



# Alaska Ultimate Adventure Lodge Based

9 Days



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Known for wild landscapes, jaw-dropping scenery and abundant wildlife, Alaska evokes a sense of awe in globetrotters far and wide. From the glaciers and fjords of Prince William Sound to the snowy summits of the Alaska Range, the Land of the Midnight Sun is an outdoor enthusiast's paradise. On this 9-day multisport adventure we've tapped into the magic of Alaska and our journey includes the best of what the state has to offer. Trekking through the colorful corners of Matanuska Glacier. Cruising through bergy bits and growlers off the Meares Glacier. Kayaking through biologically rich Kachemak Bay. Hiking to stunning views from Curry Ridge. Exploring in the shadow of 20,310' Denali. If you've dreamed about it, we've delivered it. Each day of our jaw-dropping journey will focus on getting you outside on an adventure like you've never experienced before.

## Details

Arrive:	Anchorage, Alaska
Depart:	Fairbanks, Alaska
Duration:	9 Days
Group Size:	6-10 Guests
Minimum Age:	18 Years Old
Activity Level:	

## Testimonials

*Mt. Sobek had us covered all the way from A to Z. We came in fully prepared thanks to all of the detailed and helpful guidance. The accommodations were amazing, the dining was phenomenal and our guides were such knowledgeable, impressive professionals.*

Andrew G.

*I would highly recommend Mt Sobek for an amazing travel adventure. It was truly worth the money. Every detail was taken care of! It made for a stress free trip and one where you can truly enjoy the beauty and culture around you.*

Kristin W

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## Why Take This Trip With Us?

### REASON #01

Since 1972, MT Sobek has maintained its reputation as a wilderness expert and adventure travel pioneer in Alaska.

### REASON #02

This expedition tailored for MT Sobek travelers is the perfect introduction to Alaska, exploring both Denali and Talkeetna

### REASON #03

This ultimate expedition gains access to many different sides of Alaska by kayak, boat, foot and train.

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## What to Expect



### ACTIVITIES

Hiking, kayaking and cruising through Alaskan wilderness.



### LODGING

Comfortable lodges with a variety of amenities, including local delicacies and breathtaking views.



### CLIMATE

Generally mild summers, but always be prepared for sun, rain, or wind.

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## Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska, Drew began rock climbing as a child. His love of outdoor adventure took him throughout the state and all around the world. He enjoys studying foreign languages and these two passions together led him to become a guide in 2015. He feels there is nothing better than to be immersed in the stunning Alaskan wilderness and looks forward to sharing it with you.

**Drew Crowther**

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# Itinerary

## DAY 1

### HIKE THE FROZEN CORRIDORS OF THE MATANUSKA GLACIER

Our trip begins this morning in Anchorage, Alaska. After introductions and a trip orientation we're off on our first adventure to the Matanuska Glacier. The 27-mile-long by 4-mile-wide behemoth offers an impressive introduction to just one of Alaska's over 100,000 glaciers. We'll strap on our helmets and crampons and then we're off on an up close and personal exploration of the glacier's ancient caves and crevasses. Later this afternoon we transfer to our remote home-away-from-home. Set amongst the stunning Talkeetna and Chugach Mountain Ranges, our views from the lodge are spectacular and the delicious meals and cold beverages are to die for. Lunch and dinner included.

**Activity:** 2-4 miles/3 hours hiking on icy terrain

**Meals:** L, D

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## DAY 2

### KAYAK THROUGH THE BERGY BITS AND GROWLERS OF VALDEZ GLACIER LAKE

Today's journey takes us to Valdez, the gateway of stunning Prince William Sound. Along our route we'll stop at the Wrangell - St. Elias Visitor Center. While we won't be making the rugged hours-long drive into the park itself, the center offers a great place to stretch our legs, take in spectacular panoramas of the range and learn more about America's Largest National Park. Back on the historic Richardson Highway we'll enjoy non-stop views of the Chugach Mountains as we travel over Thompson Pass, the snowiest location in Alaska. Just before reaching Valdez, we'll stop for a kayak excursion in the cool waters of Valdez Glacier Lake. Formed by the massive runoff of the 20-mile Valdez Glacier, the lake sits at its terminus, where we'll kayak through a variety of icebergs, bergy bits, growlers, and ice caves. This evening we'll enjoy a casual dinner in the heart of Valdez. You will then have the opportunity to explore the town on your own or independently hike one of Valdez's great local trails. All meals included.

