

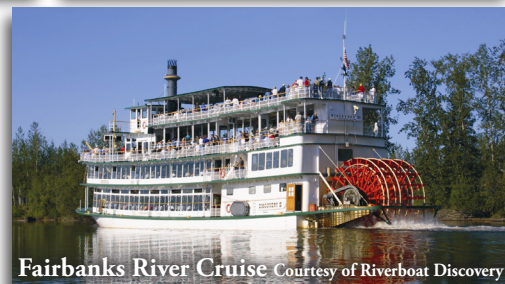


Good Times Travel *Alaska Explorer*

Featuring Denali National Park, Alaska Railroad's *Denali Star*, Fairbanks, Anchorage, Alaskan Tour Director
July 14-19, 2024 – 6 Day Tour

Tour Highlights

- ◆ This unique, 6-day Alaskan land tour is led by an Alaskan tour director with travel by train, riverboat and motorcoach at the time of year when the weather is most favorable
- ◆ Travel deep into Denali National Park on a narrated Tundra Wilderness Tour in search of quintessential Alaskan wildlife including grizzly bear, moose, caribou and Dall sheep
- ◆ During an afternoon at leisure in Denali National Park, enjoy complimentary National Park Service activities or optional excursions (with additional fees) such as white water rafting, a scenic float trip, a jet boat safari on the Nenana River, flight-seeing Mt. Denali or a visit to an Iditarod champion's dog kennel
- ◆ Ride the rails aboard Alaska Railroad's deluxe *Denali Star* from Denali to Talkeetna
- ◆ Explore Alaska's "Interior" with a two-night stay in the "Golden Heart City" of Fairbanks with a city tour, riverboat cruise on the Chena River, visit to the Museum of the North and an authentic salmon bake dinner



Tour Inclusions

- ◆ 5 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 7 Meals – 2 dinners, 5 breakfasts
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing with a professional Alaskan tour director
- ◆ Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach and Alaska Railroad's *Denali Star*
- ◆ Roundtrip airport-hotel transfers
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour

Tour Prices

Double Occupancy: \$1,999 per person
Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$600
Roundtrip airfare from \$995 per person

Itinerary

Take a moment to imagine this...rugged, glacial landscapes, the feeling of delight if you spot a grizzly bear with a cub or two in tow, the majestic sight of Mt. Denali as you ride aboard the famous Alaska Railroad...this is the essence of Alaska. On this adventure of a lifetime, led by an Alaskan tour director, you'll discover our nation's largest and perhaps most beautiful natural wonder while exploring Fairbanks, Anchorage and Denali National Park via train, riverboat and motorcoach at the time of year when the weather is most favorable.

Day 1 – Welcome to Alaska!

Optional transfers from our departure points this morning will have you at the Los Angeles International Airport for a connecting flight to **Fairbanks**, the largest city in Alaska's interior. *Guests making their own flight arrangements may arrive in Fairbanks at any time and still take advantage of the included meet and greet at the airport followed by an included transfer from the airport to the hotel.* Upon arrival at the hotel, begin a two-night stay.

Day 2 – Fairbanks

Following an included breakfast, depart the hotel with your Alaskan tour director and begin a driving tour of **Fairbanks** – known to Alaskans as the "Golden Heart City." Located near the confluence of the Tanana and Chena Rivers, Fairbanks is Alaska's second largest city. Learn how the gold rush affected Alaska's interior during a visit to the **Museum of the North at the University of Alaska**. Enjoy time at leisure for browsing and lunch on your own in Fairbanks' charming downtown area. This afternoon, board a **sternwheeler** for a 3-hour cruise on the **Chena River** to experience what life

Reservations



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Accommodations

- ♦ Nights 1-2 **River's Edge Cottages** Fairbanks, AK
- ♦ Nights 3-4 **Denali Grizzly Bear Resort**
Denali National Park, AK
- ♦ Night 5 **SpringHill Suites University Lake**
Anchorage, AK

Optional Roundtrip Airfare

Airfare is available as an optional add-on as advertised on the front of this brochure. Because airfare generally increases closer to departure, it's best to purchase airfare as soon as possible to lock in the lowest price and best schedule.

Optional Airport Transfers

Roundtrip airport transfers are available from our departure points in these cities for \$99 p.p.

- ♦Fountain Valley ♦Laguna Hills
- ♦Long Beach ♦Seal Beach

Payment Information

- ♦ Full payment due at time of booking
- ♦ Payment may be made by mailing a check to the above address or making a credit card payment at www.goodtimestravel.com

Cancellation/Travel Protection

A travel protection policy (which includes cancellation protection and other benefits) is highly recommended and available through a third-party. A travel protection brochure will be provided with your payment receipt and invoice. Regardless of the reason, cancellations, credits and transfers of paid bookings require us to retain an administrative fee (ranging from \$50-\$500 depending on the date of cancellation) in addition to all non-recoverable fees paid to our tour suppliers on your behalf. Those guests who have purchased travel protection and must cancel for a covered reason, will be reimbursed by the travel protection company the balance of any non-refunded or credited monies (minus the premium itself). Visit www.goodtimestravel.com or see our tour catalog for our full cancellation policy and other terms and conditions.

