



Alaska Denali Expedition 12 Days

ANCHORAGE

Day 1: Arrive for a group meeting, exploring Anchorage city nightlife (H)

DENALI NATIONAL PARK

Days 2-4: Explore the famous National Park by tour bus, spot bears and moose and trail blaze in the wilderness (C)

MACLAREN RIVER LODGE

Days 5-6: Camp next to Maclaren Glacier in the wilderness, canoe Maclaren River and enjoy the rustic lodge the following day (C/BC)

WRANGELL/ST. ELIAS NATIONAL PARK

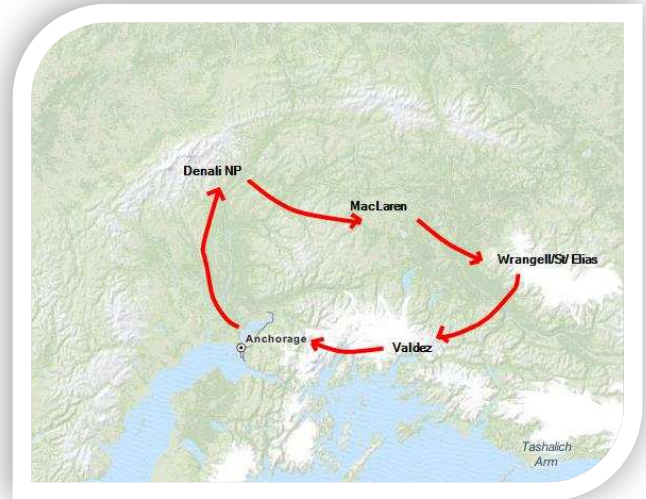
Days 7-9: Camp close to a glacial river in the largest National Park in North America. Explore the old mining town and get your adrenalin flowing with ice climbing, glacier hikes or rafting (optional) (BC)

VALDEZ

Days 10-11: Search for bears or sea lions catching salmon, enjoy the scenic waterfront and Sea Kayak through icebergs (optional) (C)

LAST DAY

Day 12: Return to Anchorage by late afternoon, approx. 3 pm (-)



H = Hotel stay C = Camping BC = Bush Camping
itinerary can change due to local circumstances

Included in Trip Price 12 Days

- ✓ 12-day tour in overland vehicle
- ✓ Accommodations outlined for nights in Hostel/Campsites
- ✓ All meals cooked off the bus (11xBreakfast, 10xLunch, 9xDinner)
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Hikes in Denali NP, Wrangell/St. Elias NP and Valdez
- ✓ Admission to National Parks and Monuments
- ✓ 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

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



DAY 1: ANCHORAGE



Welcome to the largest city of Alaska, most often thought of as the state's capital. Start off your vacation flying into stunning scenery overlooking the Chugach, Alaskan, Kenai, and Talkeetna mountain ranges. Although Mt. Denali is only visible 20% of the year, there's a chance you could even catch a glimpse. Anchorage is Alaska's most populated area yet it's shared with the likes of bears, moose, and wolves. After your flight into this urban wilderness, make your way to our accommodations for the 6 pm pre-departure meeting followed by a group meal. Take this evening to get to know your fellow travelers and guides.

Included: Anchorage accommodation, Welcome Meeting
Optional Activity before tour: Full Day World Famous Brooks River Alaskan Brown Bear Viewing, Katmai National Park.

DAY 2-4: 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 share our adventures of the day.

Included Activities: Two-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

Day 5-6: 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 jet boat ride up to "The Remote 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 in the wilderness. The next day we'll take a canoe trip back down the river for our next night at this beautifully situated lodge. (one night bush camp/one night lodge)

Included Activities: Boat Ride up to Glacier Camp, guided overnight stay at Glacier Camp, canvas tents with cots, canoe trip on Maclaren River
Optional Activity: Hiking



Day 7-9: 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 mill 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, 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 (full day), Root Glacier Hike, Kennecott History Tour, Rafting, Flightseeing

Day 10-11: 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 mostly



restored and the Chugach Mountains set a gorgeous backdrop to this quaint little town. The next day is focused on optional activities. Highly recommended is the Columbia Glacier Sea Kayaking or the Lulu Belle Wildlife Cruise for their beautiful scenery, mammoth icebergs and possibility of spotting all kinds of wildlife.

One of the days we will venture out and see if we can find some bears, eagles or sea lions 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, Glacier Wildlife Cruises, Bike Rental, Fishing (depending on season)

Day 12: 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.

