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Denali National Park

ALASKAN DISCOVERY TOUR

Fairbanks • Denali National Park • Anchorage • Seward •
Homer • Kenai Fjords National Park

From panning for gold in Fairbanks to spotting wildlife in Denali and sailing past glaciers in Kenai Fjords, this is the real Alaska that locals share with their summer guests. From Fairbanks to Anchorage, see the 49th state's most iconic sights on this 8-day land tour.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit historic Denali National Park and sail Kenai Fjords National Park, two of Alaska's most majestic natural treasures
- Explore Seward and Homer, two quaint yet distinctively different remote fishing communities, during your combined 3-night stay on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula
- Included visit to Gold Dredge #8 where you'll relive Alaska's gold rush history
- Tour Fairbanks and Anchorage, the two largest cities in the state

INCLUDES

7 nights hotels, 2 lunches, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, and sightseeing per itinerary.

Note: (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

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❖ Day 1 • Arrive in Fairbanks

Today your adventure begins upon arrival in Fairbanks, Alaska's third largest city. If you booked your flight with YMT, a representative will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

♦ *SpringHill Suites Fairbanks or similar*

❖ Day 2 • Gold Dredge #8

Explore the area's gold mining history as we visit the restored Gold Dredge #8. The visitor center offers a great perspective with artifacts from the gold rush era, bringing to life the history of Fairbanks. To round off your visit here you can learn to pan for gold and take a picture with the Trans-Alaska pipeline, an American engineering marvel. In the afternoon, explore Fairbanks on your own.

♦ *SpringHill Suites Fairbanks or similar*

❖ Day 3 • Denali Natural History Tour

Travel along the George Parks Highway to Denali National Park. At 6 million acres, Denali is one of the world's great frontiers for wilderness adventure. Get a deeper look at this amazing park on a Denali Natural History Tour. With a focus on the rich cultural history

of Denali National Park, this memorable tour provides insight into the diverse native and early pioneer influences in and around the park. Your dedicated naturalist will provide a great introduction to Denali's landscape, geology, and past. Visit Savage Cabin, the original ranger's cabin that is still used by the Park Service today. This afternoon you will have free time to spend in the park at your leisure. Along with awe-inspiring mountain views, it's not rare to see some combination of Alaska's Big Five. Look for grizzly bears, caribou, moose, Dall Sheep, and wolves, along with other animals such as wolverines and countless songbirds.

♦ *Denali Park Village or similar*

❖ Day 4 • Iditarod Sled Dog Headquarters & Anchorage City Tour

Head south through the Matanuska-Susitna Valley. Next, stop at the Iditarod Sled Dog Headquarters to learn about the legendary dog sled race from Anchorage to Nome. You might even get to meet some husky sled puppies in training! Continue to Anchorage for a late lunch at the Golden Corral before continuing on for a tour of historic downtown Anchorage. (L)

♦ *Crowne Plaza Anchorage or similar*



bus Day 5 • Anchorage to Homer

Travel across the picturesque Kenai Peninsula to Homer. Your first stop will be the Homer Spit, a long, narrow finger of land that extends more than four miles into Kachemak Bay. Continue with a guided walking tour of the Homer Docks. See the Salty Dawg Saloon, Homer's oldest and most famous landmark. Now topped with distinctive lighthouse tower, it started life in 1897 as one of the very first cabins in town. In the more than a century since, the landmark served as a post office, railroad station, grocery store, and school house. For the full Salty Dawg experience, add a signed dollar bill to the saloon's wall, alongside thousands of others. The peculiar practice started decades ago, when a local barfly tacked a dollar to the wall for his friend to use later on an ice cold beer!

♦ Best Western Bidarka or similar

Day 6 • Homer Leisure Day

Enjoy a free day in Homer. Your Tour Director will be happy to help you plan your day to make the most of your time in this charming coastal destination. Whether you stay in Homer to sample its incredible halibut, venture out on an optional tour, or take a ferry to the nearby town of Seldovia, you are sure to enjoy Homer and its beautiful surroundings!

♦ Best Western Bidarka or similar

boat Day 7 • Kenai Fjords National Park Catamaran Cruise

Spend the day enjoying a memorable catamaran cruise through Kenai Fjords National Park. See marine wildlife, coastal fjords and islands, lush forests, and magnificent tidewater glaciers. Eat like royalty on an included Alaskan salmon and prime rib lunch buffet. Back on land, you'll have free time to explore Seward. (L)

♦ Breeze Inn or similar

air Day 8 • Depart for Home

On your way from Seward to Anchorage, visit the town of Whittier, known for its isolation and strategic importance during WWII. Then continue to Anchorage and depart for home.

Note: Most flights from Anchorage are non-direct with at least one or two connections. Departure flights from Anchorage to most cities are overnight and arrive the following day; some flights depart Anchorage after midnight. Guests choosing to book their own flights must book flights departing after 5pm.

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FEATURED OPTIONAL:

DAY 4 - ALASKA RAILROAD UPGRADE
Upgrade to a scenic 4-hour train ride along the Alaska Railroad from Talkeetna to Denali. Enjoy 360° views in upper-level seats on Deluxe Dome Railcars for \$189 p/p. Must be Pre-Booked. Please add this option at time of booking.

SPECIAL ADD-ON:

THE COMPLETE ALASKAN EXPERIENCE

Add a 7-night Inside Passage cruise and see Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay National Park, Skagway, and more. See pages 26-27 for additional details.