



Coastal Classic Train - Credit Riley Stefano



ALASKA

SIGNATURE GRAND ALASKA BY RAIL (TOUR CODE: 12510)

STARTS AND ENDS

Anchorage to
Fairbanks

TRAVEL PERIODS

18 May 24 - 12 Sep 24

EXPERIENCE

Wildlife
Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Packages

Discover the wild heart of Alaska on this 10-day Signature Grand Alaska Rail tour, where stunning landscapes and captivating adventures await at every stop.

Highlights

- Embark on a breathtaking ride aboard the Coastal Classic Train in a Goldstar Railcar from Anchorage to Seward
- Explore Kenai Fjords National Park on an all-day cruise, venturing deeper into the park than other tours to witness the Northwestern Fjord
- Delight in a journey into the world of Alaska's glaciers, boarding the 26 Glacier Cruise in Whittier
- Experience the thrill of observing black and brown bears in their natural habitat during a floatplane tour to Redoubt Bay
- Soar above the Alaskan wilderness with a small-group flightseeing tour from Talkeetna, providing breathtaking views of Denali and a glacier landing experience

Embark on a captivating 10-day Alaskan adventure that begins in Anchorage, where you'll have the day to explore at your own pace before embarking on the Coastal Classic Train, a Goldstar Railcar journey to Seward through breathtaking landscapes, and choosing from a selection of four exciting excursions upon arrival. In the days that follow, you'll embark on an all-day Kenai Fjords Cruise, visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Centre, experience the thrill of Prince William Sound on a 26 Glacier Cruise, observe Alaska's bears in their natural habitat, take in the stunning Denali views from Talkeetna, and soar above glaciers on a Denali Flightseeing tour. Continue your journey aboard the Denali Star Train to Denali National Park, where you can explore the park's wonders or opt for a thrilling excursion, including a Jeep adventure along the Denali Highway, a Tundra Wilderness Tour, a Denali Summit Flightseeing tour, or a Denali Glacier Landing by helicopter. Finally, conclude your remarkable Alaskan voyage with an Alaska Railroad journey to Fairbanks, where you'll savor dinner onboard as your adventure comes to a close.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights in Anchorage at the Hotel Captain Cook
- 2 nights in Seward at the Seward Windsong Lodge
- 1 night in Talkeetna at the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge
- 2 nights in Denali at the Grande Denali Lodge
- Alaska Railroad (Coastal Classic) Anchorage to Seward GoldStar Service
- Alaska Railroad (Denali Star) from Anchorage to Talkeetna GoldStar Service
- Alaska Railroad (Denali Star) from Talkeetna to Denali Goldstar Service
- Alaska Railroad (Denali Star) from Denali to Fairbanks GoldStar Service
- Alaska Railroad (Glacier Discovery) from Anchorage to Whittier Adventure Class
- Day tour Seward to Anchorage with lunch
- Northwestern Fjord Cruise with breakfast & lunch
- Aerial tram ride to the peak of Alyeska
- Alaska Wildlife Conservation Centre Admission
- Prince William Sound 26 Glacier Cruise with Lunch
- Fly-in Bear Viewing Safari with lunch
- Denali Flightseeing with Glacier Landing

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 9

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

Rail Onboard Alaska Railroad (Coastal Classic) - GoldStar Service

Coastal Classic Train is ranked by the National Geographic Traveler among their Top Ten Train Rides in North America. A convenient round-trip schedule and picturesque landscapes along the route make the Coastal Classic Train a local favourite.



COASTAL CLASSIC TRAIN | CREDIT: GLENN ARONWITS

Rail Onboard Alaska Railroad (Glacier Discovery) - Adventure Class

Glacier Discovery Train only offers the adventure class. These single-level railcars with a shared vista dome have high ceilings, large windows, as well as a truly surprising amount of legroom. Most seats recline and have footrests.



ADVENTURE CLASS | CREDIT: MICHAEL W SULLIVAN
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Rail Onboard Alaska Railroad (Denali Star) - GoldStar Service

Denali Star Train is Alaska Railroad's flagship train, it features large curved glass windows that run the full length of the car, allowing excellent 360-degree viewing plus a private outdoor viewing deck. The full-service dining room can be found on the lower level.



Day **1**

Anchorage

Upon arrival in Anchorage transfer at your own cost to your hotel, the rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the sights.

Overnight in **Anchorage** at the **Hotel Captain Cook**.



Day **2**

Anchorage Seward

Board the Coastal Classic Train in the Goldstar Railcar for a breathtaking ride to Seward. This scenic journey takes you along Cook Inlet and into the glacier-filled Chugach Mountains. Breakfast onboard will be served.

This afternoon personalize your excursion by choosing one of the two **Freedom of Choice** options below.

