

ALASKAN ADVENTURE 2018

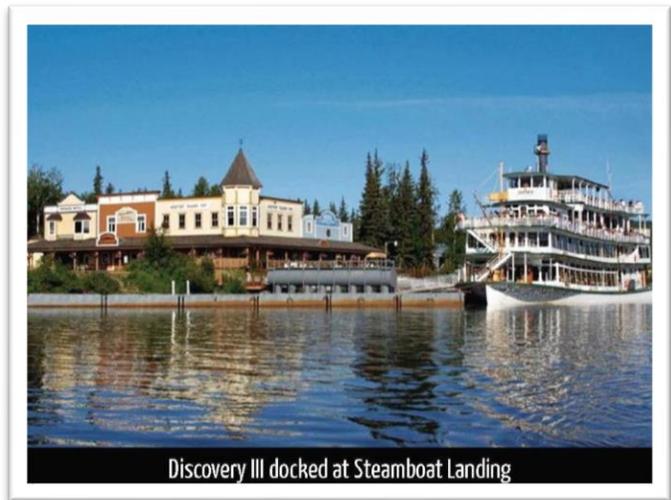
11 Days - 10 nights / June 23 - July 3, 2018

Saturday, June 23rd - Arrivals

Your Alaskan Adventure begins upon landing into Fairbanks, Alaska where you will experience your first day with 21 hours and 48 minutes of sunlight! In reality, it will never get dark your first night. We will check into the [Rivers Edge Resort](#), a modest 4-Star locally owned property of quaint cottages along the banks of the Chena River. The rest of the day can be spent relaxing from your travels in your room, a stroll along the Chena River, or explore downtown Fairbanks, only 120 miles from the Arctic Circle.

Sunday, June 24th - Riverboat Discovery Tour

We will cruise the Chena and Tanana Rivers on a paddleboat stopping off to take a guided walking tour of an authentic Athabascan Indian village. Next stop is to visit the late four-time Iditarod champion [Susan Butcher](#) Dog Kennels. We will learn firsthand about kennel life and the challenges that go into making a champion dogsled team. Finally, we will step into a specially designed chamber to experience what 40 degrees below zero feels like.



Monday, June 25th – Fairbanks to Denali National Park (4 hours)



Alaska Railway

Board the Alaska Railroad GoldStar Class which provides glass-dome ceilings, upper-level outdoor viewing platforms, and first class inclusive meals with two free drinks in the private bar. The train is an adventure in itself with incredible views of the Alaska frontier.

Check into our cottages and then take the shuttle into Denali Village Visitor Center to watch the park film, check out a variety of exhibits about the natural and cultural history of the

Denali area, or join a variety of ranger walks or talks. There are also a few shops to bop around looking for souvenirs.



Gold Star First Class with glass dome top



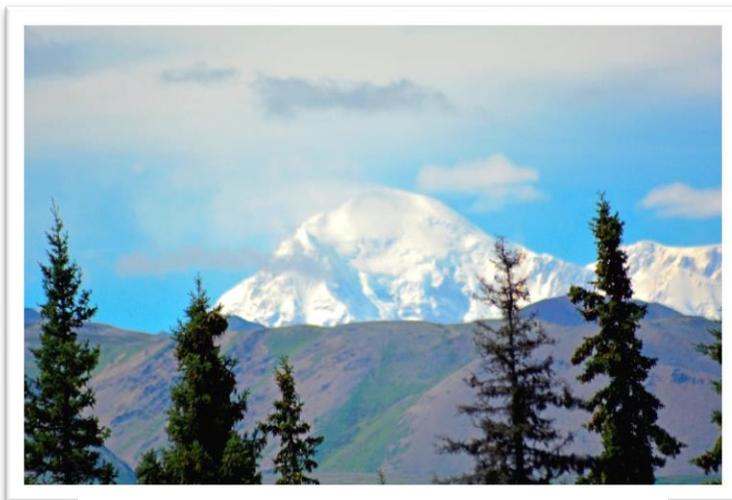
Private Viewing Platform

Tuesday, June 26th – Denali Backcountry Adventure (8 hours)

We board a private motor coach bus and experience 92 miles of breathtaking Alaskan beauty and adventure. This fully narrated park tour travels the entire length of Denali National Park with a knowledgeable Guide who shares the biology, geology, and history of the region with you. Hopefully we will see bears, caribou, fox, moose, wolves, sheep and birds in their natural habitat.

