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## Denali Backcountry Lodge Explorer

2026

Alaska Rail Vacation

4 Days / 3 Nights Anchorage to Fairbanks  
Not yet on sale

### INTRODUCTION

Denali Backcountry Lodge will be like nothing you've ever experienced before. With the partial closure of Denali Park Road, this all-inclusive lodge is now only accessible by helicopter, providing a limited number of guests with the rare opportunity to experience this incredible part of the world in true seclusion. Once you've reached the lodge — located at the historic settlement of Kantishna — you'll be fully immersed in one of the world's most spectacular natural landscapes where wildlife roams free. Warm hospitality, private cabins, cozy fires and seasonal cuisine ensure absolute comfort, so you focus on simply soaking up all the tranquility, adventure and awe-inspiring views Denali National Park has to offer.

#### Itinerary at a Glance

<b>DAY 1</b>	Anchorage to Denali National Park Entrance   Alaska Railroad
<b>DAY 2</b>	Denali National Park Entrance to Denali Backcountry Lodge   Helicopter
<b>DAY 3</b>	Denali Backcountry Lodge
<b>DAY 4</b>	Denali Backcountry Lodge to Fairbanks   Helicopter + Alaska Railroad

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## MAP



## DETAILED ITINERARY

### Day 1 Anchorage to Denali National Park Entrance | Alaska Railroad

Early this morning take the Denali Star, the Alaska Railroad's flagship train, in the Goldstar Railcar with service to Denali National Park. Watch for views of Denali and keep an eye out for wildlife. Arrive mid-afternoon; the rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy an optional activity. (Breakfast & lunch is included onboard the train today)

### Day 2 Denali National Park Entrance to Denali Backcountry Lodge | Helicopter

Today marks an exciting opportunity to see Denali National Park from the air as you travel by helicopter to Denali Backcountry Lodge. Check in for your flight at the Denali Cabins between 10 am and 10:30 am, then allow yourself to be whisked away to the Temsco Helicopter base to board your flight. The ride provides not only your transportation to the lodge, but a sightseeing tour where the guides narrate the trip with an interpretive tour of the Park's landscapes and history, all while keeping an eye out for wildlife. Look out for different animal species such as bears, caribou, moose, sheep, wolves and a variety of birds as you travel within the park. (Snacks and dinner are included today).

### Day 3 Denali Backcountry Lodge

Today, experience all that Denali Backcountry Lodge has to offer! After breakfast, experience activities in Denali National Park such as day hikes, photography, gold panning, botany walks and mountain biking. If you crave a day to unwind, take advantage of the unlimited sauna access, participate in yoga, or add on a therapeutic massage. After a long day, relax in the game room or lounge and unwind with a cocktail or drink of your choice at the full-service bar. Please note that while all meals are included at the lodge, alcohol is an extra charge. Also included and located at your fingertips is access to unlimited equipment and guided adventures while staying at the property.

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**Day 4 Denali Backcountry Lodge to Fairbanks | Helicopter + Alaska Railroad**

After breakfast, enjoy another helicopter sightseeing tour while on your way back to Temsco and soak in the scenery. Then mid-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 comes to an end. (Breakfast & dinner is included on board the train today)

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

- Accommodation including taxes for 3 nights
- Alaska Railroad - Anchorage to Denali Goldstar Service  
(Dome car seating, private outdoor viewing deck & Meals included onboard train)
- Denali hotel shuttle transfer between train station & hotel
- Return transfers and Helicopter Flights to Denali Backcountry Lodge
- 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:**

- Denali Park Entrance - Denali Cabins | Standard Cabins
- Kantishna - Denali Backcountry Lodge | Creekside Cabin  
(Included meals as per itinerary)

**Hotel & Rail Information | Superior Grade:**

- Denali Park Entrance - Grande Denali Lodge | Standard Room
- Kantishna - Denali Backcountry Lodge | Creekside Cabin  
(Included meals as per itinerary)

**Denali Backcountry Lodge Information**

- There is no cell phone service or Internet available due to the remote location. A satellite phone is available for outgoing calls.
- Please note the rooms do not have electrical appliances, tele-phones, television, or Internet service

**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.

**Not Included:**

- Gratuities
- Activities other than specified
- Portage fees
- Alcoholic beverages

**Luggage Policy** Guests can bring soft sided luggage up to 40 lbs per person. Any excess luggage can be stored at Denali Cabins.

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