



ALASKA DISCOVERY
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TRIP DETAILS

8 days ~ Alaska

*Easy sea kayaking, hiking,
river float trip (Class II
rapids), optional
mountain biking*

7 nights inns or hotels

2008 DATES

Jun 8–Jun 15

Jul 6–Jul 13

Jul 13–Jul 20

Jul 27–Aug 3

Aug 3–Aug 10

LAND COST

*\$3,295 per person + tax
(6-10 members)*

*\$3,495 per person + tax
(3-5 members)*

\$640 internal airfare

\$1,000 single supplement

DISCOVER ALASKA

Multi-activity Adventures in Alaska's Southeast

TRIP LEVEL

EASY

HIGHLIGHTS

- *Sea kayak to the Pack Creek Brown Bear sanctuary for a day of viewing bears in the wild*
- *Easy float trip on the Chilkat River through the heart of a bald eagle preserve*
- *Sea kayak in Glacier Bay, visit the humpback whale feeding grounds at Point Adolphus*
- *Ride the historic White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad*



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Southeast Alaska has more kinds of adventure opportunities per square mile than any part of Alaska (or even the world!)—from whale watching to bear viewing, from glaciers to deepwater ocean fjords, from towering mountains to roaring rivers. This is the ultimate area for Alaska multisport adventures, and we do it all in style, with comfortable inns and lodges to pamper you after an active day of exploring. Each day is a grand adventure packed with action and delight: sea kayak to a bear sanctuary on Admiralty Island one day and watch whales breach in Glacier Bay the next; take a float trip through a bald eagle preserve, cycle to a Gold Rush “ghost town,” and take a scenic narrow gauge railway journey up to White Pass Summit. It’s a jam-packed week of adventure that is sure to whet your appetite for discovering even more of Alaska’s wonders! Knowledgeable guides and small group size make this trip personal and fun for everyone.



ITINERARY

☞ **Rendezvous**—This trip begins in Juneau, Alaska, on Day 1. We suggest you arrive by 5:00 p.m. or earlier, as there is a pre-trip orientation meeting at 6:00 p.m.

DAY 1 ~ Juneau

Arrive in Juneau and transfer on your own to the designated hotel meeting place (TBA). We’ll gather in the lobby by 6:00 p.m. and then go to our welcome dinner and mandatory orientation. Your guide will be a skilled naturalist who can provide you with information on the history of Alaska, the flora and fauna of the ecosystems you will visit, and all the important safety considerations of travel in the Alaska wilds, including the ins and outs of visiting bear country. After dinner you will be on your own to explore Juneau’s nightlife or turn in early.

D...Juneau hotel TBA

DAY 2 ~ Stan Price Brown Bear Sanctuary at Pack Creek

A long and exciting day awaits us. After an early breakfast, we transfer to the Juneau Airport and board a floatplane for a scenic 25-minute flight over the northern Inside Passage. Landing at Windfall Island, we will all carry our two-person sea kayaks to the water’s edge (about 100 feet).

The guides will give a lesson in how to propel these efficient, stable boats, then we’ll paddle our way down a channel for about an hour to the shores of the Stan Price Brown Bear Sanctuary at Pack Creek on Admiralty Island. (Keep your eyes out for curious seals and jumping salmon!) Once on the beach, we hike to the best viewing spots in the refuge. The salmon should be running, bringing bears and eagles to the shores of Pack Creek.

There are no facilities of any kind at Pack Creek. It is managed as pure wilderness. We will bring our own lunch and strictly follow the important Forest Service regulations. In the late afternoon, we will paddle back to Windfall Island

and meet our floatplane for the flight to Juneau. Back in Juneau, we will have dinner at one of our favorite restaurants.

B,L,D...Juneau hotel TBA

DAY 3 ~ Glacier Bay

You will be on your own for breakfast. Your guide can recommend options, from espresso shops with Juneau-roasted coffee to restaurants with a full-service breakfast—all within walking distance of the hotel. After breakfast, we will take a scenic flight over the Inside Passage to the homestead community of Gustavus, the gateway to Glacier Bay National Park. We will go on an easy sea kayaking trip in lower Glacier Bay and hope to see wildlife along the way. After the paddle, we'll check into a local B&B, followed by a wine and cheese tasting party. In the early evening, we will board a boat for a wildlife viewing tour out toward Point Adolphus in Icy Strait, where we hope to see humpback whales, Steller sea lions, harbor seals, and sea birds. We'll enjoy a picnic dinner while on board. We will return to the B&B by 9:30 p.m. (when it's still daylight in southeast Alaska!).

