

Prepared for the Legacy Club, TNC

# ALASKA

*August 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



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## **WELCOME TO ALASKA!**

Tap into your inner adventurer in Alaska. Find inspiration in emerald old-growth rainforests, staggeringly blue rivers and seas, Alaska Native cultures and a vast array of species alongside TNC experts. Explore the place where millions of migrating wild salmon return each year to spawn. See where grizzly and black bears, moose, orcas and humpback whales regularly roam.

Our journey narrows in on the territory of the Dena'ina people, the Kenai Peninsula, a wilderness located south of Anchorage that is home to iconic wildlife against a backdrop of glaciers, snow-capped mountains and spectacular waters.

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## **CONSERVATION HIGHLIGHTS**

### **ALASKA'S KENAI PENINSULA**

One of the world's last great wild places, Alaska is a shining example of how nature and people can thrive together. Its lush forests, rolling tundra, clear streams and extensive coastal waters support abundant fish and wildlife populations. Alaskans have long relied on these rich resources for their culture, sustenance and livelihoods. The Nature Conservancy is working to ensure the long-term health of local communities by addressing the social, environmental and economic factors that affect them. By meeting the needs of people, conservation can become a priority.

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## ITINERARY OVERVIEW

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### *Kenai Peninsula, Alaska*

#### **August 23**

#### SATURDAY

Plan to arrive in Anchorage, Alaska by 4:00 p.m. this afternoon. Tonight, meet your Trip Leader and fellow travelers for dinner and orientation. Dine at a well-known local restaurant for Alaskan infused cuisine and enjoy other local sights such as art galleries, shops and other Anchorage attractions.

Overnight at The Lakefront Anchorage Hotel, Anchorage, AK

#### **August 24**

#### SUNDAY

Bid farewell to the city of Anchorage and travel south along the majestic Turnagain Arm to the small mountain community of Girdwood. Today's adventure takes us through the northernmost rainforest areas of Alaska on a guided hike through a protected forest canopy. After the hike, more amazing views can be captured as we ride the resort tram to the top of Mt. Alyeska for spectacular views of the seven surrounding glaciers. During the 8-minute tram ride, we'll gain more than 2000 feet of elevation, with a bird's eye view of winter ski routes and flower-covered valleys.

Late afternoon we will continue south to Kenai Riverside Lodge, situated in scenic Cooper Landing. Cooper Landing is surrounded by the forested, lower slopes and glacier covered summits of the Chugach National Forest, with local mountain peaks ranging in elevation from 4000 ft. to 10,000 ft. and higher. We'll make a stop at the K'beq' Interpretive Site, which holds cultural significance to the Dena'ina Athabascan Kenaitze Indian Tribe, who have been amazing stewards of these lands and waters for centuries.

Upon arrival at the lodge, enjoy orientation and take in the amazing sights on the riverfront. Kenai Riverside Lodge features a large riverside deck with fire pit, self-guided nature paths, a wood-fired sauna and more! Appetizers and dinner are served in the main lodge this evening. Overnight at Kenai Riverside Lodge.

Overnight at Kenai Riverside Lodge, Cooper Landing, AK

**August 25**

MONDAY

After a hearty breakfast in the main lodge, our guides will outfit you in river gear for a full day guided rafting adventure on the Kenai River. Explore the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge while your raft guide offers natural history interpretation and stories behind the sights. Scan for eagles and birds, salmon and trout swimming in the turquoise water and possibly moose or bears on the banks of the Kenai River while enjoying a delicious packed lunch. This evening, retire to the main lodge for dinner and relaxing.

Overnight at Kenai Riverside Lodge, Cooper Landing, AK

**August 26**

TUESDAY

From our departure point in the stunning seacoast town of Seward, board a small ship bound for Kenai Fjords National Park – home to an array of glaciers and marine wildlife such as whales, Steller sea lions, sea otters, puffins and more! A half-day marine wildlife cruise will allow us to explore the rugged coastlines. Enjoy lunch in front of a calving glacier before arriving at our exclusive lodge destination: Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge.

