



Wild Alaska - Polar Bears of Kaktovik

The polar bears of Alaska! After a quick visit to Denali National Park, travel from Fairbanks to the community of Kaktovik on Alaska's north shore for a once in a lifetime polar bear viewing experience.



YOUR
ADVENTURE
AWAITS

8 days/7 nights

ITINERARY

Day 1: Welcome to Alaska

Arrive in Anchorage, make your own way and check into your centrally located accommodation.

This evening you will go on a Photography Tour, hunting for the best light of the day, which during summer at this latitude can last for several glorious hours before sunset. You'll be transported to scenic locations around Anchorage and Chugach State Park to photograph the Alaskan wild. The tour is flexible and allows for spontaneous stops to capture pictures of wildlife en route. Along the way, you'll have full creative and technical support from your Alaska Photo Treks guide.

Day 2: Exploring Anchorage

After breakfast this morning you will meet your local guide and get a customized Anchorage city tour as well as some of the best wildlife viewing opportunities around the Anchorage area! Keep your eyes open for moose, caribou, black bears, and even brown bears. Today will be the perfect opportunity to showcase the photography skills you learned last night.

Back in Anchorage, you can visit two museums today, both within walking distance, and take some time to explore these local gems! The remainder of today is free to do some shopping downtown, take a trolley tour, or simply relax in the hotel.

(B)

Day 3: The Alaskan Railroad! Anchorage to Fairbanks via Denali National Park

Today you will travel by train in Gold Star Service through the world renowned Denali National Park to Fairbanks. This twelve hour journey will be fully narrated and the perfect opportunity to photograph the famous scenery that Alaska is home to.

Upon arrival in Fairbanks, make your own way to your hotel and check in for the next three nights.

(B)

Day 4: Exploring Fairbanks

Touring Fairbanks and the surrounding area is something that is a must do while you're in Alaska! Explore one of the most famous Gold Rush cities and head out to the North Pole (Alaska) to visit Santa and his reindeer. The afternoon provides you with the opportunity to stop in at a local artisan's shop where you will take part in a glass workshop and make your own souvenir!

(B)

Day 5: North to the Polar Bears of Kaktovik



Polar bears! Have we said enough? After a scenic flight over the Brooks Range, you will soar over Coldfoot and above the Arctic Circle. After refueling in Deadhorse/Prudhoe Bay you will watch the landscape change as you pass over the Alaskan Pipeline into the Alaska wildlife reserve to a traditional town of 250 people. After landing in Kaktovik you will be welcomed into the community and enjoy a hot lunch. The afternoon is all about viewing the local polar bear population. You will view from a small boat with a heated cabin and view polar bears of all ages and sizes. From cubs to large alpha males, you will observe their behaviour and have the chance to take some amazing photographs!

After your stunning day you will fly back to Fairbanks and return to your accommodations in Fairbanks (B, L)

Day 6: Fairbanks - Chena Hot Springs

After breakfast you will check out of your hotel and be collected for a tour out to Chena Hot Springs and the Ice Museum. You'll have the chance to really relax with a soak in the natural pools at Chena. Afterwards you will have some time to explore the largest year-round Ice Museum before heading to A Taste of Alaska Lodge.

This evening there will hopefully be some northern lights viewing opportunities. (B, D)

Day 7: Relaxing lodge day

Today is at your leisure to enjoy the lodge and the amazing scenery all around it. The panoramic views as you look out over the beautiful Alaska range in the distance are the perfect start to today! You can make your way over to a water fowl conservation area today where you can do a 1.5 mile hike through beautiful fields and trails, with the opportunity to photograph the autumn colours, staying on the lookout for birds and wildlife.

Keep your eyes to the skies tonight for your last chance to watch the northern lights dance above your head. (B)

Day 7: Goodbye Alaska

Check out of the lodge and transfer back to Fairbanks to catch your flight home or onward to your next destination. (B)

Details

Group Size: 6

2018 Departures:

Daily, August 21 to September 13 (High season)

Thursday, September 20 (Low season)

2018 Pricing:

High season

From US\$4,829 plus \$154.08 taxes - twin

From US\$5,695 plus \$154.08 taxes - single

Low season (September 20 only)

From US\$4,435 plus \$92.40 taxes - twin

From US\$4,899 plus \$92.40 taxes - single

Prices are shown in US\$, per person, based on two people sharing a twin room and one person in a single room. Some tours require a minimum of 2 participants so single travellers will be booked in with other travellers. Adjustments may be required to the order of tours or actual tours confirmed.

Trip Code:

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INCLUDED

- Breakfast daily
- 1 lunch
- 2 nights' accommodation in Anchorage
- Photography workshop Anchorage
- Anchorage city tour
- Anchorage wildlife tour
- Alaska Railroad Gold Star Service, Anchorage to Fairbanks
- 3 nights' accommodation in Fairbanks
- Fairbanks city tour
- Glassworks workshop



- Polar Bear Viewing day trip
- Round trip airfare Fairbanks – Kaktovik – Fairbanks
- 2 nights' lodge accommodations outside of Fairbanks
- Entry to Chena Hot Springs and the Ice Museum

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to Anchorage and out of Fairbanks
- Anchorage transfers: airport to hotel on arrival; hotel to train station
- Fairbanks transfers: train station to hotel
- Chena Hot Springs transfer: lodge to Fairbanks on day of departure
- Meals not specified
- Touring not specified
- Gratuities to hotel staff and local guides
- Travel Insurance
- Items of a personal nature

TOUR NOTES

Beginning in Anchorage, this itinerary includes time in Alaska's largest city to explore and learn to photograph the Alaskan wild. From Turnagain Arm we will look for moose, caribou, black and brown bears, and even beluga whales in the bay. The stunning colours of autumn will surround us as we will travel by rail north to Fairbanks with a quick stop in Denali National Park. After taking some time to explore Fairbanks, head even further north to the community of Kaktovik on Alaska's north shore for a once in a lifetime polar bear viewing experience. From a small boat you will be able to photograph the Kings of the Arctic along the shoreline. Back over the Brooks mountain range, you will head back to the heart of the Alaskan gold rush and current hub of northern Alaska activity for a wilderness lodge stay near Fairbanks, and more time to explore this incredible area.

Ask us about adding on extra tours or additional nights of accommodation in Anchorage, Fairbanks or at the lodge.

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