Please note that depending on ice levels on Valdez Glacier Lake, early season departures may kayak an alternate route through the tidal flats of a wildlife estuary.

**Activity:** 2-3 hours kayaking

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 3

### SEARCH FOR WILDLIFE AND CALVING GLACIERS IN BEAUTIFUL PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND

Early this morning we set out on a boat tour of one of the most biodiverse regions in the state of Alaska. At over 10,000 square miles the Prince William Sound is a treasure trove of fjords, islands, glaciers, and abundant wildlife. We'll explore the heart of this remarkable area. Seals, otters, whales, porpoise, puffins, and an assortment of land mammals call this area home. We'll have our cameras out and ready to capture each moment. After disembarking in Whittier, we'll take time to explore the Prince William Sound Museum, which adds

fascinating context to our visit. We'll then set off on a three-hour road trip, to the southern tip of the Kenai Peninsula, and our home-away-from-home in Homer, Alaska. All meals included.

**Activity:** 7-8 hour small boat scenic cruise

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 4

### PADDLE THE PROTECTED WATERS OF YUKON ISLAND NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK AND ARCHEOLOGICAL DISTRICT

Sitting at the outlet of Kachemak Bay, Ni'qa (Yukon Island) was a critical access point for indigenous communities in the region. The island is made up of numerous archeological sites, which extend back to approximately 2500 BC. Access to the waters surrounding the island is limited and we're fortunate enough to be one of the few who can explore along the shoreline. As we circumnavigate the island it's easy to see how this approximately one-mile-wide by one-mile-long island played such a pivotal role to the pre-historic Athabaskan, Yupik, and Aleut people. The island itself is heavily wooded, providing protected habitat for a number of marine and mammal species. In addition, its proximity at the mouth of Kachemak Bay provided a way to control access to the considerable resources found beyond the entry of the bay. After an amazing day on the water, we have the night free to explore Homer on our own. Breakfast and lunch included.

**Activity:** 4 hours kayaking

**Meals:** B, L

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## DAY 5

### HIKE THE HISTORIC CROW PASS TRAIL

We depart this morning in preparation for the second leg of our journey into Alaska's spectacular and rugged interior. Along the way we'll detour to one of the most impressive trails in the Chugach Mountains: Crow Pass. Following a short section of the famed 1,150-mile Iditarod Trail, the Crow Pass trail passes through a picturesque valley of flowers, waterfalls, outstanding views, and the remnants of Alaska's gold rush past. After stretching our legs on Crow Pass trail we'll spend time at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, which has served as a critical sanctuary and educational complex for over 30 years. We spend this evening in Anchorage, where we rest up for tomorrow's journey to Talkeetna.

**Activity:** 3-5 miles hiking with 2,000' elevation gain and loss

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 6

### HOP ABOARD THE WILDERNESS EXPRESS ON A RIDE TO TALKEETNA BEFORE HIKING TALKEETNA LAKES

A journey to the 49th state wouldn't be complete without a voyage on the Alaska Railroad. We'll depart this morning on the Wilderness Express, a private glass-domed rail car, which offers premier service in route to



Talkeetna. Our three-hour ride is the perfect introduction to the beauty and diversity of interior Alaska. As we travel up the Knik Arm and away from the tidal waters of Alaska's glorious coast, we enter the enchanting and rugged terrain of the state's most famous mountain range. Along the way our on-board guide will provide informative details on the natural and human history of the region. With our arrival in Talkeetna, we'll have a chance to explore the charming and iconic mountain town before stretching our legs on a hike around scenic Talkeetna lakes. We wrap up our day with dinner and beer tasting at one of the region's most beloved breweries. Breakfast and dinner included.