At the end of road, we will spend a couple of hours to enjoy lunch at an exclusive resort in Kantishna, just past Wonder Lake, the jewel of Denali. There you will discover a piece of Alaska's gold rush history, and the warm hospitality of the staff as you enjoy a tasty meal served in the dining area. After lunch you'll be invited to try your luck at panning for gold in Moose Creek, or if you prefer, you can stretch your legs on the nature hike, or just relax on the deck of the lodge and immerse yourself in the scenery. For the return segment, I have opted for us to avoid the long road trip back by boarding a Cessna 206 aircraft for an exhilarating 55 minute areal view of Denali National Park back to basecamp!

Wednesday, June 27th – Denali to Anchorage (7 hours)



View of Denali from the train's private viewing platform

Back on board the Alaska Railroad for the most scenic part of our railroad journey. Hopefully the skies will grant us views of “The Great One”, Denali, the highest mountain peak in North America.

Along the way you will see wildlife, lakes, rivers, locals, all in the comfort of your reclining seat or sipping a cocktail from the private platform.

Upon arriving Anchorage, we check into the Hilton Home2Suites to rest up for the next day's adventures.

Thursday, June 28th – Anchorage

For 3 years, I have been hoping to encounter a moose in Anchorage’s Kincaid Park. Hopefully one of you will bring us some luck this year as we rent bicycles to take a leisurely bike ride through Kincaid Park in search of a moose that everyone swears they encounter all the time. The path is fully paved with beautiful views of the Cook Inlet and lush green foliage. It is a relatively flat ride with only a few mild hills to contend with.

Friday, June 29th – Katmai Grizzly Adventure!

Depart Anchorage to King Salmon and then board a sea plane for a scenic ride to Katmai Peninsula. Upon arrival, you will take a short Grizzly awareness program, check into your rustic cabin, and we’re off on a short walk to Brooks Bridge to experience these magnificent bears feasting on hundreds of salmon flying through the air to spawn their eggs. Primarily occurring between mid-June and mid-July, our timing will be perfect to capture this annual phenomenon at its peak season.



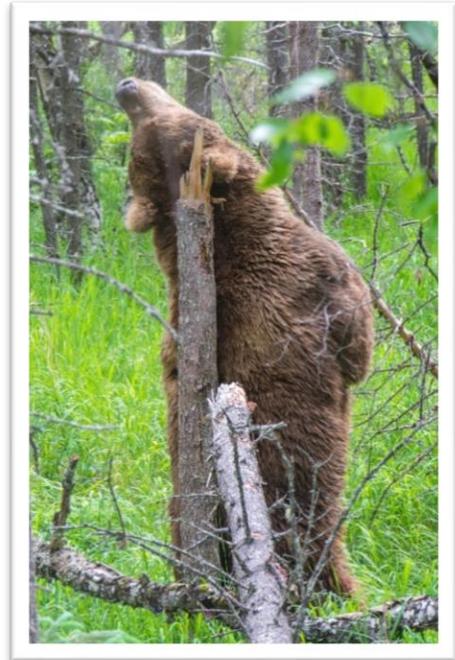
Sea Plane to Katmai



The famous Brooks Bridge

At Brooks Bridge, there is a viewing platform overlooking the falls that gives you prime viewing of bears and leaping salmon. You do not need a telephoto lens as we are incredibly close to the action and camera phones would give fantastic shots. Wildlife is never predictable so every minute is unique. Turn away for a second and you may miss a bear catching a salmon in midair. Leave for lunch and you may miss two bears fighting for the

