



ALASKA

ALASKA'S MOUNTAINS, GLACIERS & WILDLIFE SELF-DRIVE

(TOUR CODE: 12509)

STARTS AND ENDS

Anchorage to
Fairbanks

TRAVEL PERIODS

15 May 25 - 12 Sep 25

EXPERIENCE

Cultural
Wildlife
Self-Drive

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Embark on an unforgettable road trip from Anchorage to Fairbanks, exploring two of Alaska's most iconic national parks - Denali National Park and Kenai Fjords National Park.

Highlights

- Enjoy a self-drive journey through the spectacular scenery and landscapes of Alaska
- Observe and photograph some of Alaska's largest land animals in the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Centre
- Board the 26 Glacier Cruise and venture deep into Prince William Sound
- Embark on a Wilderness Adventure Jet Boat Tour at Talkeetna

Experience the best of Alaska's breathtaking landscapes and natural wonders with our carefully crafted self-drive itinerary - a top choice for first-time visitors. Designed to make the most of your limited time, this journey immerses you in the heart of Alaska's iconic attractions.

Begin your adventure with a scenic Prince William Sound cruise departing from Whittier. Glide through pristine waters, surrounded by towering glaciers and the majestic Chugach Mountains, as you get up close to the wonders of this marine wilderness.

Next, the adventure takes you to the Kenai Fjords, a land of glaciers, coastal fjords, and abundant marine life. Cruise through ice-filled waters, marveling at tidewater glaciers calving into the sea, and keep a watchful eye for playful sea otters and majestic humpback whales.

Venture to the charming town of Homer on the Kenai Peninsula. Explore its vibrant arts scene, indulge in fresh seafood at local eateries, and bask in the stunning vistas of the Homer Spit - a truly unique Alaskan gem.

Your journey continues with a visit to Denali National Park, where the wilderness beckons. Witness the awe-inspiring Denali, North America's

tallest peak, and embark on unforgettable wildlife excursions, spotting grizzly bears, caribou, and other native species in their natural habitat.

This self-drive itinerary offers a taste of Alaska's diverse landscapes, from towering peaks to coastal wonders, all in one memorable journey. Discover the essence of the Last Frontier in a way that suits your schedule and interests.

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Seward at Seward Windsong Lodge
- 2 nights in Homer at Land's End Resort
- 1 night in Girdwood at Alyeska Resort
- 1 night in Talkeetna at Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge
- 2 nights in Denali at Grande Denali Lodge
- 9 days intermediate size car rental
- Prince William Sound 26 Glacier Cruise including Lunch
- Alyeska Scenic Tram Ride
- Alaska Wildlife Conservation Centre Admission
- Talkeetna Wilderness Adventure Jet Boat Tour

Freedom of Choice Days

Freedom of Choice



Our Freedom of Choice program offers flexibility, by allowing you to choose from different options on pre-selected days.

Our per person price includes one tour on each Freedom of Choice day, as follows:

- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 2
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 8

Expand the itinerary below for more details.

Please note, if more than one room is selected during the booking process, our team will contact you afterwards to discuss options.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Anchorage Seward

This morning, travel along the Seward Highway towards scenic Turnagain Arm, a body of water featuring the world's second-highest tides at over 30 feet. Keep an eye out for Beluga whales chasing salmon in the bay or Dall sheep along the highway. From Portage travel through mountain tunnels to the port town of Whittier. Board the 26 Glacier Cruise and venture deep into Prince William Sound, finding yourself so close to glaciers that you can "hear" them move and gaze at their brilliant blue hues. Discover several types of glaciers including Alpine hanging, Piedmont and Tidewater, plus watch for glacier calvings (broken pieces of ice that have fallen into the water and become icebergs). Enjoy a scrumptious lunch onboard. Following your cruise, it is an approximately 2-hour drive to Seward.

Overnight in Seward at the **Seward Windsong Lodge**.

Lunch



PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND | CREDIT: TRAVEL ALASKA/ CHRIS MCLENNAN

Day 2

Seward

It's time to explore the city! Personalize your day by choosing one of the two **Freedom of Choice** options below.