Nestled in a protected tidal lagoon area, the Glacier Lodge offers miles of pristine beachfront for exploring and views of the stunning Pedersen Glacier. This afternoon, meet your guides for a lodge orientation and settle into your private cabins. Enjoy dinner and evening presentations.

Overnight Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge, Seward, AK

**August 27-28**

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Explore the wild delights of Kenai Fjords National Park for two full days. After breakfast in the main lodge, choose from a wide array of activities best suited to your energy level and interest. Guided options include naturalist walks, sea kayaking, group canoe paddles and more. In the spirit of adventure and to take advantage of tidal and weather patterns, guides will discuss specific nature outings and options with our group this morning. All activities are suitable for beginners and require no previous experience.

For those seeking a more relaxed approach, the main lodge offers ideal comfort with direct views of nature. Curious sea otters and seals frequent the lagoon, just steps from the main lodge deck. In a nearby meadow, we can sometimes glimpse bears and other wildlife from a safe distance. Our natural history library offers amazing resources and interesting reads – cozy up with a good book and let your worries drift out with the tide!

Upon return to the main lodge, share stories from your day's adventure with other guests and join an evening natural history presentation, given by local expert guides or guest speakers.

Overnight Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge, Seward, AK

**August 29**

FRIDAY

This morning allows another opportunity to kayak, canoe or beachcomb for a half-day before boarding our boat for the return wildlife cruise to Seward. Board the historic Alaska Railroad for a scenic backcountry rail tour back to Anchorage.

Enjoy a festive farewell dinner on the train.

Overnight at The Lakefront Anchorage Hotel, Anchorage, AK

**August 30**

SATURDAY

This morning, after breakfast, visit the renowned Alaska Native Heritage Center, featuring amazing exhibits and the opportunity to meet local artisans from bush Alaska. We'll spend the first half of the day at this wonderful Center.

Shuttles to the Anchorage International Airport will begin at 12:00 p.m.; earlier or later departures can be accommodated through The Lakefront Anchorage Hotel's 24/7 shuttle service.

## **COSTS**

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**Total per person costs based on 6 guests minimum, 16 guests maximum. Tax not included.**

**Notes:**

- Single Occupancy Cost: \$7,995
- Double Occupancy Cost: \$6,495

**This cost includes:**

- Accommodations
- All ground transportation
- All meals beginning with dinner on Day 1 and ending with breakfast on Day 8
- All activities
- All park entrance fees and permitting
- All guides
- Alaska Wildland Adventures Leader
- Client hosts
- A commission back to the host program

**This cost does not include:**

- Travel to and from trip start
- Travel insurance
- Incidentals and spa services

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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### Payment and Cancellation Terms

As a reminder, all payment requests will be sent through WeTravel. This may include the deposit, final payment, and any supplemental amounts for pre/post nights or extra transfers.

#### **Deposit:**

\$1,000 per person due at time of registration

#### **Full Trip Payment:**

Due 90 days prior to trip start

- Cancellation prior to May 25, 2025: 10% of the total amount is subject to forfeiture
- Cancellation between May 26, 2025 and July 8, 2025: 50% of the total amount is subject to forfeiture
- Cancellation July 9, 2025 to trip start: 100% of the total amount is subject to forfeiture

If you need to cancel, please contact Alaska Wildland Adventures via [reservations@alaska-wildland.com](mailto:reservations@alaska-wildland.com).

### Contact Information

As you plan for your journey with The Nature Conservancy and Alaska Wildland Adventures, please feel free to reach out with any questions at [reservations@alaska-wildland.com](mailto:reservations@alaska-wildland.com) or 907-783-2928.



## TNC TRAVEL VALUES

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### **Access**

Travel with renowned Conservancy experts and local partners for an exclusive, on-the-ground experience. You won't just see amazing places; you'll see how you are helping save them.