Tour Pace & Activity Level



Visit our website for further explanation of what each of these designations means to assist you in determining which tour is right for you based on your physical abilities and the pacing you prefer.

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was like when traditional riverboats plied the waterways of Alaska's interior during the late 1800s. Enjoy an included, authentic **salmon bake** dinner this evening. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 3 – Denali National Park

Following an included breakfast, continue south by motorcoach into **Denali National Park** (elevation, 4,000 feet). Denali National Park & Preserve features North America's highest mountain, **Mt. Denali** (formerly Mt. McKinley) and is one of the world's last unspoiled frontiers. The Park features a myriad of spectacular mountains and many large glaciers. Enjoy the afternoon exploring this pristine area by participating in a complimentary park service activity or optional excursions available for additional fees. Optional excursions include white water rafting or a scenic float trip, an ATV wilderness adventure, flight-seeing Mt. Denali aboard either a helicopter or fixed wing aircraft, fly fishing, a Denali wilderness walking tour with a naturalist, a Denali bike tour, a Denali photo tour or visit Husky Homestead, home of Iditarod Champion Jeff King to get a behind-the-scenes look at what goes into creating a championship Iditarod team and carving a life in Alaska's Interior. *Note that all optional excursions are subject to change and all excursions may not be available. All bookings/payments for the optional excursions are made with your tour director while on tour.* Late this afternoon, arrive at your resort located at the entrance to Denali National Park to begin a two-night stay. This evening, an optional dinner show is available for an additional \$70 p.p. (payable to your tour director). This rollicking musical comedy is performed nightly in a rustic camp house reminiscent of the gold rush era. (Breakfast)

Day 4 – Denali National Park

Following an included breakfast, you'll travel into Denali National Park on a **Tundra Wilderness Tour** that takes you deep into the wilds of Denali National Park, a six-million-acre UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Traveling through forest and alpine tundra and over high mountain passes, you may see moose, caribou, Dall sheep, wolves and grizzly bears and, depending on weather and visibility, awe-inspiring Denali itself – North America's highest peak at 20,310 feet! This 6-8 hour narrated journey provides an incredible insight into the animals, flora and fauna. Return to the resort in the late afternoon with the balance of the evening at leisure. (Breakfast)

Day 5 – Alaska Railroad's Denali Star

Enjoy an included breakfast followed by a short transfer to the Denali Park Train Depot where you'll board the deluxe railcars of **Alaska Railroad's Denali Star**. Sit back, relax and enjoy a four-hour rail journey south through some of the most scenic and rugged territory in Alaska. Just south of Denali, Broad Pass offers majestic views of the Alaska Range in all directions. North of Talkeetna, the tracks veer away from the road system and into the backcountry Hurricane area – a region that offers views of the snaking Indian River, the occasional remote cabin and the expansive sight of Hurricane Gulch from the top of a 296-foot bridge. Later, arrive in the quaint, climbing town of **Talkeetna**. Talkeetna's downtown is classified as a National Historic Site, with buildings dating from the early 1900s. Here, we'll reboard the motorcoach and continue south to **Anchorage**. Just south of Talkeetna, keep your eyes open for a glimpse of the majestic Mt. Denali or black bears along the banks of the Susitna River. This evening, enjoy an included farewell dinner and share tales from the road with your traveling companions before an overnight stay in Anchorage. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 6 – Journey Home

Enjoy an included breakfast followed by an included transfer to the Anchorage International Airport and a return flight to Los Angeles. *Guests making their own flight arrangements may depart from the Anchorage International Airport at any time today.* Back in Los Angeles, those with pre-arranged transfers will be returned to their respective drop-off destinations with many fond memories of this incredible Alaskan adventure. (Breakfast)

The land portion of this unique tour is operated by a local tour operator partner of ours that specializes in Alaska and provides a professional, Alaskan tour director to lead the group upon arrival in Fairbanks. Our group will be joined by guests from other parts of the U.S. A Good Times Travel tour director will accompany our group only with a minimum number of Good Times Travel guests. This tour will operate with a driver-guide in a deluxe Sprinter van if there are nine or fewer guests on tour. Hotels are subject to change to similar properties. Alternate departure dates are available (based on availability).

The following optional pre-night and post-night hotel stays (with included breakfast) are available to lengthen your time in Alaska and allow further exploration in Fairbanks and/or Anchorage:

Pre-Night Fairbanks: \$145 p.p./double; \$245 p.p./single
Post-Night Anchorage: \$195 p.p./double; \$390 p.p./single