**Activity:** 5 miles hiking with minimal elevation gain and loss

**Meals:** B, D

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## DAY 7

### ENJOY JAW-DROPPING VIEWS OF THE ALASKA RANGE FROM CURRY RIDGE

Today we hike south of Denali National Park, in a region considered the most ideal spot to view the Alaska range. Curry Ridge, located within Denali State Park, showcases the diverse beauty of the area along with providing jaw-dropping panoramas. The trail climbs gradually through a dense forest of fern, Bunchberry dogwood, and deciduous trees. As we break out of the trees and onto the ridge spectacular 360° views of the Alaska and Talkeetna ranges await us. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch amidst the alpine tundra and take our time to soak in our beautiful surroundings. Later this afternoon we transfer an hour and a half to our accommodations close to the National Park. We'll enjoy dinner together and our guide will go over final recommendations for the next day, which is spent independently. All meals included.

**Activity:** 6.5 miles hiking with 1,023' elevation gain and loss

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 8

### FREE DAY IN DENALI NATIONAL PARK

Due to commercial restrictions within Denali National Park, we'll spend the day independently exploring the park on a self-guided tour. In the days prior to your arrival in the park, your guide will talk through the variety of options you'll be able to choose from and provide you some details on how to book your adventure. Whether you choose to ride a park bus to a trailhead and spend the day hiking; take a helicopter tour; visit the National Park Service's sled dog kennel; ride a zipline; raft down the Nenana River Gorge, or hang out at the park's visitor center, a day exploring Denali National Park is a day you won't forget. No meals included.

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## DAY 9

### ENJOY A FINAL HIKE TOGETHER FOLLOWED BY A CELEBRATORY LUNCH

We'll spend our final day hiking just outside Denali National Park. Our naturalist guide will provide rich context to our visit, rounding out our amazing Ultimate Alaska Adventure. As we make our way from the boreal forests

of the lower elevations to the wide-open views of the sub-alpine tundra, we'll learn about the fascinating adaptations plants and animals have made to survive this, oftentimes-unforgiving wilderness. Our hike culminates with a well-earned lunch at a local brewing company. Our celebratory lunch leaves us time to reflect on our adventure together and to share our high and low moments from our journey. At the end of the day we arrive in Fairbanks, where we bid farewell to our new friends and the awe-inspiring state of Alaska. Breakfast and lunch included.

**Activity:** 4.5 miles hiking with 1,700' to 2,000' elevation gain and loss (depending on group makeup)

**Meals:** B, L

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## Dates

Jun 19 - 27, 2025

Aug 6 - 14, 2026

Jul 31 - Aug 8, 2025

Aug 13 - 21, 2026

Aug 14 - 22, 2025

Jun 11 - 19, 2026

Jun 18 - 26, 2026

Jun 25 - Jul 3, 2026

Jul 2 - 10, 2026

Jul 23 - 31, 2026

Jul 30 - Aug 7, 2026

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## Inclusions & Exclusions

### 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 portorage

### 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 and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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## ► The World of MT Sobek

At Mountain Travel Sobek, we believe life is an adventure and adventure is life.

As the originators, innovators and leaders in adventure travel for more than five decades, we passionately create, craft and share indelible, transformative journeys to the world's most memorable places. Our more than 200 unique and once-in-a-lifetime trips are designed to inspire and exhilarate, enliven and excite--opening eyes and minds through profoundly personal connections with nature and culture.

Our small group and custom adventures span the globe, and the spectrum—of interests, environments and activities—every one expertly planned and knowledgeably and passionately guided. And our commitment to making every experience a remarkable one has earned us preferred travel outfitter status for National Geographic Active Expeditions, Active New York Times Journeys, and Smithsonian Active Journeys.

We are *the* adventure company.

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### Awards



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