

Alaska The Great Land

9 Days • 12 Meals

Welcome to the “Land of the Midnight Sun,” where mighty blue-ice glaciers sprawl alongside miles of pine forest, and rugged mountains touch endless skies!



Alaska Glacier

Northward, Ho! – An Alaskan Adventure

If you've got a big appetite for adventure, then our tour into Alaska's spectacular wilderness is the perfect vacation for you! Covering nearly 600,000 square miles, Alaska is the biggest state in the union – and its scenic beauty is just as awe-inspiring as its size. With deep crystal-clear lakes, towering mountains, mammoth glaciers and dense forests, America's 49th state is a nature-lover's dream-come-true. Our eight-day excursion brings the glories of Alaska to you, with convenient and comfortable touring by train, motorcoach and boat. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the marvels of America's rugged wilderness!

Big City Alaska

Our outdoor adventure starts and ends in Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. Nestled between the Talkeetna and Chugach mountain ranges, Anchorage blends outdoor life with breathtaking scenic beauty. The city's fantastic ambiance offers the perfect stepping-off point for our Alaskan adventure.

We'll also visit the delightful town of Fairbanks, the second largest city in the state. During our tour, we'll explore the city's rollicking past as a bustling mining town and enjoy its first-class cultural amenities, including galleries, upscale stores, specialty boutiques, historic sites and museums.



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Traveling along Alaska's famous George Parks Highway, we'll enjoy unparalleled views of some of the continent's highest mountain peaks as well as wooded expanses inhabited by moose, grizzlies, foxes, wolves and other wildlife.

At the heart of our excursion is a guided tour of the gem of Alaska's glorious wilderness, Denali National Park. Covering more than six million acres, Denali is a natural wonderland, teeming with sub-arctic wildlife

and more than 650 species of flowering plants. Following our guided tour, you'll have the option of getting a bird's-eye view of this spectacular wilderness with a special “flight-seeing” tour by helicopter.

We'll also explore the signature natural feature of Alaska's spectacular landscape; the

Experience Mother Nature in All Her Glory!

Alaska is world-famous for its thrilling natural wonders, and we'll witness more than a few during our exciting tour of this state's unspoiled splendors.

We'll survey panoramic vistas of majestic forests and grassy tundra from the comfort-



Shopping for cultural treasures





"All Aboard!" the Alaska Railroad

arctic glacier. Our tour includes a close-up look at Worthington Glacier, a massive floe of blue ice that covers nearly five square miles!

Adventures on Alaska's Waterways

Dive into the beautiful sights offered by Alaska's many pristine lakes, wild rivers and placid channels.

Cruise through the glacier-carved fjords and passageways of Prince William Sound aboard the *Glacier Spirit*, and catch a glimpse of sea lions lolling on the majestic shoreline. With its many twisting tributaries and sharply carved mountain peaks, it's clear why the Sound and the surrounding area is called the "Switzerland of Alaska"!

You may also enjoy a peaceful float on the park's Nenana River. This blue, crystalline river issues from the Nenana Glacier far to the north, and is one of the most popular destinations for whitewater rafting in Alaska.

A Celebration of History and Culture

Alaskan waterways will also be our entry into the cultural heritage of this great state. Aboard the *Riverboat Discovery*, the only authentic sternwheeler in Alaska, you'll enjoy a narrated cruise into Native American

culture. This fascinating river tour includes a stop at the Chena Indian Village, where you'll get an intriguing glimpse into the culture and lifestyle of native Alaskans. There is a foray into the state's prospecting past with a visit to Rika's Roadhouse, a renowned gathering place for the traders, gold-miners and trappers of Alaska's frontier.

For a closer look at the life and times of the gold miner, take an optional tour of El Dorado Gold Camp. Experience the thrill of the prospector's life as you ride a narrow-gauge rail into an authentic permafrost mining tunnel, and try your hand at gold panning with modern-day miners.

Bask in the ambiance of the hearty boomtown music hall as we enjoy live musical shows that capture the spirit of frontier Alaska, including the Golden Heart Revue, a rollicking showcase of Fairbanks' prospecting past.

Strike Gold with an Alaskan Adventure!

Don't miss this opportunity to explore the last great American frontier! Discover the thrills that await you in the expansive wilderness of Alaska's glacier country!

Hotel Accommodations

Days One and Eight – Ramada Inn Downtown, Anchorage, Alaska

Days Two and Three – Denali Park Resorts, Denali, Alaska

Days Four and Five – Wedgewood Resort or River's Edge Resort Cottages, Fairbanks, Alaska

Days Six and Seven – Best Western Harbor Inn, Valdez, Alaska

Day by Day

- Free home or local pickup and return
- 12 Meals (3 dinners, 1 lunch and 8 breakfasts)
- Round trip airport transfers
- \$45 in Mayflower Money

Day One

- Arrive in Anchorage with included transfers to your hotel
- Your Tour Manager will meet you at 6 p.m. for dining suggestions

Day Two

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Ride the Alaska Railroad to Talkeetna
- Travel on to Denali National Park
- Enjoy dinner and a show at Alaska Cabin Nite

Day Three

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Natural History tour of Denali National Park
- Optional helicopter ride or river float on Nenana River

Day Four

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Travel to Fairbanks
- Dinner and *Golden Heart Revue* show at the Palace Theater

Day Five

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Explore Fairbanks on your own
- *Riverboat Discovery* cruise
- Optional visit to El Dorado Gold Camp

Day Six

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Stop at Rika's Roadhouse
- Visit Worthington Glacier

Day Seven

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Free time in Valdez
- Cruise Prince William Sound
- Lunch aboard the cruise ship

Day Eight

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Travel to Anchorage
- Farewell dinner with Tour Manager

Day Nine

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Transfer to Anchorage Airport for flights home

2006 Departure Dates

July 12, 19, 26

August 9

Per Person Rates

Twin	\$2,149
Single	add \$998
Triple	deduct \$16

Air from Chicago to and from Anchorage, is available for \$670, tax included.