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Join Alaska's Guided Tours & Accommodations on this unforgettable "9 Days in the Valley? tour. This is a nine day, eight night tour that features the Matanuska Susitna Valley, Palmer, Wasilla, Talkeetna, Denali National Park and Anchorage. This is a fun packed tour that provides some of the best of Alaska?s incredible views all along the way. Sit back and enjoy as we take you on an escorted tour with your comfort and safety as our priority.

This is a relaxing trip that will show you some of the best sights in Alaska to include, rafting, wildlife viewing, river safaris, glacier hiking & viewing and more. Enjoy this smaller-sized Alaska tour that is led by local Alaskans. We can also arrange flight seeing tours on request.

DETAILS:

9 Days / 8 Nights

$3989.00 per person

Limited Availability - Vehicle accommodates 6 to 10 Guests

DAY ONE - When you arrive in Anchorage, a 24 hour free shuttle will pick you up from the airport and take you to your Hotel. These great accommodations are

downtown so you will be in walking distance of many of the Anchorage attractions and

quaint local shops. All meals are at your leisure on your own.

Schedule

Arrive at Anchorage

Shuttle Pick up from to your Hotel

Shopping in Historic Anchorage

Day One Links: ***Anchorage |*** *[3]* ***Explore the city of Anchorage at your leisure.*** *[4] [3]*

DAY TWO - Wake up to a big breakfast, Alaska's Guided Tours will pick you up at your

hotel and make our way for a short visit to the Alaska Wildlife Center. The center is

dedicated to preserving Alaska's wildlife and takes in injured and orphaned animals year

round and provides them with spacious enclosures and quality animal care. Animals

that cannot be released into the wild are given a permanent home at the center.

Afterwards, we?ll continue our travels to see the famous 26 Glaciers?and with luck we

will even see some glacial calving. This is a great experience that won?t soon be forgotten among the world's

most beautiful glaciers and wildlife?and all aboard a luxurious catamaran. We?ll cruise through the calm,

protected waters of Prince William Sound and come face to face with towering masses of ice, migratory whales

(in season) and breathtaking Alaska scenery. Professional narration is provided by US Forest Service Rangers.

Then we?ll travel on to Seward. We?ll check-in to our Seward accommodations and the evening will be yours for

dinner and to explore this beautiful quaint town on the water. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner are provided.

Hearty Alaskan Breakfast

Alaska Wildlife Center

Lunch

Luxury Catamaran

- The Famous 26 Glaciers

- Prince William Sound

Dinner, Shopping, and Nights Accommodations in Seward

Day Two Links:Alaska's Wild Life & Big Game *[5]* **|** ***Sea Life Center*** *[5]* **|** ***26 Glacier Tour*** *[6]*

DAY THREE **-** We?ll start the day with a full breakfast at our accommodations and then

we?re off to the Kenai Fjords in Resurrection Bay to view incredible Alaskan wildlife

Wildlife?including a tour of fox Island. We?ll cruise through the calm protected waters of

Kenai Fjords National Park with a one-of-a-kind stop at Fox Island for an all you can eat

grilled wild Alaska salmon and prime rib dinner?if you like you can add a ½ pound of

Alaska king Crab. During the day we?ll come face to face with towering masses of ice,

migratory whales, and breathtaking Alaska scenery. Professional narration is provided by

U.S. Forest Service Rangers on every cruise. We?ll overnight in Seward. Breakfast,

Lunch, and Dinner are provided.

Hearty Alaskan Breakfast

Cruise through Resurrection Bay

- Kenai Fjords

- Fox Island

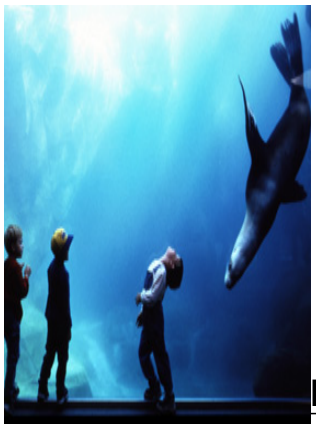
- Wildlife Sightseeing

- Whale Watching

Dinner Alaskan Salmon, Prime Rib, Alaskan King Crab

Overnight Accommodations in Seward

Day Three Links: ***Kenai Fjords Tour*** *[7]*



DAY FOUR - After breakfast we?ll visit the Alaska Sea Life Center, an unrivaled, up-close

