Hyder and visit Alaska for a few hours

WHITEHORSE

We’ll visit the massive Bear Glacier that once filled the Bear River Pass only 50 years ago.



We’ve crossed over into the Yukon Territory where there are more caribou than there are people! Whitehorse is located on the Yukon River where you can check out the old paddleboat, the SS Klondike. Included in the

trip is a worthwhile visit to soak our tired and weary bones in the Takhini Hot Springs.

Included Activity: Yukon River Canoe / Kayak Trip and Takhini Hot Springs

Optional Activity: Visit SS Klondike Museum, Hike the surroundings of Whitehorse



DAWSON CITY



A visit to this lively and historic city includes checking out Diamond Tooth Gertie's, Klondike Gold Rush, Midnight Dome, Robert Service Cabin and the Jack London Museum. Some might even dare to try the

Sour Toe Cocktail! This small town was once home to over 40,000 gold fevered prospectors and we'll even try our hand at a little gold panning to try and strike it rich!

Included Activities: Entrance Diamond Tooth Gertie's Gambling Hall, Gold Panning

Optional Activities: Visit Jack London Museum, Historic town tour, hike Midnight Dome, Paragliding, or gambling the night away!

TOK



Cross over the Yukon River on a short ferry ride to drive the "Top of the World Highway." As we make our way to Tok, there are many remnants of old mining sites throughout these wooded areas. As we

reach the highways apex, Poker Creek border crossing awaits us. The most northerly land border in the USA, it's an experience few have had the pleasure. Then, it's down the hill to Chicken, Alaska! Chicken, Alaska?? Why would they call someplace chicken? You'll just have to visit it to find out.

Included: Ferry Ride Yukon River, Scenic Drive Top of the World Highway

ANCHORAGE



A beautiful drive surrounded by the Wrangell and Chugach Mountains. There are some spectacular views of the Matanuska glacier, taiga forests, and some of the highest peaks in North America. You will have one day to explore the biggest

city of Alaska before we will meet new group members and head south onto the Kenai Peninsula.

Included: Lunch Stop at Matanuska Glacier

Optional Activities: City Tours in Anchorage, Anchorage Museum, Coastal Trail Bike Ride, Heritage Museum, Hike Flattop Mountain and much more

SEWARD

Located on the east side of the Kenai Peninsula and Resurrection Bay, Seward is known as the "Gateway to Kenai Fjords National Park."



Seward is about half day drive from Anchorage. In the afternoon you will have some free time to explore the scenic waterfront of Seward.

The following morning we will experience the national park by boat, cruising among the glaciers and wildlife. After hopefully spotting as much wildlife as possible we will be seeing a calving glacier!

A visit to Seward would not be complete without hiking alongside the picturesque Exit Glacier with a high probability seeing a few of the local black bear feeding on some berries. The 8.2-mile round trip up to the Harding Icefield is a spectacular day hike. Starting on the valley floor, the trail winds through cottonwood and alder forests, passes through heather filled meadows and ultimately climbs well above tree line to a breath-taking view of the Harding Icefield. The top of the trail is a window to past ice ages - a horizon of ice and snow that stretches as far as the eye can see! If you don't feel prepared to do the full 8.2-mile roundtrip, there are shorter options with equally breathtaking views available.

Included Activities: Kenai National Park Entrance, Kenai Fjords National Park Wildlife cruise and Calving Glaciers, Hiking Exit Glacier

Optional Activity: Karaoke \$ free (well maybe a few drinks first!)



HOMER



Located on the western side of the Kenai Peninsula and Kachemak Bay, Homer is the launching point for our two-night Adventure Camp. But, don't overlook this artist inspired town with its many galleries along the spit. We will be arriving quite early so that there is enough time to explore the picturesque town and it's fishermen culture. For example, the Salty Dawg Saloon's lighthouse is a great place to sit

belly-up to the bar along with posting your dollar bill on the ceiling or wall so that your friend, who will be by later, will have a drink on you.

On the way to Homer there will be enough time for some scenic photo stops and short hikes. Depending on the time of the year we might stop to watch the Salmon Running up Russian River or visit one of the orthodox churches overlooking the volcanoes on the other side of the bay.

Included Activities: Exploring the picturesque town of Homer and its fishermen culture

Optional Activities: "Halibut Fishing Capital of the World" , Bear Viewing Katmai or Lake Clark (ca. \$650) **Following morning**

ADVENTURE CAMP



Take a boat ride from Homer to Seldovia, landing on this lovely and relatively untouched beach of the peninsula. Camping is done in canvas tents with beds and all the amenities you'll need. There is a beautiful main house where meals,

comfortable chairs, coffee and tea are always on tap. From there venture out into the pristine wilderness and explore the many coves and trails. The next day you'll have a half day of sea kayaking around Seldovia Bay, frequently visited by sea otters and harbor seals and watched overhead by bald and golden eagles.

One of the evenings the owner Tony will be serving their famous salmon dinner for us!

