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15 Day Gems of Alaska Tour

Tour Name : 15 Day Gems of Alaska Tour

Tour Number : 2096

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

**Itinerary runs from Friday to Saturday, and is based on 2 people traveling together.
Expedition begins in Bellingham, Washington and ends in Fairbanks, Alaska.**

**Travel Arrangements: US\$5,699.00 per person.
Senior rate (65 and over) : US \$5,649.00 per person
Single Supplements available**

Departure Dates 2017 - Alternating Fridays:

May 26

June 9 and 23

July 7 and 21

August 4 and 18

Friday, Day 1

Ferry from Bellingham to Ketchikan with Alaska Marine Highway

Ferry Departure Time: 06:00 p.m.

Ferry Arrival Time: early AM on Monday, Day 3

The Alaska Ferry departs from the Bellingham Fairhaven Terminal for a two-day trip to Ketchikan

Accommodation in a Two Berth (Upper and Lower) Outside Stateroom

(Upgrade available to a stateroom with two lower beds)

Sunday, Day 3

Arrive Ketchikan early AM

Totems & Eagles Tour

Departure time: 11:00 a.m.

Your guide offers a 3-hour tour in the "happy days" comfort of her snazzy '55 Chevy. She shares knowledge of Alaskan Native cultures, totem poles and art. She can tell you about the eagles and salmon, and equally interesting stories about Ketchikan's pioneers and lifestyles, past and present.



Accommodation for 1 night in Ketchikan

Check in: 04:00 p.m.

Check out: Monday

Your hotel is a Ketchikan favorite, located right across the street from the Alaska Ferry Terminal. There's a Restaurant and Pub (6am until late) right on the property for your dining pleasure. There is a cozy fireplace, full cocktail service, beers on tap and an outside deck overlooking the Tongass Narrows. Complimentary shuttle is provided from the Airport Ferry. There's a guest laundry and free internet access, too.

The well-appointed guest rooms and suites offer everything the discerning guest could need. There is secure parking, a fitness center, business center and premium cable TV with HBO.

Monday, Day 4

Ferry from Ketchikan to Kodiak with Alaska Marine Highway

Ferry Departure Time: 11:00 a.m.

Ferry Arrival Time: 11pm on Friday, Day 8

Accommodation in a Two Berth Outside Stateroom with "bath down the hall".

Optional upgrade to Stateroom with en-suite bath may be available at extra cost.

Tuesday to Thursday, Day 5-7 – Intermediate stops in Juneau, Yakutat and Whittier. Port times in each community depend on the weekly ferry schedule.

Friday, Day 8

Accommodation for 1 night in Kodiak - Inn located at the entrance to town

Check in: 04:00 p.m.

Check out: Saturday, Day 9

Scenic Air Tour of Kodiak or Afognak

Departure time: 12:00 p.m.

Duration, Approx. one hour.

Enjoy a flightseeing trip over the "Emerald Isle".

Saturday, Day 9

Ferry from Kodiak to Homer with Alaska Marine Highway

Ferry Departure Time: 03:00 p.m.

Ferry Arrival Time: 11:00 p.m. – times are approximate and will vary with weekly departures.

Accommodation for 2 nights in Homer

Check in: 11:00 p.m.

Check out: Tuesday, Day 12

Beachfront hotel - Lodging at the end of the Homer Spit.

Sunday, Day 10

6-hour Flight Seeing & Bear Viewing Adventure

Departure time: 09:00 a.m.

Katmai National Park is home to approximately 4,000 brown bears (grizzly bears).

Depending on the timing of your trip, we'll visit different areas of the park for best viewing opportunities. Flight times are about 1.5hr to cross Cook Inlet and past McNeil River. Park Rangers are positioned at various points on the trail allowing visitors to hike independently without a guide.



Monday, Day 11

Transfer by van from Homer to Anchorage

Departure: 08:30 a.m.

Arrival: 02:00 p.m.

Accommodation for 1 night in Anchorage

Check in: 03:00 p.m.

Check out: Tuesday, Day 12

Your tour features an Anchorage hotel in downtown near the Alaska Railroad Depot. Ideally located on the banks of Ship Creek, the property is within walking distance of lovely downtown Anchorage. Attractions that are just minutes away include the Alaska Railroad and the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts.

Tuesday, Day 12

Train from Anchorage to Denali - Gold Star Service

Departure: 08:00 a.m.

Arrival: 04:00 p.m.

The Denali Star, the Alaska Railroad's flagship train, links Anchorage to Fairbanks with stops in Wasilla, Talkeetna, and Denali Park.

GoldStar, first-class service aboard double-deck dome cars, luxury rail travel has never been better. Reserved upper-level dome car seating, priority check-in, upper-level outdoor viewing deck, exclusive lower-level dining room, and complimentary Breakfast, Lunch and non-alcoholic beverages.



Accommodation for 2 nights in Denali National Park

Check in: 03:00 p.m.

Check out: Thursday, Day 14

Your accommodations are located seven miles south of the park entrance and nestled along the banks of the Nenana River. Spread over 20 acres it offers light hiking and interpretive trails throughout the facility. For the adventurous, there are more rugged trails located near the property entrance. Ideal for families and convenient for travelers with their own vehicle, this Denali Lodge brings you close to the action – yet enjoy the evening solitude as you relax to the sound of the river sweeping by.

Round-trip Transfers from Train and Luggage Handling along with Alaska Cabin Night Dinner Theater (7:30 PM) Included

Wednesday, Day 13

Kantishna Wilderness Trails

Departure time: 07:00 a.m.

Fully narrated, all-day trip. Not only do you get to travel the entire road—which gives you more opportunities to spot wildlife—but you'll also have planned stops to get out, stretch your legs and explore a bit at points along the way, including Kantishna, an area deep in the park with a gold-mining past, and one that most Denali visitors never see.



Thursday, Day 14

Train from Denali to Fairbanks - Gold Star Service

Departure: 04:00 p.m.

Arrival: 08:00 p.m.

The Denali Star, the Alaska Railroad's GoldStar, first-class service aboard double-deck dome cars, luxury rail travel has never been better. Reserved upper-level dome car seating, priority check-in, upper-level outdoor viewing deck, exclusive lower-level dining room, and complimentary Dinner with non-alcoholic beverages.



Accommodation for 2 nights in Fairbanks

Check in: 08:00 p.m.

Check out: Sunday, Day 17

Your accommodation will be in individual riverfront and garden guest cottages on the Chena River. As the geographic and population center of Alaska, Fairbanks is the perfect hub for your Northern Alaska adventure.

Friday, Day 15

Arctic Circle Fly / Drive Adventure

Departure time: 05:30 a.m.

Return time: 12:00 a.m.

Fly from Fairbanks to Coldfoot, north of the Arctic Circle in the Brooks Mountain Range. The flight provides an aerial view of the vast Alaska wilderness. Ground tour south on the Dalton Highway made famous during the construction of the Trans Alaska Pipeline. Cross the Arctic Circle and receive an official Arctic Circle Adventure Certificate. Explore up close the amazing arctic tundra and feel the veins of ice just beneath the surface. Experience the mighty Yukon River. Marvel at the majestic beauty of the northland's most famous waterway and learn of the river's storied past. View the remarkable Trans Alaska Pipeline. Visit the Arctic Circle Trading Post, situated in the rural community of Joy, Alaska.



Saturday, Day 16

Your tour ends this morning, allowing you to travel home or discover more of Alaska on another of our Alaska Ferry Vacations.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS ALASKA TOURS

A **"plan-to-go" deposit** may be required after initial consultation. Usually we spend up to 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.

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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