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Sheldon Chalet Experience with Kenai and Prince William Sound

2026

Alaska Rail Vacation

9 Days / 8 Nights Anchorage to Anchorage
Not yet on sale

INTRODUCTION

Experience grand by combining Sheldon Chalet with Prince William Sound and bear viewing in Alaska. Set deep in the mountains of the Alaska Range, Sheldon Chalet is perched atop the Don Sheldon Amphitheatre, offering the best views over Denali and some of the clearest skies for Northern Lights viewing. This is your opportunity to stay in your own private retreat at 6000 feet!

Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1 Anchorage | Arrival

DAY 2 Anchorage to Seward | Alaska Railroad

Seward | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 11 Excursions

Option 1. Tonsina Point Resurrection Bay Kayaking Adventure

Option 2. Bear Lake Kayak | Canoe Trip

Option 3. Wilderness Dog Sled Ride Tour

Option 4. Resurrection Bay Wildlife Tour

Option 5. Exit Glacier Hike

Option 6. Upgrade Option: Guided Walking Salmon Fishing - Seward Area

Option 7. Upgrade Option: Bear Glacier Iceberg Kayaking Adventure

Option 8. Upgrade Option: Helicopter Bear Glacier Flight with Landing

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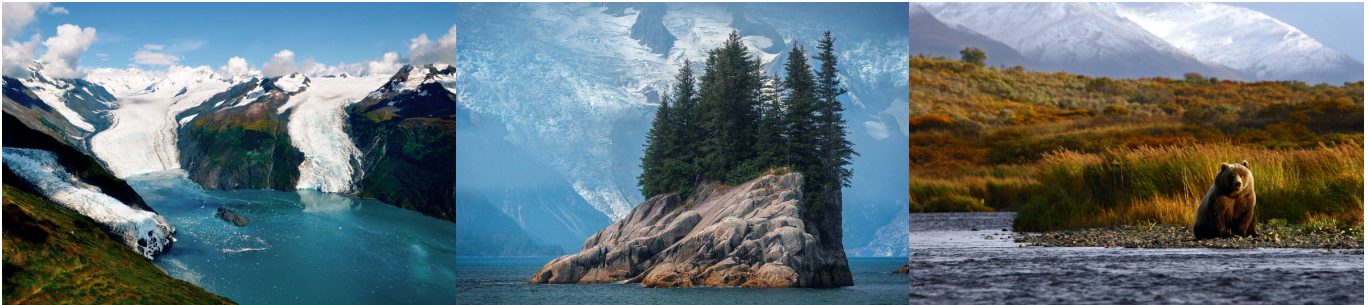
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Option 10. Upgrade Option: Helicopter & Glacier Dogsled with Bear Glacier Tour

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DAY 3	Seward to Anchorage Private Transfer Prince William Sound Glacier Cruise Alaska Railroad
DAY 4	Anchorage Floatplane Fly-in Bear Viewing Excursion
DAY 5	Anchorage to Sheldon Chalet Helicopter
DAY 6	Denali Sheldon Chalet
DAY 7	Denali Sheldon Chalet
DAY 8	Sheldon Chalet to Anchorage Helicopter
DAY 9	Anchorage Departure



MAP



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 Anchorage | Arrival

Upon arrival in Anchorage you will be met at the aircraft's door and transferred by private vehicle to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the sights of this vibrant and unique city on the edge of Alaskan wilderness. Between parks, trails and unique settings, there are plenty of opportunities for exploring if you choose. The quaint log cabin visitor center is a good place to start.

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Day 2 Anchorage to Seward | Alaska Railroad | Seward | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 11 Excursions

Board the Coastal Classic Train in the Goldstar Railcar for a breathtaking ride to Seward. This scenic journey takes you along Cook Inlet and into the glacier-filled Chugach Mountains. (Breakfast is included onboard the train today). This afternoon choose one of these included excursions

Option 1. Tonsina Point Resurrection Bay Kayaking Adventure

Resurrection Bay is surrounded by snow-capped mountains and home to several Alaska state parks that offer abundant opportunities to hike, sea kayak and explore!

