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DENALI NATIONAL PARK: CAMP DENALI

TRIP DETAILS

3- to 7-night stays

*Optional hiking, canoeing,
mountain biking, fishing*

*Accommodations in private
cabins*

2008 DATES

June–September

LAND COST

\$1,365-\$3,185

*(per person, double
occupancy)*

\$1,024-\$2,389

(children under 12)

\$10 tax per person per night

TRIP LEVEL
EASY TO MODERATE

HIGHLIGHTS

- *Explore the unique flora and fauna of Denali National Park*
- *Opportunities to hike, canoe, fish, and mountain bike*
- *Guided, exclusive interpretative outings throughout the park*
- *Enjoy superb Alaskan meals and stay in private rustic cabins deep in the heart of Denali National Park*

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Make the most of your visit to the Land of the Midnight Sun! For an incredible wildlife experience, consider a stay at Camp Denali, a beautiful natural haven deep in the heart of Denali National Park. For almost 50 years Camp Denali has inspired people from around the world. Not less than eight major peaks of the Alaska Range command the view from its unique hillside location and Mount McKinley is mirrored in the still waters of its natural centerpiece, Nugget Pond.

Daily activities include hiking the backcountry with expert naturalist-guides, canoeing, mountain biking, and fishing. Each day you can choose which suits you best! Your days of exploration are enhanced by visits to the interactive Natural History Resource Center and to the Denali Institute Bird Migration Station. Evening programs presented by staff naturalists and visiting specialists are designed to further acquaint you with the Far North.

Seventeen rustic but beautifully-appointed guest cabins have superlative mountain views of Denali and are a short walk to the historic hand-hewn lodge and informal dining room where sumptuous meals are served. Cabins reflect a comfortable, simple living style: a small wood burning stove for heat, wall-mounted propane lights, and a gas hot plate for heating water. Colorful patchwork quilts, crafted by the staff, and fine Alaskan artwork display an abiding attention to detail. You can wash in the privacy of your cabin, and each has a convenient “house out back.” Every hand-built outhouse is uncompromisingly sanitary, and Mount McKinley is even framed by a small heart in the door! A bathroom/shower building with private hot showers and changing rooms is located near the lodge and dining room.

Getting There

The trip begins and ends at Denali Park Rail Station.

Fly by air to either Anchorage or Fairbanks and then take a train, shuttle, or rental car.

By Train: Alaska Railroad, www.alaskarailroad.com , 1-800-544-0552

By Shuttle: Alaska/Yukon Trails, www.alaskashuttle.com , 1-800-770-7275

When to Arrive

Plan to meet your driver/guides at the Denali National Park rail station at 12:30 p.m. on Day 1 of your trip.

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Arrival Day

Your stay begins on the afternoon of your first night stay. Plan to meet your driver/guides at the Denali National Park rail station at 12:30 p.m. Our departure is 1:30 p.m. and we stop en route for a picnic supper (the day's main meal) around 4:00 p.m. Upon your arrival at Camp Denali, you will be welcomed with fresh fruit, dessert, and hot beverages, and a short orientation before showing you to your cabin.

While you are at Camp Denali

Breakfast is at 7:30 a.m. each morning and after breakfast, your host and hostess will describe the guided options for the day. Each day, you may choose from three different levels of guided outings: an easier naturalist foray, or a moderate or strenuous outing.

There are also mountain bikes, canoes that are moored at the north end of Wonder Lake, just three miles away, and fishing gear for use at any time during your stay. Soon after breakfast, a lunch buffet will be presented, and you will be invited to design a sandwich of your choice on a variety of fresh-baked breads.

We plan to depart on our guided activities by 9-10:00 a.m. each day, so you can enjoy a full day in the heart of Denali National Park. Guided options return 3-5:00 p.m., and dinner is at 6:30. At 8:30 each evening there is a program offered in the lodge. With a four-night stay, you will have three full days to explore and absorb the wilderness of this world-renowned national park.

Camp Denali is an authorized National Park Service Concessionaire. Also designated as Denali National Park's sole historic operator of educational guided hiking and field trips, this 30-year family owned and operated business continues its tradition of active exploration beyond its own spectacular area around Wonder Lake. That means you can explore more of the Park's remote alpine valleys and lofty ridges and enhance your opportunities for wildlife sightings.

Departure Day

On your departure morning, breakfast will be served at 6:00 a.m. and you will depart at 6:45 a.m., getting back to the rail station by 11:30 a.m.

LAND COST

3-night stay

\$1,365 + tax per person (adult)

\$1,024 + tax per person (child 11 and younger—minimum age is 8)

4-night stay

\$1,820 + tax per person (adult)

\$1,365 + tax per person (child 11 and younger—minimum age is 8)

7-night stay

\$3,185 + tax per person (adult)

\$2,389 + tax per person (child 11 and younger—minimum age is 8)

Rates quoted are per person, based on sharing double accommodations. Single supplement for all pricing is \$100 per night.

What's Included

- ◆ expert guides
- ◆ accommodations
- ◆ meals from lunch on arrival day to breakfast on departure day
- ◆ transfers to/from Denali National Park rail station
- ◆ sightseeing and activities as noted in the itinerary
- ◆ basic medical and evacuation insurance

What's Not

Transportation from home to Denali National Park rail station and return; insurance other than basic medical and evacuation insurance noted above (we strongly recommend you purchase the supplemental trip insurance offered by Mountain Travel Sobek, which includes trip cancellation insurance); optional tipping to Camp Denali staff; excess baggage charges; airport taxes; cost of medical immunizations; and items of a personal nature (sodas, alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.).

Air Travel

Airfare is not included in the land cost of our trips. For air reservations, we recommend you contact the airlines directly, either by phone or the Internet. In addition, many travelers elect to use their “frequent flyer” miles when traveling with us. **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.

Activity Level

We rate this trip as easy to moderate, with some strenuous options for those who wish more challenging activities. All activities are optional, however you should be in good physical condition and enjoy an active life to fully appreciate what Camp Denali has to offer. Note—Minimum age for participation is 8.

Hiking at Camp Denali

Every day, guests have the option of one of three different levels of hiking:

Vehicle-based hiking covers 1-2 miles daily. You and the guides will board a van and drive down the road until you see something of interest. Then you will get out, have a look, and spend as much or as little time as you want in the area, continuing on as you please.

Moderate hikes cover 3-5 miles and experience elevation gains of 500-700 feet. The hiking is in trail-less tundra and may also be on river gravel bars. Hikes begin at 9 a.m. and return between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Strenuous hikes cover 5-8 miles with an elevation gain of 1,500-2,000 feet. The hiking is in trail-less tundra and may also be on river gravel bars. Hikes begin at 9 a.m. and return around 4 p.m.

Hiking locations differ from day to day. On the first day of your stay at Camp Denali, hikes are led around the camp area (just because you have spent so long traveling the day before—we want to minimize the amount of time spent

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in a vehicle). On the following days, hikers are generally transported up the park road (1,400 feet elevation) to begin exploring Denali. Guides will help individuals plan and arrange their own hikes as well.

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).

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. We also ran the first commercial descents of the Tatshenshini, Alsek, and Kongakut Rivers. We are one of the few companies with permits in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Wrangell-St. Elias/Tatshenshini-Alsek World Heritage Site, Glacier Bay National Park, 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 Limitations of Liability and Booking Conditions in the four-page Participant Information Form. You can find all this information on the Mountain Travel Sobek 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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