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## ALASKA

# DENALI & TALKEETNA PRE-CRUISE ADVENTURE

(TOUR CODE: 15225)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
Anchorage to Seward or Whittier	18 May 26 - 12 Sep 26	Cultural Wildlife Rail	Rail Holiday Packages

Adventure through Alaska's majestic mountains, pristine parks, and iconic wildlife on an unforgettable rail journey.

## Highlights

- Enjoy premium rail travel on Alaska Railroad's GoldStar Service, journeying from Anchorage to Talkeetna and Denali while soaking up uninterrupted views of rugged peaks, river valleys and untamed wilderness
- Immerse yourself in the wild beauty of Denali National Park, with spectacular scenery and opportunities to spot iconic Alaskan wildlife
- Freedom of choice on days 2 and 5, with wildlife tours, flightseeing, hiking, gold panning, or Jeep and Tundra excursions
- Talkeetna charm and Denali views, from historic main streets to the gateway of North America's highest peak

## 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.

This immersive Alaskan journey takes you through the heart of the state before your cruise begins. Travel aboard the iconic Alaska Railroad, explore the rugged landscapes of Denali National Park, and enjoy the charm of Talkeetna and Anchorage. With guided tours, wildlife viewing, and scenic rail experiences, this package offers the perfect blend of adventure and comfort in Alaska's stunning interior.



- ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- Alaska Railroad GoldStar from Anchorage to Talkeetna
- Alaska Railroad GoldStar from Talkeetna to Denali
- 2 nights in Anchorage at Hilton Anchorage Hotel
- 1 night in Talkeetna at Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge
- 2 nights in Denali Park Entrance at Denali Cabins
- Rail station transfers in Talkeetna and Denali
- Coach transfer from Denali to Seward or Whittier
- Meals as per itinerary

Freedom of Choice Days

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### 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 5

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.

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## ITINERARY

### Rail Onboard Alaska Railroad - GoldStar Service

The Alaska Railroad's premium class of service offers passengers an exceptional way to travel across Alaska. Glass-dome ceilings allow for panoramic views as Alaska unfolds along the tracks, and an outdoor, upper-level viewing platform - the only one of its kind in the world - offers fresh air and an excellent vantage point for photos.



GOLDSTAR SERVICE | CREDIT: ALASKA RAILROAD / GLENN ARONWITS

Day

## 1 Anchorage

Upon arrival in Anchorage, transfer to your hotel at your own expense. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy the sights.

Overnight in Anchorage at the **Hilton Anchorage Hotel**



ANCHORAGE | CREDIT: VISIT ANCHORAGE / JODYO.PHOTOS

Day

## 2 Anchorage

Today you can personalise your day by choosing one of these excursions.

Overnight in Anchorage at the **Hilton Anchorage Hotel**

**Freedom of Choice Options**

- **Turnagain Arm Wildlife Tour with Alyeska Tram:**

This full-day tour from Anchorage includes an aerial tram ride up Mt. Alyeska, fresh lunch in Girdwood and tour of the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Centre home to moose, brown and black bears, wolves, bald eagles, musk oxen, and reindeer, giving guests an opportunity to view each species up close.

OR

- **Hatcher Pass Hike and History Tour:**

This half-day afternoon excursion from Anchorage includes a local guide, a tour of Independence Mine State Historical Park, gold panning, and an interpretive hike along the Mill Loop Trail (an easy 0.9-mile trail with 177 feet of elevation gain). Travel along the Knik Arm, ascend into the Talkeetna Mountains, and take in the breathtaking alpine scenery of Hatcher Pass.

OR

- **Anchorage Flightseeing Safari:**

View Alaska's largest city from above! On this 30-minute introductory flight, you'll launch from Lake Hood and fly to some of the most scenic sites in the area. Options include the stunning backdrop of Anchorage, the Chugach Mountain Range, Turnagain Arm or the Cook Inlet – all with great opportunities to spot wildlife from the air. Please note that wheeled planes may be used early and late season.

