

# NATURE EXPEDITIONS INTERNATIONAL

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invite you on a Wildlife Expedition to

## ALASKA

August 29 – September 5, 2020



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## **ITINERARY**

### **Day 1 ~ Saturday 29 August 2020 ~ Arrive Anchorage**

Depending upon your arrival time in Anchorage, a private transfer will bring you to your hotel or you may take the complimentary hotel shuttle.

***Inlet Tower Hotel & Suites Anchorage or similar***



### **Day 2 ~ Sunday 30 August ~**

#### **Anchorage to Girdwood (39 miles)**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before taking off on a city tour of Anchorage. Visit Earthquake Park, Historic Downtown, Lake Hood and Ship Creek. Your sightseeing includes a visit to the Anchorage Zoo. After, journey to Girdwood and check into the Hotel Alyeska. Dinner is included at the exclusive Seven Glaciers Restaurant.

***Hotel Alyeska Girdwood or similar (B, D)***

### **Day 3 ~ Monday 31 August ~ Girdwood to Seward (85 miles)**

Journey south to Seward along Turnagain Arm on the Alaska Railroad. Your luxury domes rail car includes optimal viewing opportunities and breakfast onboard (8:55-11:00am). Upon arrival your private driver will greet you and bring you to the Alaska Sea Life Center for a Behind-the-Scenes Tour and Puffin Experience.

***Windsong Lodge Seward or similar (B)***

### **Day 4 ~ Tuesday 1 September ~ Kenai Fjords National Park**

After breakfast, set off on a 6-hour Kenai Fjords National Park Cruise. Spend the day exploring the national park in search of whales, porpoises, sea lions, sea otters and a variety of other marine wildlife. Your cruise will visit a tidewater glacier where you can enjoy lunch while watching the glacier calve into the ocean below.



***Windsong Lodge Seward or similar (B, L)***

### **Day 5 ~ Wednesday 2 September ~ Seward to Anchorage (124 miles)**

Learn about dog mushing in Alaska with a Wilderness Sled Dog Tour with the Seavey Family **OR** kayak through Resurrection Bay. Head back to Anchorage over Turnagain Pass and along Turnagain Arm. You will stop

along the way at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center which rehabilitates injured Alaska wildlife in hopes of releasing them back to the wild. A private guide will escort you through the Center and you will have time for a private meet-and-greet with one of the Center residents.

***Inlet Tower Hotel & Suites Anchorage or similar (B)***

### **Day 6 ~ Thursday 3 September ~ Katmai National Park**

Transfer to the Anchorage Airport to meet your flight to King Salmon. You will continue on to Brooks Falls/Katmai National Park onboard a small floatplane. After an orientation by a park ranger, the day is at your leisure for unguided bear-viewing. Return to Anchorage in the evening.

***Inlet Tower Hotel & Suites Anchorage or similar (BB, L)***

### **Day 7 ~ Friday 4 September ~ Lake Clark National Park**

After breakfast a private transfer will bring you to Lake Hood where you will board float planes to Lake Clark National Park. Touch down on the turquoise blue Crescent Lake where your bear guides will greet you. Spend the day on covered pontoon

boats, searching the lake's edge for bears dining on salmon, napping in the sun or playing with their young. A fresh baked salmon and wild rice lunch is provided midday at the lodge. Return to Anchorage in the evening.

**Inlet Tower Hotel & Suites Anchorage or similar (B, L)**

**Day 8 ~ Saturday 5 September ~ Chugach Mountains**

Explore the Chugach Mountains on a guided hike. Your route will be customized based on interests and abilities. Look for moose as you explore the mountainside with a naturalist guide. A private group transfer will bring you to the Anchorage International Airport in time for your departure flight. **(B, BL)**



**(Code: B – Breakfast; BB – Boxed Breakfast;  
L – Lunch; BL – Boxed Lunch; D – Dinner):**

**Cost per person based on 15 travelers:**

Double: **\$5,990** (check, bank or wire transfer); **\$6,240** (credit card)

Single: **\$7,000** (check, bank or wire transfer); **\$7,295** (credit card)

**\$1,000 deposit per person to Nature Expeditions International must be received by February 21, 2020.**

*Minimum of 10 travelers required. Cost per person will increase for less than 15 travelers.*

**Includes:**

- 7 Nights' Accommodations as listed or similar, including round-trip baggage handling
- Breakfast daily (1 boxed), 4 lunches (1 boxed), 1 dinner
- Private transportation as outlined with an English-speaking driver, including driver gratuities
- Escort from the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium accompanying with a minimum of 10 travelers
- Private Anchorage City Tour; General Admission to the Anchorage Zoo
- General Admission to Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center with Animal Encounter and Private Guide
- Kenai Fjords National Park Cruise including lunch (not private)
- Wilderness Sled Dog Experience OR Resurrection Bay Kayaking Tour (*not private*)
- General Admission to Alaska Sea Life Center including Behind-the-Scenes Tour and Puffin Experience
- Luxury dome rail passage, Girdwood to Seward, including breakfast
- Full day Brooks Falls bear-viewing tour including flights (*not private*)
- Full day Lake Clark National Park bear-viewing including flights and pontoon boats (*not private*)
- Private Hiking Tour in the Chugach Mountains
- All applicable taxes and fees

**Excludes:**

- Excursion Guide gratuities (recommend \$10-\$20 per person/activity)
- Meals, unless specified above
- Excursions and admissions, unless specified above
- Roundtrip airfare to Anchorage (*NEI will assist with booking flights with a surcharge of \$50 per ticket*)

**Contact us for detailed itinerary, upgrades, extensions and reservation information.**