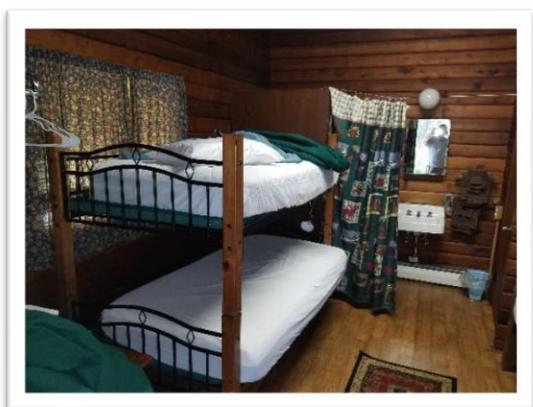
best fishing spot or mating. Every year I come here, something new always seen happens. It is so exciting because your never know what will happen next.



The only dining is at Brooks Lodge all-you-can-eat buffet. The food is surprisingly good given the remoteness of Katmai. Evenings are spent relaxing around the lodge fire exchanging the day's stories and meeting new friends from all over the world.



Lodging is rustic with 2 sets of bunk beds, small bathroom and a shower. Since most of your day is spent exploring, the cabins are the perfect alternative to tenting in the campsite. For those who prefer a more affordable solution, I do have 2 campsite reservations as well.



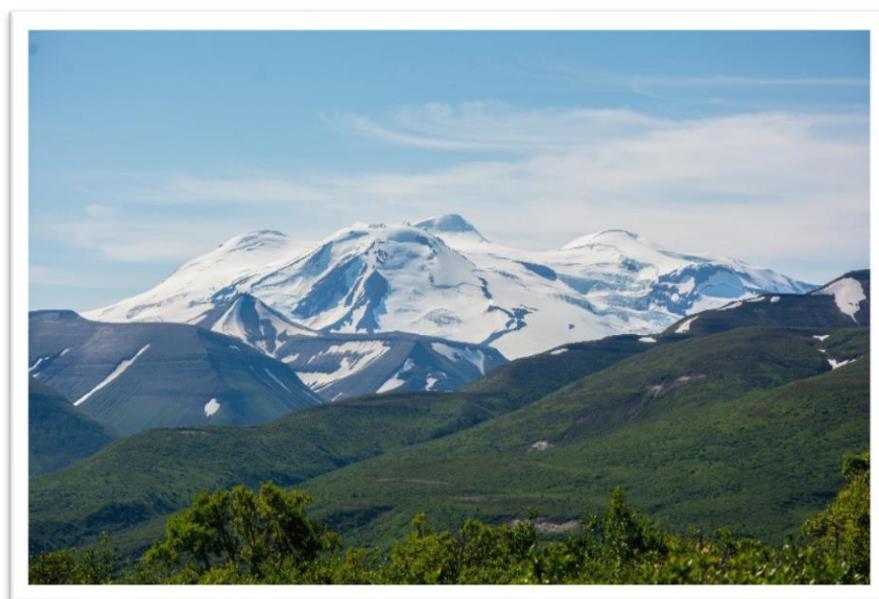
Saturday, June 30th – Valley of 10,000 Smokes Tour or Fly Fishing

Valley of 10,000 Smoke - Departing at 8am, we board a small bus and journey into the back country of Katmai. The 23 mile drive to Overlook Cabin is broken up with stops for scenic views wildlife viewing. At Overlook Cabin you'll have time for lunch and then hike down with our tour guide to examine the ash and pumice "Valley" floor. Those preferring to relax can look over displays and historic photos of the "Valley of 10,000 Smokes."