OR

- **Sunset Photo Safari:**

Chase the best light of the day, which during summer in Alaska can last for several glorious hours before sunset. You'll be transported to scenic locations around Anchorage and Chugach State Park to shoot a variety of enchanting subjects. The itinerary is flexible and allows for spontaneous stops to photograph wildlife en route. Along the way, you'll be offered creative and technical support from your Alaska Photo Treks guide.

OR

- **Anchorage Scenic City Tour:**

Embark on a historical tour starting in downtown Anchorage, where you'll explore the origins of the city at Ship Creek. Witness Chinook salmon in the world's only urban King salmon fishery. Discover Dena'ina heritage, visit Earthquake Park, and experience the world's busiest seaplane base at Lake Hood. Conclude with panoramic views from Anchorage's Hillside, where wildlife sightings, including moose and eagles, are possible.

OR

- **Anchorage Walking Tour - Downtown Food & History:**

Stroll downtown Anchorage on a three-hour guided food and history adventure. Sample regional specialties—fresh seafood, gourmet reindeer sausage, handmade desserts—while hearing fascinating tales of Alaska's past from engaging local guides. Perfect for foodies and culture lovers alike.



ALYESKATRAM | CREDIT: JUNO KIM

Day 3

### Alaska Railroad: Anchorage – Talkeetna

Depart early on the Denali Star Train by Goldstar Railcar to Talkeetna, best known as base camp for climbers attempting Mount Denali and for the stunning views of this famous mountain. This afternoon is at leisure to take a stroll down the main street for river views, local brews and great eats. (Breakfast is included onboard the train today)

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

Breakfast



GOLDSTAR SERVICE | CREDIT: ALASKA RAILROAD | MICHELLE PARK

Day 4

### Alaska Railroad: Talkeetna – Denali National Park Entrance

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. (Lunch is included onboard the train today)

Overnight in Denali at the **Denali Cabins**

Lunch



DENALI NATIONAL PARK | CREDIT: TRAVEL ALASKA / MICHAEL DEYOUNG

Day **5**

## Denali

Today you can personalise your day by choosing one of these excursions.

Overnight in Denali at the **Denali Cabins**

### **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 coach 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.



DENALI MOUNTAIN | CREDIT: STATE OF ALASKA / MICHAEL DEYOUNG

Day

## 6 Denali Whittier or Seward Cruise Terminal

Early this morning, depart Denali aboard a comfortable motorcoach. The driver will provide narration as you travel on the nationally recognised Parks Highway through Alaska's spectacular scenery and small historic towns. You will have a layover of approximately 90 minutes in Anchorage so that you can purchase lunch. Continue on to Seward or Whittier along scenic Cook Inlet and Turnagain Arm, offering diversity of scenic landscapes and unique natural features all concentrated in one area. Arrive in Whittier or at Seward's cruise dock in the afternoon and embark on your ship.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Hilton Anchorage Hotel

#### Anchorage

Located in the heart of downtown, within three blocks of the Egan and Dena'ina convention centres, 5th Avenue Mall, and the Alaska Centre for the Performing Arts. The hotel lobby features an extensive collection of Alaskan art. Visit the fitness centre and relax in the indoor pool and steam room. Enjoy American favourites and local specialties, such as wild Alaskan salmon caponata and seared Alaskan halibut in the restaurant.



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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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## Denali Cabins

### **Denali National Park**

Cabins are a classic tradition in Alaska. Here at the Denali Cabins, you'll experience the magic. The Denali Cabins are made up of 46 individual cedar cabins that are comfortably heated and appointed with private baths and blackout curtains for a peaceful night's sleep. All cabins come well-appointed with Wi-Fi, telephones, televisions, and private baths. The quiet location outside the National Park entrance grants peaceful solitude. Outdoor hot tubs are the perfect way to relax after a day enjoying the ample activities and adventures waiting on your doorstep.



## 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
- Gratuities, optional excursions, and transfers