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Alaska's Lodges, Glaciers & Denali

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Alaska Rail Vacation

10 Days / 9 Nights Anchorage to Fairbanks
Not yet on sale

INTRODUCTION

Nothing beats the thrill of an Alaska rail tour adventure to wilderness lodges, glaciers and the iconic Mount Denali. Ride the legendary Alaska train along majestic mountains, over rushing rivers and across vast valleys. Enjoy a 26 Glacier Cruise in Prince William Sound, a 2 night stay with bear viewing or deep sea fishing at Tutka Bay Lodge and your choice of tours at Denali National Park. Don't forget to keep your eyes peeled for wildlife like moose, bears, whales, wolves, sea otters and bald eagles.

Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1	Anchorage Arrival
DAY 2	Prince William Sound 26 Glacier Cruise Coach Rail
DAY 3	Anchorage to Tutka Bay Lodge Flight + Water Taxi
DAY 4 - 5	Tutka Bay Lodge Freedom of Choice 2 of 4 Excursions Option 1. Fly-out Alaska Brown Bear (Grizzly Bear) Viewing Option 2. Salmon Halibut deep sea Saltwater Fishing Option 3. Wildlife Cruise Option 4. Culinary-focus tour in Alaska cuisine
DAY 6	Tutka Bay Lodge to Anchorage Flight
DAY 7	Anchorage to Talkeetna Alaska Railroad

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- DAY 8** Talkeetna to Denali National Park Entrance | Alaska Railroad
- DAY 9** Denali | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
- Option 1. Denali Highway Jeep Excursion | Self-Drive Guided 4x4 Excursion
- Option 2. Tundra Wilderness Tour | Coach Tour
- Option 3. Upgrade Option: Denali Summit Flightseeing | Small Aircraft
- Option 4. Upgrade Option: Denali Glacier Landing | Helicopter
- DAY 10** Denali National Park Entrance to Fairbanks | Alaska Railroad



MAP



DETAILED ITINERARY

The below itinerary reflects our recommendations for this specific trip. This itinerary is also available in the reverse direction.

Day 1 Anchorage | Arrival

Upon arrival in Anchorage transfer at your own cost to your hotel, the rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the sights.

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Day 2 Prince William Sound 26 Glacier Cruise | Coach | Rail

Depart Anchorage by coach for an adventure into the exciting world of Alaska's glaciers. The 26 Glacier Cruise travels over 140 miles into Prince William Sound. Watch for playful sea otters, harbour seals, kittiwakes, bears, whales or mountain goats. Get face to face with these towering masses of ice, so close you can "hear" the glaciers move and gaze at their brilliant blue hues. On the 26 Glacier Cruise, you'll see several types of glaciers, including Alpine (hanging), Piedmont and Tidewater. Glacier calvings (when broken pieces of ice fall into the water and become icebergs) are normally seen on each cruise. Back in Whittier, board Alaska Railroad's Glacier Discovery train for the final leg of the tour to Anchorage. (Lunch is included onboard)

Day 3 Anchorage to Tutka Bay Lodge | Flight + Water Taxi

Board your scenic flight over the Kenai Peninsula to the coastal waters of Kachemak Bay. Upon arrival in Homer we have included a transfer from the Homer Airport to the water taxi terminal for a scenic 20-minute ride across the bay to the lodge. Look for humpback whale, orca whales, and baby sea otters as you cross. Arrive to the dock where you are greeted by the property manager. Enjoy a brief introduction to the lodge and surrounding area and settle into your cabin overlooking Grace Ridge and Tutka fjord. Meet with your guide and plan day's activities. Take part in the 3 pm yoga class or take an interpretive walk along the shore to spot eagles, black bears, whales, otters and sea glass. This evening enjoy appetizers and wine tasting in the evenings followed by a three course meal. After dinner, relax in the sauna or hot tub, or listen to a presentation later this evening on the history of Alaska and the area. Enjoy visiting with other guests with drinks and games. (Lunch and dinner included today)

Day 4 - 5 Tutka Bay Lodge | Freedom of Choice 2 of 4 Excursions

Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of these excursions

Option 1: Deep Sea Fishing

Board a charter boat for a day of deep-sea fishing for salmon or halibut today. Clean and fillet your catch at the dock if you'd like to keep it, or request that the chef prepare it for appetizers later that day!

