

Alaska Family – Kenai Peninsula



Trip Summary

Vast, pristine and blessed with an abundance of astounding scenery and wildlife, the wonders of Alaska amaze explorers of all ages. Hike to the edge of an active glacier. Explore tide pools, brimming with life. Bike past thundering waterfalls along forest paths, and kayak protected bays in search of whales, seals, and puffins. Sail on a nature cruise into Kenai Fjords National Park coming nose-to-nose with tidal glaciers and exotic marine life, and learn about the migratory habits of humpback whales. Top off the day with tasty s'mores, telling stories around a bonfire under an Alaskan midnight sun.

Itinerary

Day 1: Alaska Railroad / Fox Island / Resurrection Bay

Early pick-up in Anchorage • Begin with a four hour scenic train ride on the famous Alaska Railroad, heading south to historic Seward • Board a ferry for a short cruise to Fox Island • Enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by your private chef before checking into your wilderness lodge • Explore the shoreline and protected coves of Resurrection Bay by kayak, searching for Dall's Porpoises, Stellar sea lions and orca whales • Dinner is prepared by our private chef followed by a bonfire on the island's pebble beach • *Overnight Fox Island Wilderness Lodge (B, L, D)*

Day 2: Kenai Fjords Wilderness Cruise / Seward

Explore the inter-tidal life zone on Fox Island, on the hunt for sea urchins, caves and waterfalls • Board a small ship for a Kenai Fjords Glacier & Wildlife Cruise • Lunch is served onboard • Check out tidal glaciers and abundant sea-life from the ship's deck as naturalist guides share their expertise on the region • Upon arrival back on shore, take a quick drive over to the Resurrection River where you'll hike a short ways along this murky, glacier-fed stream • Shuttle to the Windsong Lodge, your home for the next two nights, and freshen up before dining on fresh-off-the-boat seafood at Chinook's Waterfront Restaurant overlooking the Seward Harbor • *Overnight Windsong Lodge (B, L, D)*

Day 3: Exit Glacier / Harding Icefield

This morning, pack your lunch and eat a hearty breakfast – we have a big day ahead of us! • Take an easy hike along the Exit Glacier Overlook Trail or opt for a more challenging hike to view the 300-square-mile Harding Ice Field, the largest in North America (seven miles wide!) • Visit the Alaska SeaLife Center to experience close encounters with puffins, octopus, sea lions and other sea life • Tonight, enjoy dinner at the Resurrection Roadhouse, where you'll dine on local Alaskan cuisine • *Overnight Windsong Lodge (B, L, D)*

Day 4: Johnson Pass Trail / Hope / Girdwood

Morning bike ride beginning on the Johnson Pass bike trail • Pedal along Granite Creek, past wildflowers, waterfalls and alpine valleys to the old Gold Rush town of Hope (ride up to 25 miles) • After lunch, we'll transfer to our luxury accommodations at the Alyeska Prince Hotel • Dinner's on your own – explore the many options at the Alyeska or in Girdwood (ask your guides for suggestions!) • *Overnight Alyeska Prince Hotel (B, L)*



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Day 5: Winner Creek Trail / Trail of Blue Ice

Depart from the resort for a hike through America's northernmost temperate rainforest filled with Sitka spruce, prickly Devil's Club, and feathery ferns with a surprise along the way • Enjoy a gourmet picnic lunch at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, where you can view most of Alaska's wildlife up close and personal • Hop on your bike for a twisty cruise along the Trail of Blue Ice • Enjoy a final delicious dinner with your guides tonight at a local spot in Girdwood • *Overnight Alyeska Prince Hotel (B, L, D)*

Day 6: Girdwood to Indian Creek / Anchorage

After a leisurely breakfast, depart for a short bike ride to Indian Creek • Then it's back to Anchorage to say our fond farewells • (B)

**Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures.*

Activities

Hiking: 3 to 8 miles per hike, easy to challenging terrain

Biking: 6 to 25 miles per ride, easy to moderate terrain

Kayaking: Protected coves and inlets, no experience necessary

Boating: Interpretive small ship wildlife cruise with captain and crew

Discovery: Alaska is a land of diversity, known for its rich history, geographic wonders, incredible wildlife and challenges and opportunities of today (and that they say is just the "Tip of the Iceberg"). Feel the difference between a spiny starfish and a sticky sea anemone as you touch the variety of ocean creatures displayed in Seward's Alaska SeaLife Center, "The Last Frontier" state's only public aquarium. Explore the luscious green landscape carved by the 700 square mile Harding Icefield to learn why the valley is U-shaped as opposed to V-shaped. As you pedal into the town of Hope, try to guess how this tiny mining community came to receive its name (it's probably not what you think!) Stare in awe at Marathon Mountain as you try to fathom the race to the top that occurs there every Fourth of July. With any luck, you will see for yourself the differences between a Black and a Grizzly Bear. This is just the beginning – discover for yourself this place they call the Land of the Midnight Sun.

