



## ALASKA

# ALASKA LODGE SELF-DRIVE (TOUR CODE: 13105)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Anchorage

### TRAVEL PERIODS

23 May 26 - 23 Aug 26

### 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

## Entire Bonus

This holiday package is carefully designed by our team to give you complete Peace of Mind, with access to trusted local partners and expert support at your destination.

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

- 3 nights in Anchorage at Copper Whale Inn
- 2 nights in McCarthy at Kennicott Glacier Lodge
- 1 night in Fairbanks at Pike's Waterfront Lodge
- 2 nights in Denali at Grande Denali Lodge
- 1 night in Talkeetna at Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge
- 1 night in Seward at Hotel Seward
- 2 nights in Kenai Fjords National Park at Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge
- 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
- 11 days intermediate size car rental
- Roundtrip transfer and wildlife cruise between Seward and Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge

# ITINERARY

Day

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## Anchorage

Arrive into Anchorage. Transfer to your hotel 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 **Copper Whale Inn**



Day

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## Anchorage

Today is yours to explore Alaska's largest city. Go shopping, visit the Alaska Native Heritage Centre, 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.



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, recognised 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**



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### 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 Centre, 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 **Pike's Waterfront Lodge**



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**



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**



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**



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 **Hotel Seward**



## 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; motorised 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**



## 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.

Overnight at **Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge**



Day **12** Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge Anchorage

Choose a short morning activity to suit your interest. 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 **Copper Whale Inn**



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

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## 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.



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## Pike's Waterfront Lodge Fairbanks

Classic Alaskan lodge located on the Chena River featuring a riverside deck with scenic views, gardens and fire pits for guests to enjoy. The property includes a theatre, library, and billiards room. Discover the Alaskan art collection displayed throughout the lodge. Complimentary shuttles to Fairbanks airport and Alaska Railroad Depot.



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## 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.



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## 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. Photo credit: Pursuit / Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge



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## Hotel Seward

### Seward

This hotel sits in the heart of downtown Seward, within easy walking distance of the Alaska SeaLife Centre and a range of local dining options. As one of the town's oldest hotels, it blends history with comfort, with parts of the property thoughtfully refurbished to create a charming boutique-style stay. The lobby reflects the hotel's heritage and features traditional décor, including taxidermy displays of native Alaskan wildlife. A small bistro-style bar operates on site and is open in the evenings during the summer season only.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<b>OFFICIAL LANGUAGE</b> English	<b>LOCAL CURRENCY</b> USD
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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