



12 DAY ALASKAN WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

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This 12-day adventure into the Last Frontier focuses on exclusive Wildlife Encounters, spectacular scenery, and the cultures of both Native and Modern Alaska.

- Wildlife Encounters
- Denali National Park
- Whales and Marine Wildlife Viewing
- Alaska Railroad Tour
- Anchorage Museum of History and Art
- Alaska Native Heritage Center
- Alaska Wildlife Center
- Portage Valley
- Crow Creek Gold Mine
- Kenai Fjords National Park and glacier cruise
- Halibut Fishing or Exit Glacier & Dog Sled tour

*Optional Choices

- Katami National Park Brown Bear Encounter*

This program is designed with an emphasis on Alaska's wildlife and wild places. With our private naturalist guides and customized transportation we'll depart from some of the well-trodden tourist routes and visit places where we are most likely to find Brown and Black Bear, Moose, Caribou, Dahl Sheep, Humpback Whales, Orcas, Mountain Goats, Puffins, Cormorants and a variety of other birds, mammals and other wildlife.

In addition to our wildlife adventures we'll also have opportunities to explore Alaska's pristine landscape of towering mountains, picturesque valleys, rushing rivers and boreal forests.

We'll experience Alaska's 10,000 year old Native culture and gain an insight into Modern Alaska, its industry and technology. Ample free time has been included to allow us a personal experience as well as an action-packed daily itinerary.



Day 1-Wednesday, July 11 - Arrive Anchorage



Following our arrival at the Ted Stevens International Airport we board the shuttle to our accommodations, for the next two nights, at the **Comfort Inn Ship Creek** which is located in the historic downtown area within walking distance of most major attractions. With a bit of luck we should be able to see King salmon swimming upstream from the hotel terrace. Our dinner is at an exclusive Anchorage downtown restaurant. D

Day 2- Thursday,

July 12 -Anchorage – In the morning we have the option of enjoying two major Anchorage attractions either independently or as a group. The **Alaska Native Heritage Center** is a renowned cultural center and museum, designed to provide us with an understanding of Alaska's first people. Here we share the rich heritage of Alaska's eleven cultural groups and learn about their traditional life styles, the wisdom of their elders and the traditions that have endure. At the **Anchorage Museum of History and Fine Art** we may visit the new Smithsonian wing which displays more than 50,000 native artifacts and exhibits the fine work of Alaskan artists. We may also join a walking tour of the natural history museum. We may select the location for our (included) lunch, either in the museum restaurant or at another facility. Our dinner this evening will be at the Glacier Brewhouse Restaurant. B/L/D



Day 3 – Friday, July 13 - Anchorage / Denali National Park – Following an early breakfast we depart for Denali National Park via the Alaska Railroad. It's a full day's journey through the northland and into the high plateaus of the Alaska Range. With panoramic views of Mt. McKinley, we pass small villages and through pristine landscapes. During the journey we relax in fully appointed railcars from which there is access to the bar and dining facilities. **(Please note:** a round trip upgrade to Gold Star service is available for an additional \$220 per person). Following our late afternoon arrival we are met and transferred to the McKinley Village Resort the Denali Bluffs Hotel or similar. In the evening we may take a casual walk and get our first exposure to the Denali environment. Dinner will be at the hotel or another nearby resort restaurant. B/L/D

Day 4 - Saturday, July 14 - Denali National Park – In the morning we meet our park guide and join him/her on a coach ride through Denali National Park to Kanitsha. Along the way we should get our first looks at some of Alaska's "big four"- grizzlies, moose, caribou, and Dahl sheep. We'll stop for wildlife, photo ops and at other times when our naturalist guide identifies and interprets various plants, animals and geological features. Our lunch will be at the Kantishna Roadhouse and our dinner at a select resort restaurant. B/L/D

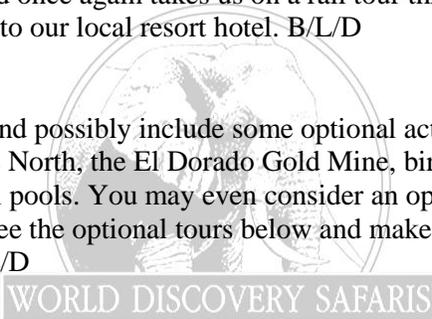


Day 5 - Sunday, July 15 - Denali / Fairbanks

Today we have options for a variety of activities as offered by your hotel concierge and on our own account. These may include white water rafting, flightseeing, or nature walks and presentations at the national park headquarters. A mid afternoon departure on the Alaska Railroad once again takes us on a rail tour through the Nenana River valley. We'll arrive late in Fairbanks and be transferred to our local resort hotel. B/L/D