The June 1912 eruption of Novarupta Volcano altered the Katmai area dramatically. Severe earthquakes rocked the area for a week before Novarupta exploded with cataclysmic force. Enormous quantities of hot, glowing pumice and ash were ejected from Novarupta and nearby fissures. This material flowed over the terrain, destroying all life in its path. For several days, ash, pumice, and gas were ejected and a haze darkened the sky over most of the Northern Hemisphere. At nearby Kodiak, for two days a person could not see a lantern held at arm's length. Acid rain caused clothes to disintegrate on clotheslines in distant Vancouver, Canada. The eruption was 10 times more forceful than the 1980 eruption of Mount Saint Helens. Eventually Novarupta became dormant but left a fascinating landscape for us to enjoy.



Valley of 10,000 Smokes



View along the drive to 10,000 Smokes

Fly Fishing - Superb sportfishing is available adjacent to the lodge on the Brooks River and on the Brooks and Naknek Lakes. You have the option to rent your gear or hire a guide to take you upstream to not only fish in the river, but also get even closer to the bears. Cost is not included in this package. Half Day \$185 p/p or \$145 p/p for 2 or more. Equipment is \$19 including waders plus \$25 fishing license.

Canoe or Kayaking – Canoe: \$12 p/hr or \$40 p/day. Kayaks \$16 p/hr or \$60 p/day

Sunday, July 1st – Last day in Katmai

After one last viewing of the Grizzlies and after a hearty breakfast we bid farewell to Katmai as we board our sea planes back to King Salmon and then to Anchorage to reflect on the incredible experiences the last few days were.

Monday, July 2nd – Whittier Day tour

Monday morning we take our own private drive along the scenic Alaska Route 1 Highway with incredible views of the Turnagain Arm of the Cook Inlet, through North America's longest tunnel and into Whittier, Alaska. Whittier is a beautiful sea side village at the head of the Prince William Sound. You can choose a nice local lunch at my favorite little dive restaurant, or a more elegant lunch at the Inn at Whittier, both overlooking the harbor. Afterwards we take a Glacier Cruise in the Prince William



Whittier Harbor

Sound to witness the incredible glaciers calving into the sea. On the way home, we take a slight detour to take an easy hike to one of the larger glaciers still on land. The entire day can only be explained by seeing it in person.

Tuesday, July 3rd – Departures

Finally, our 11-day adventure comes to an end as we fly back to our respective cities. In these 11 days, you will have experienced numerous parts of Alaska few have seen. It is only after our tour will you realize no Alaska Cruise holds a candle to what you have seen. Our experiences on Katmai will rival that of African Safaris. You will have travelled by sea plane, First Class train through Denali, boats to glaciers, and even bike to breath all that is Alaska. It is without a doubt, the stories you share will end up on many other's Bucket Lists.

We look forward to bringing this to you.

Your Adventure Leader,

Johnny G.

Cost – 11 Days and 10 Nights:

Cost p/person	Lodging options
\$4,500.00	Double Occupancy
\$5,800.00	Single Occupancy
\$4,300.00	Triple Occupancy in Katmai. Double elsewhere*
\$4,100.00	Quadruple in Katmai. Double elsewhere*

*Katmai lodging is booked two years in advance, limited to a lottery, and expensive. The cabins are rustic cabins with two single bunk beds designed for four people per cabin. (See photos on page 5) For two people preferring to keep their cabin to themselves, choose the **Double Occupancy** option. For those okay to share a cabin with three people, choose the **Triple Occupancy** option and the rest of the hotel rooms on the trip will be double occupancy. For those open to putting 4 people to a cabin, choose the **Quadruple Occupancy** option and the rest of the hotel rooms on the trip will be double occupancy. For those traveling single but would like to share a cabin in Katmai, please contact me and we will see what we can work out with others. Keep in mind, nearly all your time in Katmai will be outside the cabin on adventures or at the lodge. There is a private bathroom and shower in each cabin room but no privacy between bunk beds.

Price includes:

- All travel within Alaska but does not include airfare to and from Alaska nor taxis.
- All lodging.
- All adventures and tours except for activities where prices are listed.
- Almost everything except for:
 - Airfare into Fairbanks and departures from Anchorage to home.
 - Activities listed with a price.
 - Meals or beverages.
 - Gratuities for tour guides.