



Alaska & Yukon Alsek River Rafting

A Wilderness Float Through the Last Frontier

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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.

REASON 2

Praised by National Geographic Adventure, this spectacular 13-day rafting expedition features wilderness paddling, riverside camping, tasty meals, and tales told by seasoned guides around a crackling campfire.

REASON 3

Our Alsek trip is led by the most capable and knowledgeable guides on the river. Our crew has over 100 combined years of experience on Alaska rivers.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Spectacular Class II-IV rafting along the mighty Alsek River, extraordinary wildlife spotting, and riverside camping.



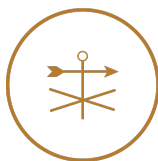
LODGING

After the first evening in a Jeffersonian style hotel, MT Sobek riverside camps, with meals served around the campfire beneath the stars.



CLIMATE

Enjoy long Alaska days, with potential rain & chilly winds near glaciers. Daytime 55°-65°F. Evenings 40°-55°F.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

Itinerary

The itinerary may vary, depending on river and weather conditions, and group abilities.

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.



MT Sobek operates under Special Use Permits and Concession Contracts granted by Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve and Tatshenshini-Alsek Park. We are an equal opportunity recreation service provider. All trips operate on a non-discriminatory basis.

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A Wilderness Float Through the Last Frontier

Raft exciting Class II-IV rapids 160 miles down the Alsek River, through the world's largest contiguous protected wilderness, including Kluane National Park & Reserve in the Yukon and Glacier Bay National Park in Alaska. Keep an eye out for stunning glaciers and spectacular wildlife, from marmots to moose. Camp riverside and enjoy delicious meals while listening to river lore around the campfire. Take a helicopter portage. With raw nature on display at every bend, this is a unique river trip through one of the last great frontiers.

13 Days

Start: Haines, Alaska

End: Yakutat, Alaska

Departing: June, July

Activities: Rafting & Kayaking, Safari & Wildlife

Lodging: Wilderness Camping, Comfortable Hotels

Group Size: 8-12 Guests

ACTIVITY:



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This is a truly special trip. A chance to head out into a vast and untouched wilderness. Every day, the scenery changed and we found ourselves in a new world. We saw bears, moose, bald eagles and even a river otter. All the while, our highly experienced guides were setting our course and making things fun.

- Melinda R.

Check mtsobek.com for date-specific pricing.

The Itinerary

DAY 01

Arrive in Haines, Alaska

Arrive in Haines, Alaska to check in for your pre-trip meeting at the Halsingland Hotel. Stroll past totem poles to our rafting equipment warehouse located in the former barracks of historic Fort Seward. After the trip orientation and handing out your personal river equipment and dry bags, walk to a casual eatery for dinner. Cap off the night with an optional toast for good luck and good weather at Southeast Alaska's first distillery, before returning to your room to pack your river gear.

MEALS: Dinner

DAY 02

Travel to Haines Junction in Yukon Territory, Canada

After breakfast, board a van for a beautiful drive up the Chilkat River Valley through the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve, crossing the border into British Columbia, Canada, then on to Haines Junction in Yukon Territory. At the Kluane National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, stop at the visitor center to learn about this vast wilderness and its indigenous peoples. After lunch, drive over Haines Pass to the Serpentine Creek put-in on the Dezadeash River. (You may choose to hike part of the way on this rough 4x4 road.) After recapping our critical safety considerations, begin floating down a gentle section of the Dezadeash to your first campsite.