Day 6 - Monday, July 16 –Fairbanks

Today is a full free day to rest and relax, and possibly include some optional activities in Alaska's golden heart. Choices might include a visit to the Museum of the North, the El Dorado Gold Mine, bird watching at Creamer's Field, or a visit to Chena Hot Springs for a dip in the thermal pools. You may even consider an optional full day tour to the Arctic Circle. Please see the optional tours below and make your selection during the booking process. B/L/D



Day 7 - Tuesday, July 17 Fairbanks / Anchorage

The morning is again unstructured providing additional time to explore some Fairbanks historic sites. In the afternoon we take a riverboat tour on the Chena River. This three hour cruise takes us into the heart of Alaska and the heart of a family that has made the rivers of Alaska a way of life for four generations. We will see a bush floatplane taking off alongside a "bush" style runway; visit the home and kennels of the late four-time Iditarod winner Susan Butcher and gain insight into the ancient Athabascan Indian culture. Alaskan Native guides who have worked and lived in Alaska will take us on a personalized tour of the Chena Indian Village. In the evening we board an Alaska Airlines jet, return to Anchorage and check into the Comfort Inn Suites near the airport (or similar hotel). B/L/D



Day 8 - Wednesday, July 18 - Anchorage / Seward

Early this morning we depart by motor coach for the historic seacoast town of Seward. Along the way we'll stop in the village of Girdwood and visit the historic Crow Creek Gold Mine. Here we should have time to wander through this historic mining compound and maybe do a bit of gold-panning along the creek where gold nuggets are still being discovered by recreational miners and panners. We'll also visit the Portage Glacier and the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center before checking into our accommodations at the **Windsong Lodge**, a wilderness style lodge located at the entrance to Exit Glacier National Park. B/L/D



Day 9 – Thursday, July 19 - Seward

In the morning we have time to explore the Alaska Sea Life Center on our own account. Just before noon we board a 150' yacht for an exclusive guided cruise of **Kenai Fjords National Park** which should provide some spectacular views of both marine and terrestrial wildlife. With a bit of luck we should be able to see humpback whales, an occasional gray whale, orcas, Dahl porpoise, seals and sea lions, sea otters and an assortment of sea birds including Alaska's famous puffin. Chance encounters with mountain goats and black bears on the towering cliffs and shoreline add to the excitement. As we venture into the fjords we should get a close up view of calving glaciers and stunning views of the Harding Ice field. In the evening we check back into our rooms at the Windsong Lodge. B/L/D



Day 10 – Friday, July 20 - Seward / Anchorage

Today we may either depart very early for a full day of salmon and halibut fishing on a private charter in Resurrection Bay, or if fishing isn't your sport, \ enjoy a lazy morning and, just before noon, join a special guided tour. First, take in the fascinating history and breathtaking beauty as your guide shows you the sights of Seward, known as "the Gateway to Alaska" and "Mile 0" of the Iditarod Trail. See first-hand the effects of the 1964 Earthquake and stand in awe of the mountain that is home to the second oldest foot race in the United States. We then, head out to Exit Glacier, in the Kenai Fjords National Park where a short walk along the nature trail takes us to the face of the glacial ice. From this point we should look for mountain goats, moose or bear on the mountainside. During the salmon runs we should be able to see salmon swimming upstream to spawn. A hearty lunch will be served at the nearby Resurrection Roadhouse before we travel to the Seavey homestead and experience IdidaRide's 1.5 hour Wilderness Dog Sled Ride and Tour. Our guides are Iditarod Race mushers and we'll have an opportunity to play with the puppies and learn about the "Last Great Race." This is bear country and the occasional sightings and encounters add to the excitement. Those who elect this 2nd option will return late in the afternoon, join the fisherman in our group, and board the Alaska Railroad for our return journey through the Kenai Mountains to Anchorage. Our accommodations this evening will once again be at the Comfort Inn Ship Creek or similar hotel. B/L/D



Day 11 - Saturday, July 21 - Anchorage

Our last day in Anchorage is entirely free and can be spent resting, shopping, or catching up on some of the local sights. Our package includes a list of more than 40 activities and attractions. We may elect to visit some of the fur stores, art galleries or enjoy one of the finest restaurants in Alaska. Those interested in a bit more activity may bike the coastal trail (\$10 per person) or hike up Flattop Mountain (must take a cab to the trail head). Our accommodations are at the Comfort Inn Ship Creek or similar hotel. B/L/D



Note: An optional full day Bear Viewing Adventure to Katmai National Park is available for \$950 per person. This excursion visits Brooks Falls, which is world-renowned for its Alaskan Brown Bears. Here we should be able to watch these, the largest of the world's carnivores, fish for spawning salmon from elevated viewing platforms and boardwalks. Upon arrival at Katmai National Park, National Park rangers give a safety briefing and a box lunch is included. An early morning departure starts the approximately 12 hour day that includes a scenic 3 hour flight each way. Bear viewing includes walking on relatively flat paths. Although a self-guided trip, National Park Rangers are readily available to answer questions.

