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Alaska Ferry Vacations 8 Day Wrangell-St. Elias & Valdez Driving Loop

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We are pleased to provide the following QUOTE for your travel request. Arrangements quoted are subject to availability. Please check the details carefully.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Travel Arrangements starting at US\$3,225.00 per person based on Double Occupancy

2019 Departures: Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from June 7 to August 28

Friday, Day One

Intermediate Car

Pick Up: 12:00 PM

Drop Off: 12:00 PM on Saturday, Day 9

Round trip car rental from Anchorage Airport

Accommodation for 2 nights in Glacier View

Check in: 04:00 PM

Check out: 11:00 AM Sunday, Day 4

This Lodge is located along the scenic Glenn Highway halfway between the towns of Palmer and Glennallen. Guests enjoy spectacular mountain views, local outdoor recreational activities, cabins with private bath and showers, delicious home cooked meals, and old

fashioned Alaskan hospitality that has made this lodge famous. Extensive decks, greenhouses and flower gardens compliment the scenery. You can watch Dall Sheep through our telescope, read on the deck of your cabin or relax in the hot tub after a day of traveling or hiking.

Saturday, Day Two

Matanuska Glacier Hike

Departure time: 09:00 AM (Check in: 08:30 AM)

Return time: 01:00 PM

It's not every day you can take a 3.5 hour hike along a 26-mile long advancing valley glacier. Our experienced guides help with gear and guide you to the impressive "Ice Falls" area of the Matanuska Glacier – an expanse of glacier ice that naturally "falls" over the rock under it, creating dramatic spire formations or seracs. It's a must see!

Along the way, there are continuous views of various glacier features such as deep moulins, crevasses. Be sure and bring your camera! The Glacier Hike is usually a 1:6 guide-to-client ratio. All glacier gear is provided including boots, crampons, walking stick (if desired) and helmet.

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Sunday, Day Three

Flight from Chitina to McCarthy

Flight Departure: 09:05 AM

Flight Arrival.: 09:35 AM

Fly along the flanks of 16,000 Mt.Blackburn and over the Kennicott and Root Glaciers, past the Erie Mine and Stairway Icefall.

Accommodation for 2 nights in Kennicott

Check in: 03:00 PM

Check out:11:00 AM Tuesday, Day 5

The only lodge located in the historic town of Kennicott, Alaska. The Lodge has spectacular views of the Kennicott Glacier, Mount Blackburn, and the Chugach Mountains and most of the activities in the area begin right across the street

Monday, Day Four

Historical Mill Tour

Departure time: 03:30 PM (Check in: 03:20 PM)

Return time: 04:00 PM

St. Elias Alpine Guides are located in McCarthy and provide a number of tours in the area for over 20 years. Phone their office if you have questions about the trip. Meet the guides at their Kennecott office, just across the street from the Kennecott Glacier Lodge, for your tour. Please bring a warm sweater or jacket, sturdy shoes, and your camera. Explore the history of Kennecott, discovery of Copper, building of the railroad, life in Kennecott and the mining and milling processes of the mill town.



Tuesday, Day Five

Kennicott History Tour

Departure time: 02:00 PM

Return time: 02:30 PM

After a scenic 30 minute flight to the historic town of Kennicott, enjoy a Kennicott History Walking Tour which includes a 2.5 hour guided tour of Kennicott and lunch at Kennicott Glacier Lodge and van transfers.

Hop the shuttle to the frontier town of McCarthy to visit the local museum and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of an Alaskan bush community. Explore the historic town built in the early part of the century; concluded by the scenic flight back to Chitina departing at 5:00 pm.



Accommodation for 2 nights in Valdez

Check in: 04:00 PM

Check out: 11:00 AM Thursday, Day 7

Located on the picturesque waterfront of Valdez Harbor, this hotel offers superior Valdez hotel accommodations with a wide range of onsite amenities and services.