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They will take the time to explain the details of each activity, answer any questions, and demonstrate the use of all equipment. Each activity has been carefully planned to include options for all levels. Most importantly, your guides will help you select the distance that's right for you.

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Distinctive Accommodation

Night 1: Fox Island Wilderness Lodge

This beautifully rustic lodge is situated on a three square mile island. Charming, romantic and completely private, Fox Island is accessible only by boat and features cozy cabins in a rocky island cove setting. Arrive on the island and indulge in gourmet meals prepared by your island chef. Awake to morning coffee or tea and watch Kenai Fjords National Park come alive from the comfort of your cabin. Get out your camera or sketchbook and capture the natural beauty of your surroundings. Treat yourself to hiking the trails of the Island, walking along the rocky shore, or skipping the smooth flat stones of the beach into the cove. Your time on Fox Island is *your* time.

Nights 2 & 3: Windsong Lodge

Situated in a thick spruce grove with a panoramic view of the Resurrection River Valley, the Windsong Lodge is Seward's finest accommodation. The guest lodges at the Windsong are connected to the main lodge and Resurrection Roadhouse by a series of paved trails that wind their way throughout the property. Wildflowers, ferns and spruce trees accent the natural beauty of this temperate rain forest. Not far from the lodge is the entrance to Kenai Fjords National Park. Access by foot via the Resurrection Trail and Exit Glacier trail system provides hours of exploration into Alaska's backcountry.

Nights 4 & 5: Alyeska Resort

Nestled in the Chugach Mountains, this elegant hotel boasts lovely guestrooms, expansive views, a full-service spa and the award-winning Seven Glaciers restaurant 2,000 feet above the hotel. Alaska's premier year-round resort destination, this gem offers vistas of lush valley surrounded by mountain peaks, hanging glaciers and spectacular ocean views. The Hotel Alyeska offers guests luxurious accommodations and convenient access to the magnificent Alaskan wilderness. They first opened their doors to guests in 1994. Today, their newly renovated chateau-style hotel makes the perfect base camp for your Alaskan vacation. During your stay here, you'll experience supreme comfort with perfect modern touches and rich Native influences, bringing the natural beauty of Alaska's great outdoors inside.

Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions – except one dinner on your own – are included as indicated by itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.



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Arrival & Departures

Please plan on arriving at least one day prior to your trip departure. Day one of your itinerary starts at 5:45 am or 6:00 am, depending on your hotel. Your trip ends with a drop-off at either the Anchorage airport (2:00 pm) or your Anchorage hotel (2:30 pm).

Trip Price

\$3,698 (\$880 single supplement)
Children: \$2,958 to \$3,328

Trip Length

6 days/5 nights

2019 Dates

June 9 - 14
June 23 - 28
June 30 - July 5
July 7 - 12
July 21 - 26
July 28 - August 2
August 4 - 9
August 11 - 16

Host City

Anchorage, Alaska
Airport code: ANC

Reservations & Availability

1-800-575-1540

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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$500 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

Toll free: 800-575-1540

Phone: 406-655-4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.
- All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions.
- Fully trained, first-aid certified professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Bikes, helmets and other necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt, water bottle, luggage tags and luggage service.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- Incidental expenses such as taxes, dining and housekeeping gratuities, local partner and expert gratuities and national park entrance and permit fees.

Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides.
- Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities.
- One dinner on your own.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.



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Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement." If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you. If you book 90 days before the trip and we cannot find you a suitable roommate, we will take care of the single supplement. **some restrictions may apply*

Child Age and Pricing on Family Adventures

Family Adventures are suitable for children seven years old and up (five years and older for our Costa Rica and Yellowstone Family Adventures). Children who share a room with one or more adults receive reduced rates. The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.