Day 12 – Sunday, July 22 - Anchorage / Cincinnati – After breakfast there may be time to visit another Anchorage landmark before transferring to the airport. If it happens to be a weekend the marketplace is open and we may visit the flower gardens of Town Square or get in some last minute souvenir shopping. Luggage storage and airport transfers are included by arrangement with the hotel. B

Optional Tours:

Denali White Water Rafting or Gentle Float - \$90

Mt. McKinley Flightseeing Tour - \$350

Full Day Arctic Circle Adventure - \$150 by tour van, or \$360 Fly/Drive.

El Dorado Gold Mine Tour - \$55

Museum of the North Tour - \$35

Chena Hot Springs - \$110

Creamer's Field Bird Watching Tour - \$45

Katmai National Park and Brooks Falls Bear Viewing - \$950

The Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden's Alaska Wildlife Adventure program includes all airport transfers, transportation between cities, villages, hotels and lodges and activities described in the proceeding itinerary. Guided tours included in this package are at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art, the Alaska Railroad Adventure to and from Denali National Park, the Denali Park Wildlife Tour, Kenai Fjords Wildlife and Glacier Cruise, Iditaride Dog Sledding Adventure and Kennel Tour and an Alaska Sea Life Center Behind-the-Scenes Tour. Self-guided tours include the Alaska Native Heritage Center, Exit Glacier National Park Trek, Portage Valley, Lake and Glacier, and Crow Creek Mine. This program includes all admission and fees for all guided and self-guided tours. Included meals are indicated by B-breakfast, L-lunch, and D-dinner. Group meals are in local restaurants where guests are allowed to order from the general menu. A very generous per diem amount is awarded daily allowing participants to satisfy personal taste and choice. In the unlikely event that charges exceed the per diem amount, individuals are billed at the end of the tour. The allocated amount for meals does not include alcoholic beverages. This package does not include round trip airfare to Anchorage, personal expenses, or tips to guides on the included tours. Gratuities for transfer drivers are included. To spare confusion and possible embarrassment, your tour manager will inform you daily of included tips. All other gratuities are at the sole-discretion of the traveler in line with their level of personal satisfaction with the quality of the service provided.

**For additional information or to register for this travel program please contact
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REGISTRATION, TERMS & CONDITIONS

Travel program name: **Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden History, Culture and Wildlife of Alaska** _Departs, July 11, 2012.
Enclosed is my check for \$_____ as () deposit () full payment () final payment for a total of _____ persons on the travel program indicated above. A \$2975 per person deposit is required to reserve space on this program and a final payment of \$2975 is due on or before May 7. The total cost of this 12-day travel program is \$5950 per person based on double occupancy. Deposits may be charged to Master Card, Visa or American Express (see attached CC authorization form) but subsequent payments for this travel program must be made by check or money order. **Please note:** the cost of this travel program is based on a minimum of 10 full fare participants and may be increased for a smaller group. Although we make every effort to find suitable roommates for each participant, the single supplement will be charged for any single for which no suitable roommate is available.

Accommodations Requested:

- () Double - based on two persons sharing a room () Smoking (if/when available) () Non-Smoking. Name of roommate if known _____
- () Single - based on one person occupying a room (adds \$1550 to program cost)
- () Alaska Rail Gold Star Service (adds \$220 per person to the program cost)
- () Full day bear viewing adventure to Katmai National Park (adds \$975 per person to the program cost.
- () Denali White Water Rafting or Gentle Float (adds \$90 per person to the program cost)
- () Mt. McKinley Flightseeing Tour (adds \$350 per person to the program cost)
- () Full Day Arctic Circle Driving Adventure (adds \$150 per person to the program cost)
- () Full Day Arctic Circle Fly/Drive Adventure (adds \$360 per person to the program cost)
- () El Dorado Gold Mine Tour (adds \$55 per person to the program cost)
- () Museum of the North Tour (adds \$35 per person to the program cost)
- () Chena Hot Springs Tour (adds \$110 per person to the program cost)
- () Creamer's Field Bird Watching Tour (adds \$45 per person to the program cost)

NAMES: (Please Print)-NAME AS ON YOUR PASSPORT (Please attach a photocopy of the picture page from your passport.)

- 1. _____ Age _____ Nickname _____ Sex _____
- 2. _____ Age _____ Nickname _____ Sex _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phones: (Home) _____ (Office) _____

E-mail _____

Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____

WHAT IS INCLUDED: Services of World Discovery Safaris, accommodations, meals, activities, rail, air, and overland transportation in Alaska as per this itinerary, taxes, entrance fees to parks and sites visited.