Option 2: Bear Viewing

Following an approximately one-hour flight from Homer, visit the beaches of Katmai National Park, one of the largest concentrations of brown bears in the world, and watch bears in their natural habitat. After being dropped off by plane, your guide takes you to some of the best spots for viewing these magnificent creatures. Watch these animals catch salmon, forage in the woods, or digging for clams along the coast.

Option 3: Wildlife Cruise

Explore Kachemak Bay and beyond by boat to take in coastal views including incredible rainforests, waterfalls, mountain vistas, and marine wildlife. Keep your eyes out for humpback, minke, and orca whales, sea lions, sea otters, and plentiful sea birds.

Option 4: Culinary-focus tour in Alaskan cuisine

For those visiting Tutka Bay for the culinary program, take a customized trip foraging for wildflowers and herbs, visit a local oyster farm and explore the bountiful farms that source the lodge's foods. Enjoy a cooking class at the Dixon's Danish Daughter Farm or their La Baleine Cafe on the Homer Spit. Become immersed in Alaska cuisine and learn about preparing locally sourced, flavor-filled meals

Day 6 Tutka Bay Lodge to Anchorage | Flight

Enjoy your last morning at Tutka Bay before transferring back into Homer and on to the airport for your scheduled flight to Anchorage.

Day 7 Anchorage to Talkeetna | Alaska Railroad

Depart early on the Denali Star Train by Goldstar Railcar to Talkeetna, best known as base camp for climbers attempting Mount Denali and for the stunning views of this famous mountain. This afternoon is at leisure to take a stroll down the main street for river views, local brews and great eats. (Breakfast is included onboard the train today)

Talkeetna | Optional Excursions

While your trip includes a variety of carefully selected excursions, you might want to explore additional options to really make the most of your free time. Consider the following list of optional excursions that are available for purchase to further enhance your stay.

Option 1. Wilderness Excursion Jetboat Tour

Embark on a narrated river cruise into Alaska's wilderness, with views of Denali. Travel 20 miles as a naturalist shares insights on local history, wildlife, and Denali. Explore a Dena'ina Indian encampment and a historic trapper's cabin, learn about trapping, and discover edible plants used by Native communities.

Option 2. Denali Flightseeing Experience | Small Aircraft

This flightseeing tour brings you within 6 miles of Denali's north (19,470 ft.) and south (20,320 ft.) summits. Explore rugged peaks, glacier-filled valleys, and Denali's south and east faces. View the dramatic rise from 2,000 ft. to over 20,320 ft., the Ruth Glacier, Sheldon Amphitheater, Great Gorge, and stunning blue meltwater pools.

Option 3. Denali Flightseeing with Glacier Landing | Small Aircraft

Fly within 6 miles of Denali's north summit (19,470 ft) and south summit (20,320 ft), showcasing a landscape of rugged peaks, snow-capped mountains, and glacier-filled valleys. Explore the south and east faces of Denali, witnessing its dramatic rise from 2,000 ft to over 20,320 ft. Highlights include the flowing Ruth Glacier, Sheldon Amphitheater, Great Gorge with mile-high granite walls, and striking blue meltwater pools.

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Day 8 Talkeetna to Denali National Park Entrance | Alaska Railroad

This morning take the Denali Star, Alaska Railroad's flagship train, in the Goldstar Railcar to Denali National Park. The afternoon is open for optional activities such as whitewater rafting down the Nenana River, helicopter flightseeing over the Park, landing on a glacier or hiking. (Lunch is included onboard the train today)

Day 9 Denali | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions*Option 1. Denali Highway Jeep Excursion | Self-Drive Guided 4x4 Excursion*

Ranked #2 in Drives of a Lifetime by National Geographic Traveler magazine, experience the natural wonders of Alaska's Denali Highway — this time by Jeep! This 4-hour guided excursion travels along a 135 mi (217 km) gravel road & takes you off the beaten path in a 4 x 4 to enjoy scenic views of Denali, the Alaska Range, glaciers and wildlife.