and personal experience with Gulf of Alaska marine wildlife. Witness a 2000+ pound Steller

sea lion gliding past underwater viewing windows, puffins diving in a carefully crafted

naturalistic habitat, and harbor seals resting on rocky beaches. Alaskan king crab, sea

stars, and the Giant Pacific octopus also await you, as well as a whole variety of intertidal

creatures and deep sea fishes. Then we will say goodbye to beautiful Seward and start

our way toward the quaint town of Alyeska for an Aerial Tram ride and a late lunch. The

Alyeska Aerial Tram is a seven-minute scenic ride from The Hotel Alyeska to 2,300 ft in

elevation and the top of Mt. Alyeska. From the Tram, you can see miles in all directions ? including views of the

Turnagain Arm, up to seven ?hanging? glaciers and endless peaks deep into the Chugach Mountain range.

Moose and bear sightings are common, too. At the Upper Tram Terminal, there is an observation deck providing

even more breath-taking panoramic views of majestic mountains, hanging glaciers, sparkling streams, towering

spruce, and an array of wildlife. We will lunch at Alyeska.

Now we will make our way to the Crow Creek Gold Mine. Established in 1896, the Crow Creek Mine was one of

the largest producing hydraulic placer gold mines in South Central Alaska and today is Alaska?s most popular

?recreational? gold panning area. No exact records are known that tell the true tale of exactly how much

taken from this mine, but estimates put it around 700 ounces a month during peak production. When the

commercial mining operations came to a standstill during World War II, many believed that more gold remained

in the creek than had ever been mined out of it. The Toohey Family, owners and operators since 1969, strive to

preserve not only the rich history and beautiful natural scenery of Crow Creek Mine, but also the gold resources

within its claims so that many for years to come can experience the same thrill that the prospectors enjoyed

when they first arrived at Crow Creek. Nestled among the Chugach Mountains, Crow Creek Mine offers a unique

blend of historical buildings, antiques, rare mining equipment, beautiful gardens, amazing wilderness scenery,

hiking trails (including the Historic Iditarod Trail), and access to the explore the mines? original claims. These

claims are still producing gold to this very day and with a little work and a bit of luck, you might be quite surprised

to find that you too can catch ?gold fever?.

Overnight at Alaska?s Lake Lucille Bed and Breakfast and finish the day with a BBQ dinner at the lakeside

gazebo.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner are provided.

- Hearty Alaskan Breakfast
- Alaska Sea Life Center
- Aerial Tram Ride to Mt. Alyeska
- Lunch at Alyeska
- Crow Creek Gold Mine
- Barbecue Dinner at Alaska?s Lake Lucille Bed & Breakfast
- Overnight Accommodations at Alaska?s Lake Lucille Bed & Breakfast

Day Four Links: ***Alaska's Sea Life Center*** *[5]* **|** ***Crow Creek Mine*** *[8]*

DAY FIVE - We begin the day with a satisfying breakfast and make our way to the town

of Talkeetna - a small historic frontier town on the way to the Great Mountain - Denali. But

first, we will join the Mahey?s riverboat tour where you?ll travel 130 miles round trip through

Denali State Park and into the National Wild River Park of "Devil?s Gorge". This is one of

our high adventure trips, designed for the hardy adventurer wishing to experience the thrill

of the ultimate Alaskan river experience. Along the trip you will stop at the Mahey?s Safari

site, where you will see a Dena'ina Indian Encampment and visit an authentic trapper?s

cabin with its original furnishings and view how trappers lived in "Bush" Alaska at the turn

of the century.

