



## Alaska Salmon Run Adventure 20 Days

### ANCHORAGE

Day 1: Arrive for Group Meeting and Dinner (H)

### SEWARD

Days 2-4: Cruise along orcas, humpbacks and sea lions.  
See calving glaciers and hike Exit Glacier (C)

### HOMER

Day 5: Camp on the Homer Spit with volcanic views (C)

### ADVENTURE CAMP

Day 6-7: Camping closed to the beach and guided sea kayaking (LC)

### HOPE

Day 8: Explore Alaska's first Goldrush Town and camp along Cook Inlet (BC)

### ANCHORAGE

Day 9: Visit Beluga Point and explore Anchorage by bike (optional) (H)

### DENALI NATIONAL PARK

Days 10-12: Explore the famous National Park by bus, spot bears and moose and trail blaze in the wilderness (C)

### MACLAREN RIVER LODGE

Days 13-14: Camp near Maclaren Glacier in the wilderness, canoe on Maclaren River and enjoy the rustic lodge the following day (BC/C)

### WRANGELL/ST. ELIAS NATIONAL PARK

Days 15-17: 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)

H = Hostel stay C = Camping LC = Luxury Camping BC = Bush camping

\*itinerary can change due to local circumstances\*

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

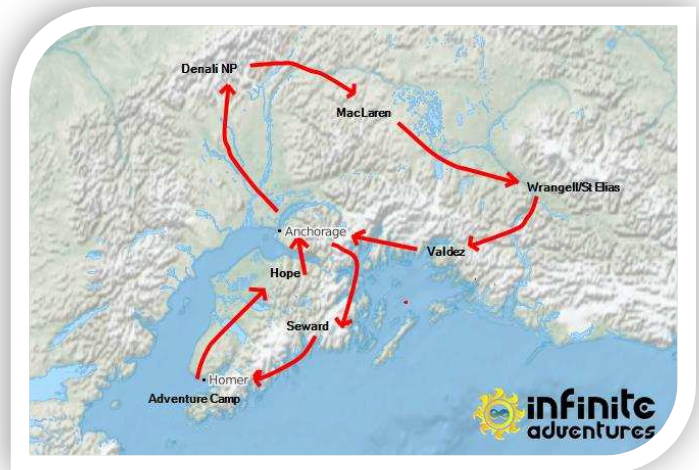
### VALDEZ

Days 18-19: Try and find bears or sealions catching salmon, enjoy the scenic waterfront and Sea Kayak through massive icebergs (optional) (C)

### LAST DAY

Day 20: Return to Anchorage by late afternoon, approx. 3 pm

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- ✓ Services of two trained/commercially certified leaders/drivers
- ✓ High quality four person tents (sleeping only two), camp chairs and cooking equipment
- ✓ Information regarding places to be visited, history, flora and fauna

## Included in Trip Price 20 Days

- ✓ 20-day tour in overland vehicle
- ✓ Accommodations outlined for nights in Hostel/Campsites
- ✓ All meals cooked off the bus (19xBreakfast, 18xLunch, 15xDinner)
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Full Day Kenai Fjords National Park wildlife cruise and calving glacier - Resurrection Bay Tour
- ✓ Two-night stay at Adventure Luxury Camp – lodging and all meals including salmon dinner
- ✓ Half Day Sea Kayaking at the Adventure Camp
- ✓ Admission to National Parks and Monuments
- ✓ Pre-departure meeting to welcome and provide you with a good understanding of the trip ahead

## 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:** World Famous Brooks River Alaskan Brown Bear Viewing, Katmai National Park. (Month of July) Bear flights in other months will go to

## Day 2-4: 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 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 yet strenuous 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, Calving Glaciers, and Hiking Exit Glacier  
**Optional Activity:** Kayaking, Fishing

## Day 5: 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. You will have some 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 walks. Depending on the time of the year we might stop to watch the Salmon Running up Russian River or visit one of the Russian 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 \*\*Following morning\*\*

## Day 6-7: ADVENTURE CAMP

Take a boat ride from Homer to Kasitsna Bay, landing on this lovely and relatively untouched beach of the peninsula. You will



be sleeping in tents close to the beach and there is a beautiful beach house with huge windows and coffee/tea on tap. From there venture out and comb the beaches for eagles and other aquatic wildlife or walk to find some hidden

coves and viewpoints. The next day you'll have a half day of sea kayaking around Kasitsna Bay, frequently visited by sea otters and harbor seals and watched overhead by bald eagles.

One of the evenings we will be serving a salmon dinner!

**Included Activities:** Water Taxi from and to Homer (1/2 Hour ride), 2-night stay at the Adventure Camp, half-day sea kayaking Kasitsna Bay, salmon dinner



## Day 8: HOPE



In the morning we will take the water taxi back to Homer to make our way along the coastline to Hope. Hope is a quaint little town overlooking Cook Inlet/Turnagain Arm and is just a short drive from Anchorage. In the summer during weekends

there might be some live concerts going on in the local fishermen bar. (Bushcamp)

**Included Activity:** Open Air Museum, Outdoor Music  
**Optional Activity:** History Museum

## DAY 9: ANCHORAGE



Today it's only a short drive around the Turnagain Arm back to Anchorage. Potentially you can see Beluga Whales or Dall Sheep. We will stop at Potter Marsh to spot some of the migratory birds and

wildlife that call it home. 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, local markets 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:** Potter Marsh  
**Optional Activity:** Anchorage Museum, Heritage Center, Bike Coastal Trail

## DAY 10-12: 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 13-14: 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, canoe trip on Maclaren River  
**Optional Activity:** Hiking





### Day 15-17: 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 18-19: 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:** Solomon Gulch Fish Hatchery Scenic Drive

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

### Day 20: ANCHORAGE

Unfortunately, we have to turn our back on you and leave you to your own devices. But not before we cross the Thompson



Pass with stunning glacial valley views and the

Worthington Glacier. Our lunch stop will be at Matanuska Glacier before returning to Anchorage in the late afternoon. (approx. 3 pm)