### **Impact**

Witness how your commitment to our planet and your passion for conservation are making a difference in the wild places and communities you are impacting.

### **Knowledge**

Learn how we are applying the latest cutting-edge science to affect global change and drive conservation.

### **Inspiration**

Immerse yourself in local cultures and awe-inspiring landscapes to foster your own connection to our world.

### **Globally Minded**

Elevate your understanding of our work by observing first-hand how TNC and our partners act locally and how we turn local results in to global impact by scaling solutions that work.

## TNC TRAVELER EXPECTATIONS

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Group travel with The Nature Conservancy provides our donors with the opportunity to experience, alongside fellow supporters, the places TNC is working collaboratively to advance our conservation mission. Within these curated trips is the chance to engage with a community of active individuals and conservation staff who enjoy teaching and learning about the important conservation work we do and exploring the outdoors.

In order to ensure an enjoyable trip environment that supports learning and enrichment, we need your partnership. We ask that all participants review [TNC's Code of Conduct](#) prior to joining a trip. We also encourage you to carefully review all trip information to make an informed decision as to whether travel with TNC and a specific trip's characteristics and activities are right for you. Following the Code is an expectation and responsibility for everyone in the larger TNC community, including our staff, partners, vendors and supporters. **To that end, when registering for a TNC trip, you are agreeing to uphold the Code.**

While the entire Code of Conduct is important, the tenets that are especially relevant to TNC group travel are: respect for each other, respect for the world around us and acting with integrity. The following traveler expectations are intended to provide guidance for how those tenets translate to group travel but are by no means an exhaustive list. By participating in a TNC trip, you make a commitment to act in accordance with the TNC Code of Conduct to your fellow travelers, as well as to TNC staff, partners, community members and vendors. Any violation of or disregard for the Code of Conduct may result in removal from a trip and/or denial of future TNC travel participation.

### **1) Respect all people, places and perspectives.**

Each participant on a trip is an integral part of the travel experience. Demonstrating respect and consideration is imperative not only for nature, local communities and cultures in the places we visit, but also for fellow travelers, staff, partners, community members and vendors. Everyone will bring different goals, backgrounds, experiences and abilities, and it is important that the group respect each individual's perspectives and needs throughout the trip. Sometimes trip participants become lifelong friends, and we encourage the camaraderie and community built through these shared experiences!

**2) Harassment in all its forms, including discrimination and microaggressions, is not tolerated.**

There is no place on any TNC travel experience for disrespect to or bullying or intimidation of fellow travelers, TNC staff, partners, community members or vendors. All travelers agree to support an environment free from any behavior that could make an individual feel unsafe or diminish their dignity. If you experience or observe this type of behavior on a trip, please report it to your trip host or guide.

Examples of behavior that will not be tolerated include, but are not limited, to:

- Racial discrimination in any form (jokes, comments and/or actions)
- Verbal abuse of any traveler, staff, partner, community member or vendor
- Actions or statements that exclude or divide people because of their differences or differing perspectives
- Jokes about gender or sexual orientation or that include sexual innuendo
- Discriminatory actions or statements based on gender or sexual orientation
- Unwelcome physical contact or physical intimidation of a sexual nature

**3) Act in accordance with the applicable law of the location(s) of the trip.**

Your trip location(s) may have different laws from your home location. You are expected to be aware of and adhere to the trip destination's laws throughout the experience, even when locations change throughout a trip.

**4) Employ an attitude of flexibility.**

At times, there may be changes in the itinerary when deemed necessary or advisable for the comfort and well-being of trip members. We appreciate your understanding, flexibility and adaptability in order to make the trip safe and enjoyable for you and everyone else.

**TNC and its tour operators reserve the right to deny registration or remove a tour participant from a trip should such person's behavior, health or mental condition impact the safe and equitable operation of the trip.**

**Thank you for your attention and understanding, and please let a TNC travel representative know if you have any questions in advance of registering at [travel@tnc.org](mailto:travel@tnc.org).**