L,D...Gustavus B&B TBA

DAY 4 ~ Glacier Bay

After an early breakfast, we head out to the headquarters of Glacier Bay National Park. We board a high-speed catamaran boat with a park ranger on board who will teach us about this geological wonder. This all-day tour takes us to the farthest reaches of this spectacular park. Lunch is aboard the catamaran. We'll return to the B&B for another relaxing evening and a great dinner.

B,L,D...Gustavus B&B TBA

DAY 5 ~ Chilkat River Bald Eagle Sanctuary, Haines

After breakfast, we'll board a bush plane for a short flight to Haines, the home of the Chilkat River Bald Eagle Sanctuary. Here we'll float through the heart of this preserve on an easy three-hour raft-trip. Although this is not the height of eagle activity, we will still see an impressive number of these regal creatures.

In the late afternoon, we will check into a hotel in Haines for an evening of relaxation and gourmet food. You will have time to explore the crafts and unique shops in Haines and around Fort Seward.

B,L,D...Haines hotel or B&B

DAY 6 ~ Skagway

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll have a choice of activities, including visiting historic Fort Seward, enjoying a hike to Battery Point, or exploring the town (a top 20 "Dream Town" according to *Outside* magazine). In the mid-afternoon we'll take a 30-minute fast ferry ride to Skagway, Alaska, home of the Klondike Gold Rush, and check into our accommodation. This evening, dinner is on your own to take in a gold rush stage show or wander along the historic shops and docks.

B,L...Skagway hotel or B&B

DAY 7 ~ White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad

We board the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad for a scenic roundtrip ride to the top of the pass and back. This historic train takes us through the 1901 Gold Rush era, a fascinating glimpse of Alaska's Klondike history. The train climbs from tidewater at Skagway to the White Pass summit—a 2,865-foot elevation gain. The fully narrated tour features two tunnels, sky-high trestles, cascading waterfalls, historic sites, and spectacular scenery! You'll ride in comfortably restored and replica coaches pulled by vintage diesel locomotives, and watch for bear, mountain goat, and eagle amid the alpine terrain. Upon our return, we'll have a picnic lunch, then tour the historic town site of

Dyea by mountain bike and see the beginning of the famed Chilkoot Trail, dating from the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898. Tonight we will go to Skagway's finest restaurant for a farewell dinner.

B,L,D...Skagway hotel or B&B

Note—Although we cross the border into Canada, we will not get off the train, so you will not need a passport as proof of nationality. However, it is a good idea to bring it along for identification purposes.

If you plan on visiting Canada before or after this trip, please check the visa requirements if you are not a U.S. or Canadian citizen (US citizens will need a passport as of December 31, 2006). If you are traveling with children and both parents are not present, Canadian customs requires a notarized letter from the child's absent parent(s) saying that they are aware of their child's whereabouts. A photocopy of the absent parent's ID(s) and phone number are needed.

DAY 8 ~ Fly to Juneau and depart

After breakfast, we will have the morning to explore Skagway. Shortly before noon, we will board a small plane and fly the length of the beautiful Lynn Canal fjord back to the Juneau airport. Our trip will end in Juneau around noon, but we recommend staying another night in Juneau. If the flight from Skagway is delayed today, we will take an evening ferry from Skagway to Juneau.

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LAND COST

\$3,295 per person + tax (6-10 members)

\$3,495 per person + tax (3-5 members)

\$640 internal airfare

Rates quoted are per person, based on sharing double accommodations.

Single Supplement—\$1,000. If you prefer single accommodations, you must pay the Single Supplement Fee. If you're traveling alone and wish to share accommodations, we'll try our best to find you a roommate. If that's not possible, we will only charge you half of the single supplement.

Tier Pricing

Adventure travel works best with a small group of people. In order to operate these small groups, our trips are priced according to the number of full-price passengers on the trip. (Alaska Discovery staff, trip doctors, and other discounted travelers are excluded from the count for this purpose.) We initially invoice you at the highest tier level price (the smallest group size we can operate). If the price drops due to an increase in group size, you will be refunded the difference.

What's Included

- ◆ expert leadership
- ◆ accommodations
- ◆ meals as noted (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- ◆ charter flights (see separate cost above)
- ◆ sightseeing and activities as noted in the itinerary

- ◆ rafting and sea kayaking gear
- ◆ permit fees
- ◆ ground transportation, including the ride on the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad
- ◆ basic medical and evacuation insurance

What's Not

Airfare to and from Juneau, Alaska; meals not noted in itinerary; daypack for yourself to carry daily items; insurance other than basic medical and evacuation insurance as noted above (we strongly recommend you purchase the supplementary trip insurance offered by Alaska Discovery, which includes trip cancellation insurance); optional tipping to leader, guides and local staff; airport transfer in Juneau on Day 1; excess baggage charges; airport taxes; and items of a personal nature (sodas, alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.).

