

## 9 Day / 8 Night – World-Famous Bears of Alaska

Day 1 – Arrive Anchorage Upon arrival at the Ted Stevens International Airport, you will have a private transfer to your hotel. Overnight Anchorage

Day 2 — Anchorage to Denali This morning, travel aboard the Alaska Railroad from Anchorage to Denali, stopping in Talkeetna on the way. Once you leave Talkeetna, the train will take you into the Alaska Range where you will have views of mountains, glaciers, rivers, and canyons. The remainder of the ride to Denali is considered the most scenic, passing through the former site of the Curry Hotel and over the incredible Hurricane Gulch, all the while in the shadow of Denali. Overnight Denali park entrance



Day 3 - Denali; Denali National Park Denali National Park lies



in the heart of the 600 mile long Alaska Range. The center of the Alaska Range has a number of peaks over 10,000 feet in elevation which include Denali, the highest peak in North America. At 20,320 feet, Denali stands as the focal point of the park. Traveling deep into the park to the Teklanika or Toklat River rest areas, the Tundra Wilderness Tour offers a sub-arctic experience like no other. Enjoy incredible scenery, a narrated history of Denali National Park and some of the best opportunities to view and photograph the park's wildlife such as; Dall sheep, moose, caribou, wolves and grizzly bears. When Denali is visible, it may be possible to travel to Stony Hill

Overlook and view the entire mountain from base to summit. Overnight Denali park entrance

**Day 4 – Denali to Talkeetna** This morning you will return south with your private vehicle to Talkeetna. This small, distinctive community of less than 800 residents is the main staging area for climbers waiting to start their ascent of Denali. The area is also the best location to view Denali and the Alaska Range. Upon arrival in Talkeetna you will have the remainder of the day free to explore on your own or participate in optional excursions. Overnight Talkeetna

**Day 5 – Talkeetna to Homer** Continue south from Talkeetna to Homer via private vehicle. This seaside community is one of America's most beautiful spots, known as "The Halibut Fishing Capital of the World", with approximately 4,000 year round residents. In addition to the charming downtown area of Homer, a unique attraction is the Homer Spit. This long and narrow finger of land juts 4.5 miles into the picturesque Kachemak Bay. Overnight Homer

**Day 6 – Homer** Your bear viewing adventure begins with a scenic flight over volcano and glacier scenery to the east coast of Katmai National Park. After landing on the beach, you and your guide will

walk along the beaches and meadows to view brown bears in their natural habitat. From a safe distance, you may observe the bears fishing, digging for clams, grubbing for roots and grasses, socializing or raising their young. It is also possible to see foxes, bald eagles, and various sea life. Overnight Homer

**Day 7** – **Homer to Anchorage** Today you will return to Anchorage, traveling on the Seward Highway and along Turnagain Arm. Designated an All-American Road, the highway is considered one of



the most scenic drives in the United States. From jagged peaks and alpine meadows to breathtaking fjords and crystal lakes, you will find a concentrated series of diverse landscapes and experiences. Overnight Anchorage

**Day 8 – Anchorage** Today's bear viewing tour will either bring you to Redoubt Bay, Katmai National Park, or Lake Clark National Park. Overnight Anchorage

**Day 9 – Depart Anchorage** A private transfer will be provided to the Anchorage International Airport in time to meet your scheduled flight.

## **End of Services**







## **Standard Inclusions**

- 8 Nights' hotel accommodations
- All private transportation as outlined in a private vehicle with knowledgeable English-speaking driver
- Alaska Railroad rail service between Anchorage and the Denali park entrance
- Tundra Wilderness Tour into Denali National Park
- Bear Viewing out of Homer
- Bear Viewing out of Anchorage
- All applicable taxes and fees

## Make it your own!

- Add a local experienced Alaskan guide to accompany your guests
- Include meals in the program for guest convenience
- Upgrade the Alaska Railroad rail segment
- Choose the preferred level of hotel accommodations
- Add other excursions to the program to match guest interests
- Extend or shorten to itinerary to fit within specified timeframe or dates

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