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## Ultimate Alaska Train Vacation

2026

Alaska Rail Vacation

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

### INTRODUCTION

Experience the Ultimate Alaska Train Vacation, a breathtaking journey through rugged wilderness, majestic mountains, and pristine rivers. Explore iconic destinations and witness stunning wildlife on this unforgettable rail adventure.

#### Itinerary at a Glance

- DAY 1** Anchorage | Arrival
- DAY 2** Anchorage to Seward | Alaska Railroad | Kenai Fjord Cruise
- DAY 3** 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
  - Option 9. Upgrade Option: Helicopter & Glacier Dogsled

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## ULTIMATE ALASKA TRAIN VACATION

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**DAY 4** Seward to Anchorage | Private Transfer | Prince William Sound Glacier Cruise | Alaska Railroad

**DAY 5** Anchorage | Floatplane Fly-in Bear Viewing Excursion

**DAY 6** Anchorage to Talkeetna | Alaska Railroad | Denali Flightseeing with Glacier Landing

**DAY 7** Talkeetna to Denali National Park Entrance | Alaska Railroad

**DAY 8** 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 9** Denali to Anchorage | Choose 1 of 2 Options

Option 1. Denali to Anchorage | Coach

Option 2. Denali to Anchorage | Alaska Railroad | Upgrade option



## MAP



## DETAILED ITINERARY

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### 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.

### Day 2 Anchorage to Seward | Alaska Railroad | Kenai Fjord Cruise

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. Upon arrival in Seward, transfer by shuttle to the small boat harbour for a 6-hour cruise of Kenai Fjords National Park. The park boasts abundant wildlife, alpine and tidewater glaciers, and breathtaking scenery. As you cruise through Resurrection Bay, keep watch for Steller sea lions, seals, puffins, eagles and whales. Cruise past the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, home to a large variety of birds, on your way to either the Holgate or Aialik Glacier. You will stop in front of the glacier to hear it moving and possibly see ice fall into the ocean. Enjoy lunch onboard. (Breakfast & lunch is included today)

### Day 3 Seward | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 11 Excursions

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

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

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. Then, soar across Resurrection Bay into Kenai Fjords National Park to explore Bear Glacier, with its massive icebergs and calving glacier

#### *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.

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#### Day 4 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. Lunch is included onboard. Back in Whittier, we board the Alaskan Railroad's Glacier Discovery for our final leg of the tour to Anchorage.

#### Day 5 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 6 Anchorage to Talkeetna | Alaska Railroad | Denali Flightseeing with Glacier Landing

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. Take a stroll down the main street for river views, local brews and great eats. This afternoon view Denali from the air on this small-group flight over the Alaskan wilderness. Soar over rivers, valleys, and glaciers, and experience landing and walking on a glacier. (Breakfast is included onboard the train today)

#### Day 7 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 8 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 cliffside 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 9 Denali to Anchorage | Choose 1 of 2 Options

##### *Option 1. Denali to Anchorage | Coach*

Early this morning depart Denali aboard a comfortable motorcoach. The driver will provide narration as you travel on the nationally recognized Parks Highway through Alaska's spectacular scenery and small historic towns. Arrive in Anchorage mid-day where your incredible Alaskan adventure comes to an end.

##### *Option 2. Denali to Anchorage | Alaska Railroad | Upgrade option*

This morning is open for optional activities such as: whitewater rafting down the Nenana River, helicopter flightseeing over the Park, landing on a glacier, or hiking. At midday, board the Alaska Railroad and travel by Goldstar Railcar for the day trip to Anchorage. As you travel along the Susitna River, you may catch a glimpse of the majestic Mount Denali or black bears along the banks of the river. Arrive in Anchorage this evening where your incredible Alaskan adventure comes to an end. (Lunch & dinner included onboard the train today)

## INCLUDED

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**Package Includes:**

- Accommodation including taxes for 8 nights
- Alaska Railroad - Anchorage to Seward Goldstar Service with dome car seating & private outdoor viewing deck (Meals included onboard train)
- Kenai Fjord National Park Cruise with deli-style lunch
- Seward | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 11 Excursions
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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
- Fly-In Bear Viewing Safari with lunch
- Alaska Railroad - Anchorage to Talkeetna Goldstar Service  
Dome car seating & private outdoor viewing deck with meals included onboard train)
- Denali Flightseeing with Glacier Landing
- Alaska Railroad - Talkeetna to Denali Goldstar Service  
Dome car seating & private outdoor viewing deck with meals included onboard train)
- Denali | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
- Denali Highway Jeep Excursion
- Tundra Wilderness Tour
- Upgrade Option: Denali Summit Flightseeing by Plane
- Upgrade Option: Denali Glacier Landing by Helicopter
- Denali to Anchorage Options:
- Scheduled Coach Transfer with limited driver commentary (Included)
- Upgrade Option: Alaska Railroad - Goldstar Service with 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
- Seward - Seward Windsong Lodge | Standard Room
- 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

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- Seward - Seward Windsong Lodge | Standard Room with Deck
- 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.

**Not Included:**

- Gratuities
- Activities other than specified
- Portage fees

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