You?ll see raw furs from the local area and demonstrated trapping methods. Naturalists will

acquaint you with the wildflowers and plants that grow in abundance along the river system and you will learn

about the edible plants that were used by the Native Americans for cooking and medicines. As you travel further

into the remote Alaskan wilderness along the river you will have ever present opportunities to view nesting bald

eagles, beaver activity, moose and salmon and you just might see black bear and grizzly bear roaming the

shore. Stand in the splendor of Denali and the Alaska Range from a spectacular vantage point on the Susitna

River! Please dress warmly and wear comfortable and sturdy walking shoes. Be sure to bring your camera to

capture this incredible experience. A boxed lunch is included in this all day adventure. Experience the

unforgettable beauty of this vast and remote wilderness on this five hour river adventure. Possibility of wildlife,

and folklore, artifacts, majestic scenery at every turn and high adventure combine to make this an unforgettable

and exciting Alaskan river adventure. After the Boat Safari, we?ll have some free time to see the "old Alaska? in

Talkeetna and do some souvenir hunting as well.

Then we?ll make our way to the Denali National Park and well have a late dinner at the Alaska Cabin Night

Dinner Theater. The cast/staff entertain you with songs and stories during dinner. The food is simple - ribs and

salmon, potatoes, beans and corn, and blueberry cobbler for dessert. After dinner, the real show starts. The cast

sings and dances in an approximation of the story of the local settlers (some dramatic license is taken) and

audience participation is required in some places. Your lodging will be near the Denali National Park.

Meals Provided:

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Schedule

Hearty Alaskan Breakfast

Historic Frontier Town of Talkeetna

130 Mile River Boat Safari through Denali State Park

- Mahey?s Safari site
- Dena'ina Indian Encampment
- Trapping Demonstrations
- Box Lunch Provided

Talkeetna Souvenir Shopping

Alaska Cabin Night Dinner Theater

Menu - Ribs and Salmon, potatoes, beans and corn, and blueberry cobbler.

Overnight Accommodations Near Denali National Park

Day Five Links**:** ***Talkeetna*** *[9]_ [9]|_ [9]****Mahays River Ride*** *[10]_ [9]|****Denali National Park*** *[11]_ [9]|_ [9]*
Alaska Cabin Night Dinner Theater: *[12]*

DAY SIX - Denali National Park: Today you will get to enjoy the Denali Park tundra wildlife

tour. While you are out be sure that you keep your eyes open so you don't miss all the

wildlife that Alaska is so famous for. You will be provided a sack lunch while on the tour.

We?ll stop for dinner on the way to Wasilla. Overnight at Alaska?s Lake Lucille Bed and

Breakfast.

Campfire in the evening by the lake, weather permitting. Meals Provided: Breakfast, Lunch,

and Dinner are provided.

Schedule

Hearty Alaskan Breakfast

Denali Park Tundra Wildlife Tour

Sack Lunch provided while on tour

Dinner in Wasilla

Evening Campfire on Lake Lucille

Overnight Accommodations at Alaska's Lake Lucille Bed & Breakfast

Day Six Links: ***Denali National Park*** *[11]*

DAY SEVEN - Today's adventure will take you to the base of Matanuska Glacier - The

largest glacier accessible by car in Alaska. The scenic drive makes this an easy day trip.

The Matanuska is a beautiful valley glacier twenty four miles long and four miles wide

descending twelve thousand feet to the terminus. Nestled in the breathtaking Chugach

Mountains. This unique location provides for some of the best weather in the state of

Alaska. The trip to this glacier one of the most panoramic of your visit and will provide a

great venue for many pictures to remember your visit as you travel alongside the

Matanuska River. Once at the glacier you will be able to see and touch the blue ice, visit

the 10 acre lake in the midst of the glacier, visit moulans that fall hundreds of feet to the bottom of the ice as well

as visit the crevasses the cover the ice field. Afterwards, we will take a white water rafting ride down the

Matanuska River to enjoy this great water and sites. Then we?ll return to Wasilla and lodgings at Alaska?s Lake

Lucille Bed & Breakfast for a BBQ at the lakeside gazebo. Meals Provided: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Hearty Alaskan Breakfast