Air Travel

Airfare to and from Alaska is not included in the land cost of our trips. For air reservations, we recommend you contact the airlines directly. Please refer to the link or document called "Planning Your Trip to Alaska," included in your Trip Packet. **But please check with our staff before purchasing or obtaining your tickets.** We need to verify your arrival and departure schedule and ensure we have enough participants to operate the trip.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

Expert Leadership

Expert leadership is the key to an exciting, unforgettable experience. Our trips feature gifted leaders for whom leading trips is a true vocation. Besides showing you wonders you'd never find on your own, they make sure everything runs smoothly and safely without a hitch. They are knowledgeable about all aspects of your trip, and take great pleasure in sharing their insights with you. More than just guides, they positively elevate your experience by being teachers, companions, and the best of friends. You'll be in good hands with them every step of the way. Leader assignments will be confirmed in the Final Bulletin sent to you three weeks prior to departure.

Activity Level

Alaska Discovery trips are designed for flexible, energetic people who like to be active. This trip packs many activities into a week, but every day you will have some time to relax or do an activity on your own. No prior paddling experience is required for the kayaking at Pack Creek and Skagway or the rafting in Haines. However, you should be in good physical condition, be able to get in and out of a kayak on your own, be able to walk on a rocky beach, and participate in short walks/hikes. If you desire more exercise than our daily activities provide, there will be an opportunity to go for a run, walk, or bike ride (in Gustavus) during your free time.

Minimum age for participation is 12.

THE NEXT STEP

Ready to go? Signing up is easy!

Just call us at 1-800-586-1911 and reserve your spot! You can also reserve a trip online at our website (www.alaskadiscovery.com). If you prefer to use a travel agent, he or she can book your trip at no extra cost and provide other helpful assistance.

Then Leave the Rest to Us

Before you go, we provide you with extensive pre-departure information, including clothing recommendations, suggested reading lists, and other details.

Why Alaska Discovery is Your First Choice for Adventure

We are Alaska's oldest wilderness guiding company! Alaska Discovery has pioneered trips in Alaska by kayak, raft, and canoe for more than 35 years. We led the first tours to sea kayak Glacier Bay, Icy Bay, Russell Fjord, Tracy Arm, Endicott Arm, and to reopen the cross-Admiralty canoe route. Our permits in Alaska's finest wilderness areas give you greater access than any other company. We are one of the few companies with permits in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Glacier Bay National Park, Wrangell-St. Elias/Tatshenshini-Alsek World Heritage Site, and the Tongass National Forest. We are also a founding member of the Alaska Conservation Foundation and contribute to numerous Alaskan conservation organizations through our "Dollar-a-Day" program. Among our many awards, we have received the prestigious Outstanding Long-Term Program Award of the Alaska Land Manager's Forum for excellence in dedication and commitment to ethically and socially aware use of the land.

References

Don't take our word for how great our trips are. We'll be happy to provide you with references of satisfied past travelers.

Questions?

Feel free to call us at 1-800-586-1911 if you still have any questions or concerns. We're here to help you. You can also check out our website at www.alaskadiscovery.com.

Note on Itinerary

Although we will do our best to adhere to the itinerary schedule as listed, it is subject to change. Please read the Limitation of Liability and Booking Conditions in the four-page Participant Information Form. You can find all this information on our website at www.mtsobek.com/faq and the form itself at www.mtsobek.com/pdf/participant_info.pdf.

Terms & Conditions

Once you have made a deposit for a trip, you agree to be bound by all our terms and conditions including the Limitation of Liability Clause. The full Terms and Conditions can be found at www.mtsobek.com/faq/#liability or call 1-888-MTSOBEK (687-6235) for a copy. These are partial conditions. Your participation is contingent on your signature on the full list of terms specified in the four-page Participant Information Form (www.mtsobek.com/pdf/participant_info.pdf). Any dispute concerning, relating or referring to the Terms and Conditions, to any literature concerning this trip, or the trip itself, shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in San Francisco, California, according to the then existing commercial rules of the American

Arbitration Association. Such proceedings will be governed by substantive California law (but not procedural law) without regard to the California Arbitration Act.

Note on Services

At Alaska Discovery, we have assembled an outstanding team of guides by taking the greatest care in both recruiting and retaining the fine guides we have. Along with our high standards of qualifications and experience, we conduct our own training. Each spring we hold refresher courses in rescue, gun handling, trip area knowledge, communication, teamwork, and special lectures on the unique natural and social history of Alaska. We also sponsor Wilderness First Responder classes regularly for our guides.

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