

Alaska Hulahula River Rafting Adventure

Raft & Hike in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

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Unrivalled Expertise

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Travel Company by Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards.

Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

MT Sobek has been a pioneer in Alaska adventure travel since 1972, always placing a strong emphasis on responsible travel practices that support local communities and protect the natural environment. We are one of only a few companies who operate on Alaska's Arctic Rivers.

REASON 2

With nearly 24-hours of daylight a day, this trip offers endless opportunities to soak in the vastness of this remote landscape and the potential to see musk ox, bears, and thousands of migrating caribou.

REASON 3

Our spectacular 14-day Hulahula trip is led by the most capable and experienced guides on the river. Our crew has over 100 combined years of experience on Alaska rivers.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Exciting Class I-III rafting along the Hula Hula River, hikes through Arctic landscapes, extraordinary wildlife spotting, and riverside camping.



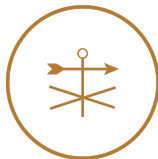
LODGING

A comfortable downtown hotel in Fairbanks and an MT Sobek riverside camp, with meals served beneath Alaska's midnight sun as it dips toward the horizon.



CLIMATE

Expect daytime temperatures between 60°F-80°F, and nighttime temperatures between 40°F-50°F. Variable weather is always possible with frequent light rain.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

Itinerary

The itinerary and dates may slightly vary, depending on river and weather conditions, group abilities, and permit requirements.

Dietary Restrictions

Due to the remote nature of the areas visited on this trip, dietary restrictions are more difficult to accommodate due to limited resources. Please contact a member of our Trip Consultant team to inquire about your dietary restriction.



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From its headwaters in the Brooks Range, Alaska's Hulahula River flows through rolling tundra and a breathtaking canyon before spilling onto the vast coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. This lush wildflower-dotted landscape is home to an outstanding variety of wildlife, including Dall sheep, musk oxen, grizzlies, and coastal birds. Experience the wonders of this swift-flowing river as you raft almost 100 miles on thrilling Class III-IV whitewater — perfect for paddling enthusiasts — and enjoy hiking and camping in pure Arctic wilderness.

14 Days

Start: Fairbanks, Alaska

End: Fairbanks, Alaska

Departing: June

Activities: Rafting & Kayaking, Adventure Camping,
Safari & Wildlife

Lodging: Wilderness Camping, Comfortable Hotels

Group Size: 6-8 Guests

ACTIVITY:



Check mtsobek.com for date-specific pricing.

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"An excellent trip with fabulous scenery and animal sightings. The entire trip was planned out extremely well and all the details were thought out in advance making for a very pleasurable trip."

- Bob F.

The Itinerary

DAY 01

Arrive in Fairbanks, Alaska

Arrive in Fairbanks, Alaska to check-in for your pre-trip meeting and welcome dinner. Meet the group and have all your questions answered by the guides prior to departing the next day. It'll be an early night to prepare for tomorrow's adventure.

MEALS: Dinner

DAY 02

Travel to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

Rise to embark on a spectacular 300-mile bush plane flight over the Yukon River Flats to Arctic Village. Here switch to a smaller plane and continue north over the Brooks Range and to the upper Hulahula River, located in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) — a land of majestic mountains and rolling tundra. The plane will land on a small gravel bar near the river's headwaters — the site of the first camp.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 5-hour scenic bush flight

DAY 03

Launch Down the Hulahula River

On the first full day on the river, take time to become acquainted with the pace of this legendary river and the expansive tundra landscape that flanks its banks deep within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Make camp along the riverside and enjoy the sounds of the wilderness and the babbling river.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 4 hours/16 miles rafting

DAY 04

Raft Below Towering Peaks

The scenery is breathtaking as the river flows between the highest peaks in the Brooks Range — Mount Ishto, Chamberlain, and Michelson — all towering at 9,000 feet above sea level. Pull into camp for the night and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by the guides. You'll understand why food tastes so much better in the wilderness after an adventurous day.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 5 hours/18 miles rafting on Class II rapids