MEALS: Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3.5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 3 hour/5 mile scenic float

DAY 03

Raft the Mighty Alsek

Today the river begins big and braided into many channels until the confluence with the Kaskawulsh River, where the Alsek River begins. Spend the morning with your binoculars watching for wildlife along the shore and overhead. As the day progresses the river picks up speed, past ancient lava flows and wild rock formations. You'll float further into the wilderness and camp near the Lowell Glacier, part of the vast St. Elias icefields. The river flows into Lake Lowell, formed by the terminal moraine of the glacier; often you can camp on the moraine for a striking view of the glacier. Here in the 1870s, Lowell Glacier dammed the river, creating a monumental lake. As the Glacier receded, the dam broke unleashing an epic deluge exceeding the volume of the Amazon River. Tonight, sleep in a valley surrounded by soaring glaciated peaks.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 4-7 hours/15 miles on Class II rapids



DAY 04

Paddle Amidst the Icebergs of Lowell Lake & The Lowell Glacier

If the winds are calm, make your way across Lowell Lake to where the Lowell Glacier ends. The lake is teeming with icebergs that have calved and fallen off the glacier on the other end of the lake. It's a spectacular sight to raft through these glacier chunks, and to hear and watch the glacier's movement through the night.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 4-7 hours/15 miles on Class II rapids

DAY 05

Recharge with a Layover Day & Hike Goatherd Mountain

Awaken this morning nestled against the majestic backdrop of Goatherd Mountain. With options to tailor your day, whether scaling the plateau or strolling through meadows, excitement awaits. Explore the iceberg-dotted shoreline, keeping an eye out for wildlife. Whichever path you choose, be prepared for unrivaled vistas of Lowell Glacier and the awe-inspiring peaks of the St. Elias Range. From Mount Kennedy to the towering Mount Logan, Canada's highest peak at 19,850 feet, witness the grandeur of Kluane National Park's icy realm.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Optional Hiking



Run the Rapids of the Challenging “Lava North”

As you leave the lake the pace of the river picks up dramatically. It's an exciting day, but you'll don dry suits and keep safety as your primary focus as you approach the trip's most challenging rapids, including the infamous Lava North. Tonight, celebrate your thrilling passage in camp.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 4-7 hours/15 miles on Class II-IV rapids



Alsek Canyon

Today the water is swift with continuous rapids as the river cuts through the Alsek Range. Soon the valley constricts, and tributary waterfalls pour off the cliffs. As you approach this namesake mountain, the guides will regale you with stories of Walt Blackadar. A surgeon and graduate of Dartmouth and Columbia, at age 43 he fell in love with river running and was the role model of a whole generation of paddlers. He transformed the image of paddling from pure competition to outdoor recreation and exploration. As you approach Tweedsmuir Glacier you'll stop above unnavigable Turnback Canyon, filled with sharp drops and horrendous currents.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 4-7 hours/15 miles on Class II-III rapids



Hike Tweedsmuir & Prepare to Portage

Awaken to more other-worldly scenery near the foot of Tweedsmuir Glacier. Today you can hike to the glacier, plus rest and relax. However, your main objective is to prepare for the helicopter assisted portage over Turnback Canyon. You'll consolidate your gear and fall asleep anticipating tomorrow's aerial adventure.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Optional Hiking



Delight in a Helicopter Ride Over Turnback Canyon

Prepare the gear for transport, and board a helicopter for a short flight to the gravel flats south of the canyon. From the chopper, see every hairpin turn and the churning water crashing into the canyon walls. The scenery changes on the other side - the river is wider, there are numerous braided channels and more vegetation, and bald eagles perch along the mossy cliffs of the Icefield and Noisy Ranges. The rafts are relaunched and drift through the wide valley towards the majestic confluence of the Tatshenshini and Alsek rivers.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 25-minute helicopter flight

ACTIVITY: 4 hours/15 miles on Class II-III rapids



Continue Down the Tatshenshini River

Continue down the river, crossing back into the United States and Glacier Bay National Park. On the southern horizon, a dozen glaciers flow down from the 15,000-foot Fairweather Range, while the Alsek disappears back to the north and east into the symmetrical peaks and waterfalls of the Noisy Range. Closer to the Gulf of Alaska, the climate becomes more maritime and the glaciers more numerous. Today the Alsek joins forces with another great expedition river, the Tatshenshini. After the confluence, pass the Walker Glacier, which has sprawled down its valley and time permitting you will hike and camp here.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 4 hours/15 miles on Class II rapids



