



# Best of Alaska Land Tour

August 6 – 16, 2012



- Day 1** Arrive at the Anchorage airport from Little Rock where we will be met by your Premier Alaska Tours representative. Overnight Anchorage.
- Day 2** Deluxe motorcoach for today's spectacular narrated journey to Fairbanks; better known to Alaskans as the Golden Heart City. Drive through the **Matanuska Susitna Valley** where world record monster size vegetables grow in the 24-hour daylight and hear agricultural tales. The route takes you along the **Wrangell- St. Elias National Park**, the largest park in the U.S. and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. Overnight in Fairbanks.
- Day 3** This morning learn how the gold rush affected Alaska's interior on a **city sightseeing** adventure of Fairbanks with an included visit to **Gold Dredge No.8**, formerly the El Dorado Gold Mine. You learn how to pan for gold, as each person is given a 'poke'. You may strike it rich! Included cruise on the Chena River aboard a **sternwheeler** and experience the thrill of river travel. Travel back to the time when traditional riverboats plied the waterways of Alaska's interior during the late 1800's. Tonight, enjoy an authentic **Alaska Salmon Bake** at Pioneer Park. Overnight Fairbanks.
- Day 4** Ride the motorcoach south to **Denali National Park**. Enjoy an afternoon of exploring this pristine area at your leisure by either participating in a complimentary park service activity or optional tour. There are many to choose from including mild or wild river rafting, flight seeing Mt. McKinley, a jet boat safari on the Nenana River or a visit to the award winning dog kennels of 2006 Iditarod champion, Jeff King. This evening enjoy the **Denali Dinner Theater**. Overnight at Denali.
- Day 5** Today travel deep into Denali National Park on the included, seven hour **Tundra Wildlife Tour** looking for grizzly bear, moose, caribou, sheep, and many others. Your *local naturalist driver/guide* will provide educational enhancements throughout the tour. Includes snack box meal. Overnight at Denali for a second night.
- Day 6** This morning at leisure for optional tours. Early this afternoon, ride on the world famous **Alaska Railroad** (Adventure Class) from Denali National Park to Anchorage. Watch for views of Mt. McKinley if the weather cooperates or for black bear along the banks of the Susitna River. Enjoy dinner on the rails this evening. Overnight in Anchorage.
- Day 7** Early morning deluxe motorcoach tour from Anchorage traveling south along the spectacular Turnagain Arm towards the place where Alaskans go to play- the Kenai Peninsula. Watch for beluga whales in the murky waters of the Turnagain Arm and for Dall sheep playing high above on the cliffs. In Seward, board your day vessel and spend today on the water in **Kenai Fjords National Park** where you may view sea life in their natural habitat and hear giant pieces of ice crackle and break away into the water of Resurrection Bay. A light lunch is included. Overnight in Seward.
- Day 8** This morning, your deluxe motorcoach travels to the central peninsula to the community of Kenai. Visit the **Kenai Visitors & Cultural Center** located in Kenai and see the incredible display of Alaskan artifacts. Continue the journey south and see spectacular scenery like volcanoes on the far side of the Cook Inlet, lush green valleys and an array of wildflowers. Tonight, enjoy dinner. Overnight in the community of Homer.
- Day 9** This morning, our *Special Alaskan* will discuss the fishing industry. Fishing is a livelihood for many residents in this area and after breakfast learn about the commercial and/or sports fishing industry with a harbor walking tour. This afternoon is open for optional activities such as a flight to see the mighty brown bear, sea kayaking in Kachemak Bay, halibut fishing or sightseeing the community. Overnight in Homer.
- Day 10** Today, head north to the **Soldotna Visitor Information Center** and see the world record King salmon on display. Walk down the *boardwalk* and search for salmon in the Kenai River and learn about the different types of salmon. Our *Special Alaskans* today include homesteaders from this region who share their experiences of living in this area. A sack lunch is included. Continue north and perhaps catch a glimpse of caribou or birds that migrate through this region. Arrive in time for dinner and then transfer to the Anchorage Airport for your flight.
- Day 11** Arrive home from our overnight flight.

(Price includes transportation to and from Little Rock airport, roundtrip airfare from Little Rock to Anchorage, hotels, taxes, transfers, motorcoach transportation, included attractions, tour guide, all gratuities, 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 5 dinners.)

**Trip Cancellation insurance is highly recommended** and can be purchased for ANY trip. If you purchase cancellation insurance at the time of deposit, insurance covers pre-existing medical conditions for you. **This trip is non-refundable after final payment.**

**Price per person based on:    Single - \$5250    Double - \$4350**

**Deposit \$100 per person due March 15, 2012**

**Final payment due June 1, 2012**

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