Option 2. Bear Lake Kayak | Canoe Trip

Kayak or canoe on this scenic local lake with fun-loving guides. Bear Lake is located just outside Seward, Alaska and normally offers flat calm waters, and a home for Sockeye salmon. On the way there is a stop to visit the salmon weir and learn about their life cycle. Eagles, loons, and bears are often seen while on this adventure

Option 3. Wilderness Dog Sled Ride Tour

Visit the Seavey Family Homestead in Seward and tour the beautiful tether free summer camp for Iditarod athletes! Meet the dogs, feel their excitement as teams are hitched to comfortable summer sleds, then mush for two miles through the scenic rainforest.

Option 4. Resurrection Bay Wildlife Tour

Admire the icy blue waters of Resurrection Bay as your boat glides past glaciers, snowcapped mountains, and dramatic cliffs. On this 5-hour Kenai Fjords cruise, watch for whales, puffins, and otters with a wildlife guide. Visit Fox Island for a delicious lunch at a private lodge and enjoy skipping stones at a pebble beach. Learn about the area's natural history during this unforgettable Resurrection Bay adventure.

Option 5. Exit Glacier Hike

This moderate hiking adventure is great for viewing the jewel of the Resurrection River Valley - Exit Glacier. This massive wall of blue ice descends the mountainside from the Harding Ice Field, down to the Resurrection River.

Option 6. Upgrade Option: Guided Walking Salmon Fishing - Seward Area

Experience the thrill of a guided walking salmon fishing tour in Seward, Alaska. Stroll along scenic rivers and streams with an expert guide who will help you reel in the catch of the day. Learn about local fishing techniques while surrounded by stunning Alaskan wilderness. Perfect for all skill levels, this adventure offers an authentic taste of Alaska's fishing heritage in one of its most picturesque settings.

Option 7. Upgrade Option: Bear Glacier Iceberg Kayaking Adventure

Explore the massive icebergs deposited by Bear Glacier, the largest glacier of the Harding Icefield, from the comfort of your kayaks. Enjoy the stability of your boats as you glide through the glacier's calm lagoon, navigating a maze of floating ice. The lagoon's features change daily, and your guide will select the best route. Wildlife sightings, including harbor seals and black bears, are also likely on this adventure.

Option 8. Upgrade Option: Helicopter Bear Glacier Flight with Landing

Fly into Kenai Fjords National Park for a breathtaking flight over Bear Glacier, showcasing its massive crevasses and iceberg-filled lagoon. Land on the shore to spend 35 minutes exploring with a pilot/guide. This is a unique opportunity to explore a remote Alaskan beach, hear and see the actively calving glacier, and interact with icebergs near the shore. Moose, Dall sheep, marine wildlife, and black bears are often spotted on this tour.

Option 9. Upgrade Option: Helicopter & Glacier Dogsled

Experience the thrill of mushing your own sled-dog team on real snow in summer. Begin with a helicopter ride over glaciers, spotting wildlife like moose and bears. Land on a glacier and enjoy an hour with an Alaskan Champion dogsled team, operated by 6-time Iditarod Champion Dallas Seavey.

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Option 11. Upgrade Option: Helicopter Bear Glacier Iceberg, Kayaking Adventure

Experience the ultimate Alaskan adventure by escaping the crowds and discovering an untouched gem. Start with a scenic helicopter ride over mountains and glaciers, then kayak through a freshwater lagoon filled with monumental icebergs. Bear Glacier, one of the largest off the Harding Ice Field in Kenai Fjords National Park, offers a unique and dynamic environment, where seals and bears can be spotted. Routes vary based on current ice conditions, ensuring each trip is a one-of-a-kind experience.

Day 3 Seward to Anchorage | Private Transfer | Prince William Sound Glacier Cruise | Alaska Railroad

This morning set off on a private transfer to Whittier. Along the way, we will experience the famous Anton Memorial Tunnel - the longest one-lane highway tunnel in North America which is shared with Alaska Railroad. In Whittier, board the 26 Glacier Cruise and cruise deep into Prince William Sound where you will see 26 named glaciers and many more unnamed. 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. Lunch is included onboard. Back in Whittier, we board the Alaskan Railroad's Glacier Discovery for our final leg of the tour to Anchorage.

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Day 4 Anchorage | Floatplane Fly-in Bear Viewing Excursion

Experience an unforgettable half-day guided tour to witness Alaska's black and brown bears in their natural habitat. Your adventure begins with a scenic float plane flight from Anchorage, taking you southwest to one of several prime bear-viewing locations—Redoubt Bay, Katmai National Park, Lake Clark, or Chinitna Bay—depending on the season and where the bears are actively foraging for food. Once there, you'll have the rare opportunity to observe Alaska's magnificent brown bears up close as they fish, forage, and interact in their untouched environment.