When it comes to location and amenities, no other Valdez hotels can match this one. In every spacious, modern hotel room, you'll enjoy high-definition cable TV, premium pillow-top beds, high thread count linens, free high-speed Wi-Fi, fridge, microwave and more.

Wednesday, Day Six

Shoup Glacier and Kayaking

Departure time: 09:00 AM

The Shoup Glacier Day tour offers an intimate experience at one of Alaska's beautiful tidewater glaciers. Climb aboard our motor boat for a taxi ride to Shoup Bay where we will begin this scenic journey. Over the course of the day we will paddle past floating ice, past a nesting colony of Black-Legged Kittiwakes, and up to the face of the glacier. Enjoy a short walk on the beach and a lunch spot with a colorful glacier view (bring your own lunch). At the end of the paddle we will be picked up by the motorboat for the ride back to Valdez. *About 4 hours of paddling with an hour shore break for lunch in the middle

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Thursday, Day Seven

Ferry from Valdez to Whittier with Alaska Marine Highway

Ferry Departure Time: Morning

Ferry Arrival Time: Mid-Afternoon

Accommodation for 2 nights in Girdwood

Check in: 04:00 PM

Check out: 11:00 AM Saturday, Day 9

Welcome to Alaska's premier year-round resort destination. Nestled in a lush valley surrounded by mountain peaks, hanging glaciers and spectacular ocean views, this hotel offers guests luxurious accommodations and convenient access to the magnificent Alaskan wilderness. The doors first opened to guests in 1994. Today, this chateau-style hotel makes the perfect base camp for your Alaskan vacation. During your stay you'll experience supreme comfort with perfect modern touches and rich Native influences, bringing the natural beauty of Alaska's great outdoors inside.

Friday, Day Eight

Bears, Trains and Icebergs

Departure time: 11:00 AM

Return time: 06:30 PM

Pickup at your hotel in Girdwood at 11am, visit Alaska Wildlife conservation center including a catered lunch. Then travel on the Alaska Railroad for a beautiful ride to Spencer Glacier. Enjoy a raft tour floating amongst icebergs with a spectacular glacier view. This is the Alaskan experience that you always pictured in your mind's eye. You might even get a chance to touch an iceberg!

Guests disembark the train in the ultra-scenic Placer valley at Spencer Lake. Spencer Lake is full of icebergs that crumble from the glacier. The ice is so close you can touch it. Relax as your guide navigates the raft down the Placer River through spirited Class I (maybe II) rapids that are fun for all ages. Take photos underneath the longest freestanding trestle bridge in the USA, or just enjoy the wildness of it all.

You shouldn't expect to get wet except for an occasional small splash. After this amazingly scenic float, you'll get back on the train to the Portage Station and motor coach or train back to Anchorage. This trip is tons of fun for the whole family! Return destination can vary, Anchorage, Whittier, Portage or Girdwood. All gear is provided for a comfortable trip. But we recommend you bring the following items:

- Thick socks (to wear with our rubber boots)
- Warm clothes (wear synthetic layers and bring a rain coat)
- Warm hat
- Gloves
- Binoculars
- Camera



GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

ALASKA TOURS

A **"plan-to-go" deposit** may be required after initial consultation. Usually we spend upto an hour planning alternatives for you for free. Then we request a small fee (and apply it to the cost of your tour) to cover the time our Alaska Tour Planning Specialists spend further customizing your tour to your timeframe and budget. This fee usually is \$50 per adult.

Reservations are recommended as early as possible to confirm specific departures. A deposit of \$500 per person or 50% of the total tour, whichever is greater is required at time of booking. Full payment is required 60 days prior to departure. Components are presented as a package tour and the individual prices will not be broken out due to contractual arrangements with our vendors.

Cancellations and refunds: Deposits and other payments are non-refundable.

Late reservations: Reservations booked within 30 days of departure are on a request basis and are subject to availability. Late reservations are subject to a \$25 Express Handling fee.

Due to weather cancellation or change of some of tour components may be necessary and are non-refundable.

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