Overnight in **Seward** at the **Seward Windsong Lodge**.

Freedom of Choice Options• **Exit Glacier Hike:**

This moderate hiking adventure is great for viewing the jewel of the Resurrection River Valley - Exit Glacier. This massive wall of blue ice descends the mountainside from the Harding Ice Field, down to the Resurrection River.

OR• **Resurrection Bay Wildlife Cruise:**

Treat yourself to an abundance of wildlife viewing with this 3 1/2 hour Kenai Fjords cruise in Resurrection Bay. Travel 55 miles (round-trip) along a rugged coastline and snap plenty of memorable photos as you sail past Bear Glacier. Sail close to sea lion colonies and seabird rookeries, and keep your eyes peeled for whales, sea otters, Dall's porpoises, eagles and mountain goats.



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Day 3

Seward Homer

Continue your self-drive journey and follow the Sterling Highway, a designated scenic highway covering miles of spectacular landscape. Along the way view snowcapped mountains, active volcanoes including Mt. Iliamna, Mt. Redoubt and Mt. Augustine, deep ocean bluffs, excellent salmon fishing opportunities along the Kenai River, and a magnificent coastline.

Overnight in Homer at the **Land's End Resort**.



HOMER | CREDIT: TRAVEL ALASKA/ BRIAN ADAMS

Day 4

Homer

Homer "Halibut Capital of the World" provides you with truly incredible panoramic views of mountain ranges, white peaks, glaciers and the famous Homer Spit. Use the day to explore the area - kayak to a remote cove, take a scenic cruise and spot wildlife including whales, seals, sea otters and many shorebirds. If you prefer to observe Grizzly bears up close, take an optional scenic flightseeing tour to the Katmai Coast.

Overnight in Homer at the **Land's End Resort**.



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Day 5

Homer Girdwood

This morning, drive north on the scenic Sterling and Seward Highways back towards Girdwood. Along the way we have included admission to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Centre which provides care and rehabilitation for injured and orphaned wildlife. Here you can safely get close, observe, and photograph some of Alaska's largest land animals including moose, bison, elk, deer, caribou, bears, muskox. Continuing to Girdwood, take an aerial tram up Alyeska Mountain for views of Turnagain Arm, up to seven "hanging" glaciers and the endless peaks of the Chugach Mountain Range. At the base of the tram is your overnight accommodation.

Overnight in Girdwood at the **Alyeska Resort**.



ALASKA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTRE | CREDIT: TRAVEL ALASKA / MATT HAGE

Day 6

Girdwood Talkeetna

Drive north from Girdwood along scenic Turnagain Arm, traveling through Anchorage and the agricultural region of the Matanuska-Susitna Valley, to the small, picturesque town of Talkeetna. Talkeetna serves as a base camp for Mt. Denali

climbers; the community of 857 residents is located at the confluence of the Talkeetna and Susitna Rivers. A turn-of-the-20th-century gold-mining centre, the town has retained much of its early Alaskan flavour.

Overnight in Talkeetna at the **Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge**.



Day **7**

Talkeetna Denali

This morning, embark on a Wilderness Adventure Jet Boat tour. Stand in the splendour of Denali and the great Alaska Range from a spectacular vantage point on the Susitna River! The folklore, artifacts and a panoramic view of Denali in the Alaska Range combine to make this an unforgettable and unique Alaskan river adventure. After your jet boat tour, drive the Parks Highway north to Denali National Park, passing by incredible forest and mountain landscapes. You'll have as much time as you like to experience the majesty of Denali National Park, take in the sights of the George Parks Highway or arrive at your hotel near the park entrance to take advantage of an optional excursion or a visit to the Denali Visitor Centre.

Overnight in Denali at the **Grande Denali Lodge**.



Day **8**

Denali

Personalize your day by choosing one of the two **Freedom of Choice** options below.

Overnight in Denali at the **Grande Denali Lodge**.