Day 5 Anchorage to Sheldon Chalet | Helicopter

Depart Anchorage for your 35-minute scenic helicopter ride to Sheldon Chalet, arriving around 2.00pm. An engineering marvel located just 10 miles from Denali's summit, Sheldon Chalet features five guest rooms, a living and dining area, an observation deck and a sauna. Step on to the deck and marvel at the majestic surroundings before coming inside for champagne and a freshly prepared sampling of Alaskan Seafood. Meet your staff and discuss adventure options during your stay with our world class guides. Settle in and let the peace and solitude overtake you. (Dinner included today)

Day 6 Denali | Sheldon Chalet

Awake to the sunrise shining on the summit of Denali. Enjoy a cozy cup of coffee as you marvel at the way the light changes the landscape moment by moment. Breakfast is served. Choose one adventure today and another tomorrow such as rappelling, rock or ice climbing, glacier trekking, gourmet glacier picnicking, crevasse exploring or sledding. Enjoy a late afternoon cocktail and delectable hors d'oeuvres on the observation deck then dine on a beautiful gourmet dinner while you watch the sun set on Denali. Spend the evening on the deck around a fire, stargazing or relaxing in the sauna. (Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included today)

Day 7 Denali | Sheldon Chalet

Welcome the majesty of the amphitheater into your morning as it draws you into quiet reflection. Another warm delicious breakfast is prepared just for you. Choose an informative book on the area to read from our library or trek to the historic Sheldon Mountain House for stories of Denali. Enjoy another activity of choice then return to a mouth-watering dinner. Come evening, relax in the sauna or watch the stars sparkle above the amphitheater on the observation deck. (Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included today)

Day 8 Sheldon Chalet to Anchorage | Helicopter

Watch the sunrise hit the snow-covered Alaska Range from your bed. Leisurely breakfast on locally sourced Alaskan fare as you say your farewells and prepare to depart the Sheldon Nunatak. Depart between 11.00am-12.00pm for the 1.15-hour helicopter ride back to Anchorage. Transfer by private vehicle (included) to your hotel and spend the remainder of the day at leisure. (Breakfast included today)

Day 9 Anchorage | Departure

Today marks the end of your incredible Alaskan adventure, and we've capped it off with a private transfer to Anchorage Airport.



INCLUDED

Package Includes:

- Accommodation including taxes for 8 nights:
- Meet and greet at the plane

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- Private transfer Seward to Whittier
- Prince William Sound 26 Glacier Cruise + Lunch onboard the cruise
- Whittier to Anchorage onboard Alaska Railroad Glacier Discovery Train
- Private Transfer Train Station to Hotel
- Fly-in Bear Viewing Safari with lunch
- Private Transfers to/from Heli-base for Sheldon Chalet Experience
- Sheldon Chalet Inclusions:
 - Exclusive use of Lodge
 - Guided glacier adventures
 - Return helicopter transportation between Anchorage or Talkeetna and Sheldon Chalet
 - Staff - chef, concierge, and two adventure guides
 - Gourmet meals and all beverages (including alcohol)
 - Premium wine pairings with dinner (1 glass per food pairing)
 - Outdoor apparel rental package - parka, waterproof shell, pants, boots, gloves
 - Use of adventure gear - trekking skis or snowshoes and poles, harnesses and helmets
 - A variety of activities including local and natural history lessons, glacier treks, gourmet glacier picnic, rappelling, rock climbing, crevasse exploration, sledding, snow cavern spelunking.
 - Staff gratuities
- Meals as per Itinerary

Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Grade:

- Anchorage - Hilton Anchorage Hotel | Deluxe Room
- Seward - Seward Windsong Lodge | Standard Room with Deck
- Denali National Park - Sheldon Chalet | Exclusive use of Lodge

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 foot rests. Meals can be

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Sheldon Chalet Luggage Policy

- Check-in baggage allowance is limited to 40lbs per person (includes one airline approved size soft-sided bag & one personal bag)

Not Included:

- Bottles of premium wines at Sheldon Chalet
- Activities and meals other than specified

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