NOT INCLUDED: Costs of air to and from Anchorage, Alaska, excess baggage charges, travel insurance, and items of a personal nature, including souvenirs, excursions, meals and services that are not listed in this travel program itinerary, alcoholic beverages and drinks that are not included with meals, tips to your bus drivers and guides, laundry, faxes, e-mails, and telephone calls.

CANCELLATION: Regardless of the reason, a cancellation fee of \$600 per person will apply once the deposit has been made. All cancellations must be submitted in writing to World Discovery Safaris and are effective only upon their receipt in our office. Cancellations received one hundred twenty (120) days or less prior to the departure date are subject to additional cancellation fees based on penalties passed on to us by the motor coach company, airline, rail company, hotel and/or other vendors. No refunds will be given for unused services, including, but not limited to scheduled activities, meals, accommodations and airport transfer.

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Please Read and Complete Other Side

TERMS AND CONDITIONS - World Discovery Safaris and our representatives agree to work for you in the making of reservations and/or other arrangements with travel service providers on the following terms: We do not own, manage, control or operate any of the travel service providers with whom we make your travel arrangements. We are an agent for certain travel service providers, including inbound operators and air carriers. We make your travel arrangements with these travel service providers in accordance with their terms and conditions. Should you have any questions concerning these, please contact either the travel service provider or your World Discovery Safaris service representative.

All coupons, exchange orders, receipts, contracts and tickets issued by us or a travel service provider are subject to the applicable tariffs as well as any terms or conditions imposed by the travel services provider. We are not responsible for events of *force majeure*, such as adverse weather conditions, terrorist acts, political instability or for inadequate visas or passports. Any and all controversies, claims or disputes of any nature arising before, on and after the date of this agreement and claims brought by or against the client, this travel agency, or a third party, shall be settled by a single arbitrator in Birmingham, Alabama in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. You acknowledge that this agreement involves interstate commerce.

Our sole knowledge and expertise on which you may rely is in the making of travel arrangements. In the case of all travel arrangements the contract in use by the provider of such transportation or lodging, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and such travel supplier.

World Discovery Safaris reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the trip prior to departure and to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the group if their actions impose upon or disturb the other members of the group. The right is also reserved to amend the itinerary should it be found necessary for the benefit of the members of the group or for other reasons. By accepting these travel arrangements you confirm that you have read this agreement and understand that it is the sum total of our agreement with you and supersedes all prior arrangements or understandings. This agreement cannot be changed except in writing and signed by Richard Mills, President, World Discovery Safaris.

AIRLINE SCHEDULES AND LAND ARRANGEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS: To enjoy your travels to the fullest, you should be in good physical and mental health. Any physical or mental condition requiring special attention or treatment must be reported in writing, to World Discovery Safaris and the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden when the reservation is made. World Discovery Safaris reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in their sole judgment, in such physical or mental condition as to be incapable of group travel, or who may require care and attention beyond that which World Discovery Safaris can provide.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION

Passenger Name(s): _____

Person to contact in case of emergency: _____

Relationship (please identify as spouse, child, parent, neighbor, etc): _____

Address: _____

Street _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone #: Home _____ Office: _____ E-Mail _____

List any disability or special health care needs that may affect your ability to fully participate in this travel program:

List any allergies, including food allergies: _____

List the names of any medications you are currently taking: _____

Health Insurance Company: _____ Policy # _____

By my /our signature(s) below I/we certify that I/we have read, understand and accept the terms of the "Cancellations" and "Terms and Conditions" paragraphs included on this document.

I. I / we hereby release World Discovery Safaris, the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden and their staff and tour escorts from liability in case of accident or illness while I /we am /are participating in this trip and do further agree to absolve World Discovery Safaris and their staff from all responsibility for all loss, damage or expense which I /we may incur by reason of any such accident or illness.

II. I / we shall be responsible for all uninsured medical expenses.

III. I / we hereby authorize necessary hospitalization and/or treatment while I /we am /are participating in this trip.

IV. I / we understand that weather conditions and other circumstances may necessitate changes in the scheduled activities of this travel program.

Date: _____ Your Signature(s): _____

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Authorization for Credit Card Use

Credit Card Type _____ Number _____
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Passport Name of Passenger(s) _____

Authorized charge amount in USD \$ _____

I authorize World Discovery Safaris to charge the above amount to my credit card for the purpose of making a deposit to hold space on Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden's **History, Culture and Wildlife of Alaska** program for the above named passengers.

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Confirmation Signature _____ Date _____

Please attach legible copies of your credit card, driver's license and of the photo page from your passport.

Fax this filled out form and copies of the other documents to 205-972-8742 or mail to:

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