Float Towards Alsek Lake

Continue to float towards Alsek Lake, encircled in an amphitheater of soaring peaks and colossal glaciers which comprise the world's largest non-polar icefield. The river is braided and wide, but now massive in volume as you approach the Pacific coast.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 4 hours/15 miles on Class II rapids



Paddle Among Sculpted Ice Flows of Alsek Lake

Formed at the confluence of glaciers, Alsek Lake is one of the most spectacular spots on earth and the largest lake in Glacier Bay National Park. Watch and listen as giant chunks of ice calve into the water from the 7-mile face of the Alsek glacier. Some icebergs are 75 feet high, indicating a depth below the surface at least twice as great. The guides will row among ice floes sculpted into bizarre, fluted, ever-changing phantasmagoric shapes - a veritable "iceberg garden." Tonight, celebrate the near completion of your epic expedition.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 4 hours/15 miles on Class II rapids



Depart from Dry Bay by Bush Plane

After floating into the flat, forested plains beyond Alsek Bay, arrive at the Dry Bay Fishing Company outpost along the estuary of the Alsek River. Bid fond farewell to your guides on this remote airstrip, then board a small aircraft for a spectacular charter flight to Yakutat in time for the scheduled Alaskan Airlines service to Juneau (the trip is tailored around this flight, and Juneau is your gateway city to other destinations).

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch

TRANSPORTATION: 1-hour charter flight

ACTIVITY: 4 hours/15 miles on Class II rapids



Some Trips get a Bonus Day!

Each year we are assigned our commercial take-out dates by Glacier Bay National Park (US) and our put-in dates by Kluane National Park (CA), who together regulate our operations. One quirk of this two-country system is each year we are assigned one trip that is 14 days in duration rather than our standard 13 days. On our 14-day trip we follow the same itinerary, but at the guide's discretion we add an abbreviated river day or even an additional layover/hiking day to the itinerary. This decision is made in real-time based on the guide's expert assessment of the weather, water flows, and each unique group's interests, abilities, and desires. Please make special note of the trip dates if you have selected our 14-day expedition, the above description for day 13 will apply to the 14th day of these trips.



Where You'll Stay

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

Hotel Halsingland

Nestled between the jagged peaks of the Chilkat Mountains and the waters of the beautiful Lynn Fjord, the Hotel Halsingland offers an authentic historic experience in a setting of natural beauty. This unique hotel is located in Historic Fort Seward and is designed in Jeffersonian style architecture. Many rooms are adorned with original decorative Belgian tile fireplaces and claw foot tubs.

MT Sobek Camp—Alsek River, Yukon, Canada

On each night of your Alsek adventure you will enjoy camping in spectacular spots right next to the river, often with views of glaciers. Included in our expedition-style trip are three-person four-season tents for every two people, plus Thermarest pads and fresh sleeping bags. At lunch and dinner time you will enjoy gourmet meals carefully prepared by the guides.

MT Sobek Camp—Alsek River, British Columbia, Canada

Your riverside camping experience includes nightly camps on the banks of Alsek River. Included in our expedition-style trip are four-season three-person tents for every two-people and includes a Thermarest pad and fresh sleeping bags. All camping spots are in spectacular locations right next to the river, with often views of glaciers. At lunch and dinner time you'll enjoy gourmet meals.



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MT Sobek Camp—Alsek River, Alaska

Your riverside camping experience includes nightly camps on the banks of Alsek River. Included in our expedition-style trip are four-season three-person tents for every two-people and includes a Thermarest pad and fresh sleeping bags. All camping spots are in spectacular locations right next to the river, with often views of glaciers. At lunch and dinner time you'll enjoy gourmet meals.

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: June, July

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

July 1-13, 2025

July 18-31, 2025

June 12-25, 2026

July 1-13, 2026

July 18-31, 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 and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses



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