



# Alaska Alsek River Rafting

## A Wilderness Float Through the Last Frontier

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# Feel the difference

with **Mountain Travel Sobek**

## **Unrivaled 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 Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best 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.



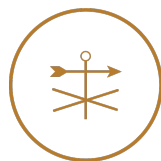
### LODGING

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.



# Alaska Alsek River Rafting

## 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, Adventure Camping

**Lodging:** Wilderness Camping, Comfortable Hotels

**Group Size:** 8-12 Guests

#### ACTIVITY:



*"This is a truly special trip. A chance to head out into a vast, untouched and profoundly beautiful 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. We are really grateful to have had this journey!"*

- Melinda R.

Check [mtsobek.com](https://www.mtsobek.com) for date-specific pricing.

# The Itinerary

DAY  
01

## Arrive in Haines, Alaska

Arrive in Haines, Alaska by 3:30pm to have enough time to check in and clean up for the 5pm pre-trip meeting and welcome dinner at the Halsingland Hotel.

**MEALS:** Dinner

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DAY  
02

## Travel to Haines Junction in Yukon Territory, Canada

After breakfast, board a van for a beautiful drive up the Chilkat River Valley, and on to Haines Junction in Yukon Territory, Canada. En route stop at the Kluane National Park visitor center to learn about this vast wilderness. After lunch, drive to the put-in point on the Dezadeash River. (You may choose to hike part of the way.) Begin floating down the Dezadeash to the confluence with the Kaskawulsh River, where the Alsek River begins. (If it's very windy, the river trip may begin the next morning.)

**MEALS:** Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 3.5-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 3 hour/5 mile scenic float

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DAY  
03

## Raft the Mighty Alsek

Continue downstream on the Alsek, passing through mostly Class II rapids and spectacular scenery of large bedrock islands. There may be time to hike into the heights above the river for panoramic views. 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; camp on that moraine for a striking view of the glacier.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 4 hours/15 miles on Class II rapids

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## DAY 04

### Raft Across 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 hours/15 miles on Class II rapids

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## DAY 05

### Navigate the Icebergs of the Lowell Glacier

Launch the rafts into the river and navigate through the icebergs at the snout of the Lowell Glacier. Take in this surreal scene as the icebergs calve off the glacier and float in this lake-like section of the river. The river picks up speed dramatically as it begins to cut through narrower canyons and increase in volume.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 4 hours/15 miles on Class II rapids

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## Run the Rapids of the Challenging “Lava North”

Take easy routes through some of the rapids; by mid-afternoon, though, encounter "Lava North," a challenging section of Class IV whitewater that's fun and thrilling. Your guides will scout the rapid beforehand and determine the best route through.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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

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## Discover the Luminous Turnback Canyon

For the next few days the water is swift with continuous small rapids as the river cuts through the Alsek Range. Watch the scenery and look out for wildlife such as grizzly bear, moose, wolf, muskrat, wolverine, mink, snowshoe rabbit, hoary marmot, and Alaska red fox, along with numerous bird species. Reach the Tweedsmuir Glacier with its Turnback Canyon, filled with sharp drops and horrendous currents.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 4 hours/15 miles on Class II rapids

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## 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. Relaunch the rafts 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

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## Continue Down the Tatshenshini River

Continue down the river through deep forested canyons toward the coast. On the southern horizon, a dozen glaciers flow down from the Fairweather Range, while the Alsek disappears back to the north and east into the symmetrical peaks and waterfalls of the Noisy Range. To the west, the main channel of the Alsek flows into the Fairweather Range, where it seems to sink into the forest. The river below its confluence with the Tatshenshini is a vast, gravel flat, braided with channels and ringed with willow, birch, and alder forests.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 4 hours/15 miles on Class II rapids

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## Pass the Walker Glacier

Closer to the Gulf of Alaska, the climate becomes more maritime and the glaciers more numerous. Farther down the river, pass the Walker Glacier, which has sprawled down its valley and is visible from the river. Its blue and white shape dominates the view for quite some time.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 4 hours/15 miles on Class II rapids

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## Float Towards Alsek Lake

Continue to float towards Alsek Lake, spotting many species of birds, including bald eagles, semi-palmated plovers, spotted sandpipers, northern phalaropes, American pipits, and more.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 4 hours/15 miles on Class II rapids

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## Paddle Among Sculpted Ice Flows of Alsek Lake

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."

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 4 hours/15 miles on Class II rapids

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## 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. 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



## 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.



# Where You'll Stay

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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!

June 12-25, 2024

July 18-31, 2024

June 12-25, 2025

July 1-13, 2025

July 18-31, 2025

# 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 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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