Option 2. Tundra Wilderness Tour | Coach Tour

This half day tour offers incredible scenery, a narrated history of the park road and opportunities to view the park's wildlife inhabitants. Picturesque highlights include the craggy cliffsides of Cathedral Mountain, wildlife rich Sable Pass and braided wash of the East Fork River in Denali National Park.

Option 3. Upgrade Option: Denali Summit Flightseeing | Small Aircraft

Get a closer look at Alaska's majestic Denali from the comfortable window seat of a small aircraft. Slip on your provided headset to hear commentary from your guide as you fly over the snow-covered peaks, jagged ridgelines, and glacier carved valleys of Denali National Park, and get within half a mile of the mountain peak.

Option 4. Upgrade Option: Denali Glacier Landing | Helicopter

Be immersed in the vastness of the Denali National Preserve. On your way to the massive Yanert Glacier, your pilot will serve as your guide through this unique glacially-carved environment. Soar over the rolling tundra, keeping an eye out for local residents – caribou, moose, bear, and Dall sheep. Snow capped peaks and glaciers abound on this journey before you set down on a river of ice.

Day 10 Denali National Park Entrance to Fairbanks | Alaska Railroad

This morning is at leisure to enjoy optional activities such as: whitewater rafting down the Nenana River, helicopter flightseeing over the park, landing on a glacier or hiking. By early afternoon, board Alaska Railroad's Denali Star Train in the Goldstar Railcar to Fairbanks. Enjoy the late afternoon scenery as you travel north to Fairbanks where your incredible Alaskan adventure ends. (Dinner is included on board the train today)

**INCLUDED****Package Includes:**

- Accommodation including taxes for 9 nights
- Prince William Sound 26 Glacier Cruise + Lunch | Coach + Rail
- Return scheduled flights Anchorage to Homer
- Water taxi Homer to Tutka Bay Lodge
- Tutka Bay Lodge accommodation for 3 nights with following inclusions:
- All meals with select wine, local craft beers and house cocktails
- One massage per person per package

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- Wildlife Cruise
- Culinary-focus tour in Alaska cuisine
- Alaska Railroad – Anchorage to Talkeetna Goldstar Service
(Dome car seating, private outdoor viewing deck & Meals included onboard train)
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- Upgrade Option: Denali Glacier Landing by Helicopter
- Alaska Railroad - Denali to Fairbanks Goldstar Service
(Dome car seating, private outdoor viewing deck & Meals included onboard train)
- Meals as per Itinerary **Hotel & Rail Information | Moderate Grade**
- Anchorage - Hilton Anchorage Hotel | Standard Room
- Kenai - Tutka Bay Lodge | Chalet
- Talkeetna - Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge | Main Lodge Room
- Denali Park Entrance - Denali Cabins | Standard Cabin

Hotel & Rail Information | Superior Grade

- Anchorage - Hotel Captain Cook | Deluxe Room
- Kenai - Tutka Bay Lodge | Chalet
- Talkeetna - Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge | Mountainside Lodge Room
- Denali Park Entrance - Grande Denali Lodge | Standard Room

Alaska Railroad | Goldstar All our itineraries except the Glacier Discovery Train includes Gold Star Dome Service. These railcars feature large, curved glass windows that run the full length of the car, allowing excellent 360 degree viewing plus a private outdoor viewing deck. The service is inclusive of all meals that are served in the lower-level dining room.

Alaska Railroad | Glacier Discovery Train The Glacier Discovery train between Anchorage to Whittier (Prince William Sound) only offers the Adventure Class. These single level railcars with a shared vista dome have high ceilings, large windows, as well as a truly surprising amount of leg room. Most seats recline and have footrests. Meals can be purchased on-board.

Not Included:

- Gratuities
- Activities other than specified
- Portage fees
- Talkeetna | Optional Excursions
- Wilderness Excursion Jetboat Tour
- Denali Flightseeing Experience
- Denali Flightseeing Experience with Glacier Landing

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