



ALASKA

ALASKA LODGE SELF-DRIVE (TOUR CODE: 13105)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Anchorage

TRAVEL PERIODS

23 May 25 - 23 Aug 25

EXPERIENCE

Wildlife
Self-Drive

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

An immersion in nature on this self-drive experience, visiting three of Alaska's amazing National Parks, including Denali and Wrangell St. Elias and Kenai Fjords.

Highlights

- Journey into Denali National Park on a narrated bus tour, where you'll encounter wildlife and capture views of the majestic Denali Mountain
- Observe the dramatic calving of ice into the ocean at Aialik Glacier and dine with a view during lunch
- Experience a scenic flight into Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and explore the historical Kennicott mining town on a two-hour guided tour
- Drive along the scenic Seward Highway with breathtaking views of the Chugach Mountains and the possibility of spotting Dall sheep perched on roadside cliffs

Explore lesser-known destinations with stays in secluded wilderness lodges and charming inns offering opportunities for hiking, kayaking, and canoeing adventures. Your journey will feature a breathtaking flight into the vast Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve, along with visits to the iconic Denali and Kenai Fjords National Parks. This self-drive adventure in Alaska promises outstanding wildlife encounters on both land and at sea, delivering an unforgettable experience in the wild.

INCLUSIONS

- 12 nights of accommodation
- 11 days intermediate size car rental
- Day excursions and guided activities at the Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge
- Roundtrip scenic flights in a bush plane between Chitina and McCarthy
- 2 hour guided Historical Kennicott Tour
- Guided bus tour into Denali National Park
- Roundtrip transfer and wildlife cruise between Seward and Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge

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Day **1**

Anchorage

Arrive into Anchorage. Transfer to your hotel by shuttle or on your own. Anchorage is Alaska's largest city, nestled between the Chugach Mountains and Cook Inlet. Offering an abundance of shopping, cultural attractions, and gourmet restaurants, Anchorage provides an excellent start to your vacation.

Overnight in Anchorage at the **Anchorage Marriott**



Day **2**

Anchorage

Today is yours to explore Alaska's largest city. Go shopping, visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center, take a hike or bike ride in one of Anchorage's many parks, or step aboard an Anchorage Trolley for a lively and informative one hour sightseeing tour of the city. Another option is a bear viewing tour such as to the Chinitna Bay area.

Overnight in Anchorage at the **Anchorage Marriott**



ANCHORAGE | CREDIT: VISIT ANCHORAGE

Day 3 Anchorage McCarthy / Kennicott

Pick up your rental car and then start your driving tour today. There are numerous photo stops and hiking trail options as you drive along the Glenn Highway, recognized as a National Scenic Byway. Enjoy beautiful views of the Matanuska Glacier along your route to the small community of Chitina. In Chitina you will leave your car and take a short flight to McCarthy, located in the heart of Wrangell – St. Elias National Park. The small plane flight provides stunning views of the mountains and glaciers that make this park unique. Plan 5.5 hours driving time, not including stops, plus a 30 minute flight from Chitina to McCarthy.

Overnight in Kennicott at the **Kennicott Glacier Lodge**



KENNICOTT | CREDIT: ALL ALASKA TOURS

Day 4 Kennicott

Take a step back in time today on a two-hour historical walking tour of Kennecott. Your guide will take you to the 14 story Mill Building of the Kennecott Copper Corporation which was built in the early 1900's. You will also visit the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Visitor Center, see mining artifacts, and tour historic buildings. Catch a glimpse of what it was like to live

and work in this remote wilderness while hearing tales of lucky fortunes, tenacious frontiersmen, and tragic endings. This afternoon you have plenty of time for an optional guided glacier hike.

Overnight in Kennicott at the **Kennicott Glacier Lodge**



Day **5** Kennicott / McCarthy Fairbanks

Begin your day with a return scenic flight to Chitina where you will pick up your car. Your drive takes you north on Alaska's oldest highway, the Richardson Highway, which began in 1898 as a gold rush trail to Eagle. The route follows the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline, one of the world's greatest engineering feats. Along the way there are several rest stops, including historic roadhouses and scenic viewpoints. Spend the remainder of the day exploring the historic gold mining town of Fairbanks, also known as Alaska's "Gateway to the Arctic." We suggest a visit to the University Of Alaska Museum of the North and the Musk Ox farm.

Overnight in Fairbanks at the **Springhill Suites**



Day **6** Fairbanks Denali

Today, drive along the scenic Parks Highway to the park entrance area of Denali National Park. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the Denali Park entrance that has numerous optional tours such as rafting, flightseeing, or ATV tours to offer.