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

Breakfast

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Bear Lake Kayak:**

Kayak or canoe on this scenic local lake with fun-loving guides. Bear Lake is located just outside Seward, Alaska and normally offers flat calm waters, and a home for Sockeye salmon. On the way there is a stop to visit the salmon weir and learn about their life cycle. Eagles, loons, and bears are often seen while on this adventure.

OR

- **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

- **Tonsina Point Resurrection Bay Kayaking Adventure:**

Resurrection Bay is surrounded by snow-capped mountains and home to several Alaska state parks that offer abundant opportunities to hike, sea kayak and explore!



COASTAL CLASSIC TRAIN | CREDIT: GLENN ARONWITS

Day **3**

Seward

Today we have arranged for you to take an all-day Kenai Fjords Cruise. Travel farther into Kenai Fjords National Park than with any other cruise and visit the magnificent Northwestern Fjord, home to three amazing tidewater glaciers, numerous alpine glaciers and marine wildlife like Stellar sea lions, seals, humpbacks, orcas and otters. A continental breakfast and deli-style lunch will be served onboard.

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

Breakfast, Lunch



KENAI FJORDS CRUISE | CREDIT: PURSUIT

Day **4**

Seward Anchorage

Begin your adventure with a short and easy walk to see views of Exit Glacier. Next, visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Centre which provides care and rehabilitation for injured and orphaned wildlife. Here you can safely observe and photograph some of Alaska's largest land animals including moose, bison, elk, deer, caribou, bears and muskox. 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, then continue to Anchorage to arrive late afternoon.

Overnight in **Anchorage** at the **Hotel Captain Cook**.

Lunch



ALYESKA RESORT GIRDWOOD | CREDIT: TRAVEL ALASKA

Day **5**

Anchorage

Depart Anchorage on Alaska Railroad for an adventure into the exciting world of Alaska's glaciers. In 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). Back in Whittier, board Alaska Railroad's Glacier Discovery Train for the final leg of the tour to Anchorage.

Overnight in **Anchorage** at the **Hotel Captain Cook**.

Lunch



Day **6**

Anchorage

Enjoy a half-day guided tour with an opportunity to see Alaska's black and brown bears in their natural habitat. Depending on the time of year and where the bears are foraging for food, you will fly southwest of Anchorage by float plane to either Redoubt Bay or Chinitna Bay. Here you can view Alaskan resident brown bears up close.

Overnight in **Anchorage** at the **Hotel Captain Cook**.



Day **7**

Anchorage Talkeetna

Depart early on the Denali Star Train by Goldstar Railcar to Talkeetna, best known as a base camp for climbers attempting Mount Denali and for the stunning views of this famous mountain. Take a stroll down the main street for river views, local brews and great eats. This afternoon view Denali from the air on this small-group flight over the Alaskan wilderness. Soar over rivers, valleys, and glaciers, and experience landing and walking on a glacier. Enjoy a scrumptious breakfast onboard.

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

Breakfast



Day 8

Talkeetna Denali

This morning take the Denali Star, Alaska Railroad's flagship train, in the Goldstar Railcar to Denali National Park. The afternoon is open for optional activities such as whitewater rafting down the Nenana River, helicopter flightseeing over the Park, landing on a glacier or hiking.

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

Lunch



Day **9**

Denali

Time to explore the city! 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, the wildlife-rich Sable Pass and the braided wash of the East Fork River in Denali National Park.



DENALI HIGHWAY | CREDIT: STATE OF ALASKA | MICHAEL DEYOUNG

Day **10**

Denali Fairbanks

This morning is at leisure to enjoy optional activities such as whitewater rafting down the Nenana River, helicopter flightseeing over the park, landing on a glacier or hiking. By early afternoon, board Alaska Railroad's Denali Star Train in the Goldstar Railcar to Fairbanks. Enjoy the late afternoon scenery as you travel north to Fairbanks where your incredible Alaskan adventure ends.

Dinner



GOLD STAR SERVICE PANORAMIC VIEWING | CREDIT: GLENN ARONWITS

ACCOMMODATION

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.



Hotel Captain Cook

Anchorage

Located in the heart of downtown Anchorage, this hotel is a perfect basecamp for adventure, offering the best cultural, retail and natural highlights just steps from your door. Indulge in one of their four distinctive restaurants, shop for gifts or unique souvenirs in their 12 shops or take in the views of neighbouring Cook Inlet and the Chugach Mountains from any one of their 546 rooms and suites. Amenities include centralized air conditioning, open ceiling fan and windows, blackout drapes, in-room safety, complimentary Wi-Fi, hypoallergenic bedding available upon request, and access to the Athletic Clubs.



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 Kenai 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	LOCAL CURRENCY
English	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
- Gratuities, optional excursions, and transfers