Included Activities: Water Taxi from and to Homer (1/2 Hour ride), 2-night stay at the Adventure Camp, canvas tents with beds, luxurious main house, half day sea kayaking Seldovia Bay, all meals cooked and served by Adventure Camp

HOPE



In the morning you can either go on the optional flight to Katmai NP/Lake Clark to see the famous grizzlies or take the water taxi back to Homer to have a few hours in Homer before we head off to Hope. Hope is a quaint little town

overlooking Cook Inlet/Turnagain Arm and is just a short drive from Anchorage yet; there is still plenty to do here from gold panning, hiking, and bird watching. In the summer during weekends there might be some live concerts going on in the local fishermen bar. (Bushcamp)

Included Activities: Town Visit, small historic Gold Rush museum

Optional Activity: Gold Panning

ANCHORAGE



Today it's only a short drive around the Turnagain Arm back to Anchorage. We will stop at the famous Beluga Point. Potentially you can see Beluga Whales or Dall Sheep. The afternoon you will have

time to explore Anchorage downtown. Anchorage is a lively city that houses almost 50% of the state's 730,000 people. (Commonly it is mistaken for the capital of Alaska, but that would be Juneau.) Throughout the summer there are multiple festivals and plenty of nightly live music. Keep in mind that this city is situated right in the heart of the wilderness, where over 1,000 moose, 250 black bears, and 100 grizzly bears also call it home.

Included Activities: Visit Beluga Point at Turnagain Arm

Optional Activity: Anchorage Museum, Heritage Center, Bike Coastal Trail



DENALI NATIONAL PARK



In the morning we head off to the amazing Denali National Park. Whether it's flora or fauna you came to see, this is the place to fulfill your hopes of seeing large and small wild animals living as they have for ages. We set

up our campsite and the following two days you will have the opportunity to take a bus ride through the national park along its only road and hopefully spot bears, moose, caribou, or wolves. For those of you who are looking for a heart pounding and more strenuous adventure, you'll have the opportunity for trailblazing throughout the park's 6 million acres. No trip would be complete without adding the optional activity of flying over Denali National Park and around Mt. Denali (20,320 ft/6194 m.) In the evenings we will sit around the campfire, listening to the sounds of the night and telling our adventures of the day.

Included Activities: 2-Day National Park Entrance and Shuttle Bus services, Hiking in Denali National Park (short, long, off the beaten track, that's on you to decide!)

Optional Activities: Flights over Mt. Denali

MACLAREN RIVER LODGE

From Denali, we drive the lightly traveled Denali Highway. First opened in 1957, this dirt road was the first to access Denali National Park (then known as Mt. McKinley National Park.)



Located in the Maclaren river valley, you traverse through high alpine country on the state's second highest highway pass. Here

lies the Maclaren River Lodge run by Alan and Susie, who are fantastic hosts that will take us on a boat ride up to "The Glacier Camp." Now we're out in the wilderness on our own, no mobile phone reception and no roads. Here we'll stay overnight exploring and camping out underneath the stars. The next morning we'll take a casual canoe trip back down the river for our next night at this beautifully situated lodge. While most of us will spend the rest of the afternoon relaxing, some might want to try their luck in fishing, catching our dinner? (one night bush camp)

Included Activities: Boat Ride up to Glacier Camp, guided overnight stay at Glacier Camp sleeping under the stars, canoe trip on Maclaren River

Optional Activity: Hiking

WRANGELL/ST ELIAS NP



Here we'll visit the largest national park in the United States and camp at the "End-of-the-road" campground. Literally at the end of the McCarthy Road, these 60 miles of gravel road were built along the old Copper

River and Northwestern railways. Most remnants left of this once thriving area were a part of the copper mines, but most people forget this was where the last great gold rush happened in Alaska. There are many optional activities like hiking, ice climbing, glacier walks, guided mine tours, rafting, and scenic flights around 16,000-foot peaks, 25-mile long glaciers and massive icefalls. So, days 16 and 17 are left for you to decide what to do: Take the optional historical tour and get carried away by the gold rush, hike on your own in the beautiful surroundings or try some crazy outdoor stuff like ice climbing, guided glacier hikes, or whitewater rafting. (bush camp)

Included Activity: Hiking, Scenic Drive

Optional Activities: Ice Climbing, Root Glacier Hike (half day), Rafting, Kennecott History Tour)

VALDEZ

Valdez is the terminus of the 800-mile trans-Alaskan pipeline that begins at Prudhoe Bay, Valdez is an important gateway to the interior of Alaska.



Valdez was brought to the forefront of national media March 1989. The Exxon Valdez ran aground causing an 11-million gallon oil spill. For many years, flora and fauna were devastated by this

environmental catastrophe. Thankfully, order has been restored and the Chugach Mountains set a gorgeous backdrop to this quaint little town. When we arrive in the afternoon you will find fantastic hiking opportunities just a short walk from town. If you are tired of hiking there is enough to explore in the history-filled little town. The next day is focused on optional activities. Highly recommended is the Columbia Glacier Sea

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Kayaking for it's beautiful scenery, mammoth icebergs and possibility of spotting all kinds of wildlife.

In the evenings we will venture out and see if we can find some bears feeding on salmon. Valdez is well known for bears to come to the local salmon fish hatchery and the surrounding creeks.

Included Activities: Hiking and Scenic Drive

Optional Activities: Glacier/Iceberg Sea Kayaking, Glacier Wildlife Cruises, Bike Rentals, Fishing (depending on season)

ANCHORAGE



Unfortunately we have to turn our back on you and leave you to your own devices. But not before we crossed Thompson Pass with stunning views on Worthington Glacier. Our lunch stop will be at Matanuska Glacier

before returning to Anchorage in the late afternoon. (around 3 pm)