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Denali Highway Jeep Excursion:**

Ranked #2 in Drives of a Lifetime by National Geographic Traveler magazine, experience the natural wonders of Alaska's Denali Highway — this time by Jeep! This 4-hour guided excursion travels along a 135 mi (217 km) gravel road & takes you off the beaten path in a 4 x 4 to enjoy scenic views of Denali, the Alaska Range, glaciers and wildlife.

OR

- **Tundra Wilderness Tour:**

This half day tour offers incredible scenery, a narrated history of the park road and opportunities to view the park's wildlife inhabitants. Picturesque highlights include the craggy cliffside of Cathedral Mountain, wildlife rich Sable Pass and braided wash of the East Fork River in Denali National Park.



Day **9**

Denali Fairbanks

Continue on the George Parks Highway north to Fairbanks. Accompanied by incredible forest and mountain landscapes, you'll drive through the communities of Healy, Nenana and Ester - an old mining camp. Upon arrival into Fairbanks your incredible Alaska self drive adventure comes to an end.



DENALI | CREDIT: DAVID FRANKEL

ACCOMMODATION

Alyeska Resort

Girdwood

Alyeska Resort is Alaska's premier year-round destination, featuring over 300-rooms, many fine dining experiences, a saltwater pool, a ski mountain, a bike park, and the new Nordic Spa. With a charming chateau-style design, Alyeska Resort features eight floors with 301 spacious guest rooms. Whether summer or winter, Alyeska is the perfect base camp for endless adventure and relaxation. The resort is only 40 miles south of Anchorage, along the scenic Seward Highway.



Grande Denali Lodge

Denali National Park

The Grande Denali Lodge on Sugarloaf Mountain is designed with your comfort and convenience in mind. The interior design highlights the Alaska Native Heritage of its owners while it offers panoramic views of the surrounding Denali wilderness and the Nenana River canyon. You'll find the lodge is a very special place where you can truly relax, meet friends, share a meal, or simply take in the beauty all around you. Grande

Denali Lodge offers spacious guest rooms with canyon or hillside views and a selection of Alaskan-style cabins with a range of creature comforts. Our Alpenglow Restaurant features New American cuisine with a focus on fresh Alaskan seafood and tender, all-natural meats combined with seasonal fruits and vegetables.



Land's End Resort

Homer

For half a century, Land's End in Homer, Alaska, has been among Alaska's most cherished waterfront hotels. Perched on the beach at the tip of the famous Homer Spit, Land's End immerses you in the natural paradise of Kachemak Bay. View whales and sea otters right outside your window or shorebirds as they migrate the shoreline. Wake up to the sounds of the surf and the eagle's antics. View sunrises and stunning vistas of the Kenai Mountains from your private deck. This Alaska resort hotel features a variety of lodging styles, including fully furnished beachfront homes, view-lofts and two-room suites.



Seward Windsong Lodge

Seward

Set alongside the Resurrection River, on the edge of Chugach National Forest near the Exit Glacier. Windsong Lodge is a tranquil retreat designed to showcase Alaska's wild beauty. While the bustling port of Seward and vast protected expanses of Kenaj Fjords National Park are mere minutes away, Windsong's peaceful setting and unique dining experiences offer a quiet and cosy escape after an exhilarating day of exploration. Our contemporary Alaskan-inspired guest rooms and suites feature a private ensuite, hair dryer, coffee maker, refrigerator, flat-screen television, telephone, and complimentary Wi-Fi.



Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge

Talkeetna

Set on a ridge just above the town of Talkeetna, the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge offers majestic views of the tallest peak in North America. It's the best of Alaska, outside and in. Outside, we're at the doorstep for high-energy outdoor adventures in Denali and beyond. Inside, there's a crackling fire in a giant river rock fireplace, and a carefully-curated selection of Native art in the boutique. Award-winning cuisine, the best wine selection in the area, friendly service—and a great night's sleep! All rooms feature a full private bath, hair dryer, coffee maker, refrigerator, satellite television, telephone, and wireless internet.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English

LOCAL CURRENCY

USD

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package
- Transfers, portage fees, tolls, rental cars, and activities other than specified above