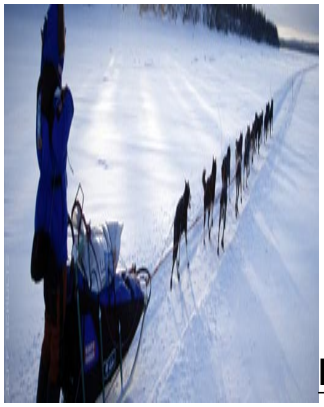
Matanuska Glacier

Box Lunch

White Water Rafting

Lakeside Gazebo BBQ Dinner at Alaska?s Lake Lucille Bed & Breakfast

Overnight Accommodations at Alaska?s Lake Lucille Bed & Breakfast



DAY EIGHT - We?ll start our day with a wonderful breakfast and then make our way to

the nearbyIditarod Dog Sled Head quarters. You will have the opportunity to experience a

short dog-sled ride, it's a short trip but one that will help makes this one of your most

memorable vacations! Also, there are usually sled dog puppies in the displays for you to

see and cuddle along with many great souvenirs to remember this visit. Warm your heart

with the lure of the husky puppies. Then well travel to Thunderbird Falls. Onarrival we

will leave our vehicle and start an easy approximately one mile hike to a boardwalk and

viewing platform. The wooded trail follows alongside the ridge above the Eklutna River. It?s about six feet wide

and made of well maintained gravel. We?ll then make a brief stop at the Eklutna. With a population at383 this

Dena'ina Athabascan village is the oldest inhabited location in the Anchorage area, having been inhabited for

over 800 years.

The present population of the Eklutna area is still home to a significant community of Alaskan Native Americans,

most of whom are members of the federally recognized Native Village of Eklutna. Russian Orthodox missionaries

came here in the 1840?s. The melding of Orthodox Christianity and native practices resulted in the brightly-

colored spirit houses built over the graves of the deceased at the Eklutna Cemetery, which has been in use since

1650 and is now a historical park. Visitors here can visit St. Nicholas Church, the oldest standing building in the

greater Anchorage area. Then we are off to the Alaska Native Heritage Center, a renowned cultural center and

museum in Anchorage, an exciting place where we will learn more about Alaska's first people. Here we share

the rich heritage of Alaska's eleven cultural groups drawing upon the life-ways of long ago and the traditions that

endure. It is time to bring this tour to an end. As we bring you back to Anchorage to connect with your flights we

hope that you have enjoyed your tour of Alaska and have a safe return home. Meals Provided: Breakfast, and

Lunch. Late afternoon departures will be dropped off at the airport.

Schedule

Hearty Alaskan Breakfast

Iditarod Museum and Dog Sled Headquarters

Lunch

Eklutna River - Thunderbird Falls

St. Nicholas Church

Dinner

Anchorage Souvenir Shopping

Day Eight Links: Iditarod Headquarters [14] | Thunder Bird Falls Trail [15] | Eklutna Historial Park & Lake [16] | Eklutna Russian [17]Orthodox Church [17] | Alaska Native Heritage Center [18] | Anchorage [3]

DAY NINE - Enjoy more of Anchorage and depart according to your flight schedule.

Day Nine Links: Anchorage [3]

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thirty days prior to your first day of travel. Alaska's Guided Tours & Accommodations recommend and encourage

you to purchase trsvel insurance. We cannot make exception to our cancellation or change policies for any

reason, this includes family and medical emergencies. Cancellations must be received in writing. Alaska's

Guided Tours will do our very best to help make your visitto Alaska a good one. We cannot be liable for

inclement weather oracts of God.

Cancellations are subject to the following fees per person.

******60 days or less prior to your tour departure: No refund, regardless of any circumstance

******Up to 61 days prior to your tour departure: $50 per person.

Reservations: To request this package, or to receive a quote at no obligationplease email or call us at

907-357- 0352.

Included in your Tour

****All lodging***

****All transportation includingrail, flight seeing, van & boat***

****All park and entrance fees***

****National & State Park fees***

****All activities exceept those stated as optional***

****Complimentary beverages***

****Breakfasts & lunches where listed.***

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