Overnight Denali Park Entrance at the **Grande Denali Lodge**

Dinner



Day **7**

Denali

Today, depart on a narrated bus tour into Denali National Park. As you travel through the pristine wilderness, look for wildlife, such as bears, caribou, and moose, as well as views of the Mountain. Your experienced driver/guide will provide commentary. The tour is approximately 4-6 hours long and takes you approximately 30 – 43 miles into the park, depending on weather and road conditions.

Overnight Denali Park Entrance at the **Grande Denali Lodge**



Denali Talkeetna

This morning, your scenic drive today takes you south to Talkeetna known for its special backcountry-town charm. Weather permitting, Talkeetna can have one of the best views of the mountain Denali as well as the Alaska Range. From Talkeetna there are spectacular flight-seeing tour options or a jet boat excursion.

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



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Talkeetna Seward

Today you will drive south through the Matanuska Valley before reaching Anchorage. Continue south along the Turnagain Arm on the Seward Highway, an American Scenic Byway. There are beautiful views of the Chugach Mountains on this route where you can frequently see Dall sheep perched on roadside cliffs. You may decide to visit Exit Glacier, one of Alaska's most accessible glaciers. There are numerous interpretive trails in the area including one that leads to the face of the glacier.

Overnight in Seward at the **Harbour 360 Hotel**



SEWARD | CREDIT: TRAVEL ALASKA/ MATT HAGE

Day **10** Seward Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge

In the morning depart from the scenic port of Seward. A four to five-hour glacier and wildlife cruise through Kenai Fjords National Park takes you to Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge, the only lodge inside Kenai Fjords National Park. On your cruise look for whales, porpoises, sea lions, sea otters, bald eagles, puffins, and other wildlife. Enjoy lunch in front of the impressive Aialik Glacier and watch for ice to calve off into the ocean. After arriving at the shores near Pederson Glacier, the lodge and guest cabins are an easy 20 minute walk from the outer coast along a maintained trail; motorized travel is provided if desired. After an orientation you have the afternoon available for optional activities. Evening programs are also available.

Overnight at **Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge**

Lunch, Dinner



Day **11** Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge

Choose from a variety of activities offered daily, including sea kayaking (short and long tours), short hikes, canoeing across the lagoon, and interpretive programs. Take a sack lunch for extended activities or join an in camp lunch in between shorter trips. Alternatively, choose time to relax and enjoy the views of the lagoon and glacier from the lodge. Dinner and evening programs are hosted in the main lodge.

Overnight at **Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **12** Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge Anchorage

Choose a short morning activity to suit your interest. Lunch is either in camp or a packed lunch while on an activity. After lunch, board the boat for a scenic cruise back to the town of Seward. Upon arrival drive back north along the scenic Turnagain Arm to Anchorage.

Overnight in Anchorage at the **Anchorage Marriott**

Day **13** Anchorage

Depending on your departure time, you may have free time for some souvenir shopping or additional excursions. Transfer on your own to the airport and return rental car.

ACCOMMODATION

Marriott Anchorage Downtown Hotel

Anchorage

Located just five miles from Anchorage Airport in Alaska, this 20-story hotel, situated between H and I Streets, offers first-class accommodation and panoramic views of Cook Inlet and the Chugach Mountains. The hotel features a restaurant, a bar and lounge, meeting facilities, as well as an indoor swimming pool and fitness center. Free wireless internet is available in the hotel lobby.



Kennicott Glacier Lodge

McCarthy

Kennicott Glacier Lodge is a family owned lodge featuring gracious hospitality, breathtaking Alaska scenery, and access to lots of outdoor activities. We are the only lodge in the historic town of Kennicott, Alaska and most of the activities in the area begin right across the street from us. Try glacier hiking or ice climbing on the Root Glacier, one of the few easily accessible glaciers in North America. Learn about the unique history of the National Historic Landmark of the Kennicott Copper Mine. Or spend your time flight seeing, alpine hiking, or river rafting. Kennicott is located 314 miles east of Anchorage. Approximate drive time is 7 hours from Anchorage, 5 hours from Valdez, and 9 hours from Fairbanks.



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.



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.



Harbor 360 Hotel

Seward

This 3-story hotel is located just 1 block from the Seward train station and at the bustling Seward Small Boat Harbor. This hotel offers comfortable hotel rooms, indoor pool and hot tub, safety deposit box at front desk, and on-site guest self-laundry facilities. There are 94 guest rooms all with private bath, hairdryer, iron/ironing board, coffee maker, TV, free wireless internet access, air conditioning, telephone, refrigerator and alarm clock. Microwave available on request.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English

LOCAL CURRENCY

USD

Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge has set guest arrival/departure schedules and therefore daily departures are not possible. Please contact our dedicated Sales Team to check availability for this program on your preferred departure date.

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 in Anchorage