DAY 05

Hike Up Esetuk Creek

After a relaxed breakfast, grab your backpack for a day of hiking alongside Esetuk Creek, where you'll see the first evidence of glacial runoff, as the waters run grey and cloudy with glacial silt from the Brooks Range above you. See the flora and fauna start to change as you explore this landscape by foot today.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 4 hours/4–6 miles hiking with 1,000' elevation gain & loss

DAY 06

Raft “The Gorge”

Make your way through the journey's swiftest and rockiest stretch of the river. Under the helm of expert guides, navigate this dynamic section with three distinct unnamed rapids. Then take a short walk through the tundra, taking in superb views of the rapids and the Kikiktat Mountains in the distance.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 4 hours/11 miles rafting; 2 hour/2 miles hiking with 400' elevation gain & loss

DAY 07

Navigate the Boulder Gardens

As you proceed down the river, notice the gradient continue to become steeper as you leave the mountains. That speeds up the river momentum — and provides for a scenic day as you move through the vast Arctic landscape, over and around boulders that make for fun rapids.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 5 hours/14 miles rafting on Class II rapids



Hike the Foothills of the Brooks Range

Enjoy the summertime sun, which has barely dimmed overnight, for a bright and leisurely morning. With a packed lunch, set out on a hike that captures a majestic view of the Brooks Range unnamed mountains and dazzling landscape descending into the horizon. Look hard enough and you may just see the ocean.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 4 hours/4–6 miles hiking with 1,200' elevation gain & loss



Descend into the Coastal Plains

Keep your eyes wide open for the abundant wildlife that roams this spectacular open landscape. The vastness and lack of large brush assist in making this region prime for wildlife spotting, featuring species such as herds of porcupine caribou, grizzly bears, Dall sheep, and possibly musk ox.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 5 hours/15 miles rafting on Class II rapids



Spend the Day Unwinding by the River

Relax into one of your few remaining days in the depths of the Alaskan wilderness. Stay in camp for reading, wildlife spotting, or other leisurely activities. There will be optional group hiking, with lengths and distances depending on the weather.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Optional 4 hours/4–6 miles hiking with 1,200' elevation gain & loss



Float through Open Fields

Today, discover the Arctic coastal plain — low relief tundra comprised of alluvial channels, estuaries, and innumerable lakes where unparalleled grand vistas stretch for miles. The mellow river lends way to a day filled with world-famous birding, fishing for Arctic char or grayling, and paddling.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 6 hours/13 miles rafting



Reach the Beaufort Sea

The sounds of ocean birds and the smell of salt water indicate you've almost reached the Beaufort Sea. Once again you will be stunned by the vastly changing landscape. This evening, watch the floating ice packs on the horizon from your riverside camp.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 5 hours/12 miles rafting



Return to Fairbanks by Bush Plane

This morning, break camp and await the arrival of your bush planes for the flight to Kaktovik, home of the Inupiat people. Next, you will board your included flight back to Fairbanks. After checking in to your accommodations, gather for a celebratory farewell dinner together with your guide.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3-hour bush flight



Depart from Fairbanks

Enjoy the provided breakfast at your hotel before making your own way to the airport for your homebound flight.

MEALS: Breakfast



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

Bridgewater Hotel, Fairbanks

The Bridgewater Hotel is a seasonal accommodation centrally located in downtown Fairbanks. Guests consistently give positive reviews to the "bountiful" breakfast buffet, which offers an array of delicious hot and cold options. The sights, sounds, and attractions of town are within walking distance, and guests can begin sightseeing just a few steps outside of the front door. This boutique hotel is quaintly furnished and offers comfortable rooms, making it a pleasurable stop on an MT Sobek traveler's adventure through Alaska.

MT Sobek Camp—Hulahula River

Your riverside camping experience includes nightly camps on the banks of the Hulahula River. Included in our expedition-style trip are three-person four-season tents for every two-people outfitted with Thermarest pads and freshly laundered sleeping bags. All camping spots are on spectacular sites right next to the river. At lunch and dinner time you'll enjoy gourmet meals served by your guides.

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Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: June

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.
Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

June 10-23, 2026

June 21-July 4, 2026

What's Included

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses



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