GOLDEN SHADOWS

SAFARIS

ALASKA

# *Alaska - Untamed Wilderness*

If there is a place in the world whose very name is the pure essence of adventure, it is Alaska. A land of hardy gold diggers, prospectors, bears, wolves and untamed wilderness. This is where the heroes of Jack London's novels lived their adventures. Wild nature and its inhabitants are waiting for you here too! Set off on an adventure to Alaska!

| SEASON | DURATION | GROUP SIZE | PRICE FROM |
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| **2027** | **12 days** | **max. 8 guests** | **CZK 141,000** |

# *MOMENTS FROM THE SAFARI*



# Dates and availability

**23 Aug - 3 Sep 2027**

**Preparing**

**CZK 141,000**

Available places 8 / 8

# About the tour




There are plenty of beautiful places. They simply know how to work on us. Those balmy evenings on the coast with a gorgeous sunset, the murmuring surf, the wind in the palm tops, excellent wine, a wonderful dinner... God, how hard it is not to love it! And even harder not to mix it up... was it the Caribbean? Malaysia? The Seychelles? Alaska does not beg for your admiration; it doesn't want it, it scorns it. You will have no chance of confusing it with anything else. It takes a chisel in its gold digger's hands and, with barbaric tenderness, carves its name into your heart. It may hurt at that moment, but believe me, you will never, NEVER erase that inscription! Join us in Alaska for bears, eagles, salmon and an unforgettable adventure!

# Itinerary




Day 1, 23 Aug. Flight to Alaska - direct flight from Europe - the flight itself, over the Arctic Circle, Greenland, Canada and Alaska, is a great experience. Arrival in Anchorage in the afternoon, transfer to the accommodation and free time in Anchorage (e.g. an acclimatisation visit to a museum).
Day 2, 24 Aug. Drive along the Seward Highway, one of the most beautiful roads in Alaska, to the Kenai Peninsula and Homer - the world's largest halibut fishing ground. Homer is a picturesque fishing harbour town surrounded by high mountains and the descending glaciers of Kachemak Bay State Park. With a little luck, a chance to watch and photograph beluga whales along the way; optional visit to the Wildlife Conservation Center - animals in open enclosures (bears, feeding of orphaned moose and musk ox calves), or gold panning in the spirit of the gold rush at the gold miners' open-air museum in Girdwood. Will you take home your first gold nugget? Accommodation at the Czech guesthouse MyWay Alaska. A homely atmosphere, cosy rooms, wonderful views, kitchen available, large garden, barbecue, fire pit.
Days 3-4, 25-26 Aug. Free time in Homer. A walk around the Spit and its historic fishing bars, or a visit to Bear Creek Winery, tasting local wines made from imported grapes and from all kinds of local and exotic fruit. Watching sea otters and seals in the harbour, optional bike hire, etc. Optional:

. Full-day trip to the Katmai Peninsula - bear viewing. Morning floatplane departure from Homer, a beautiful scenic flight over Cook Inlet (max. 10 people, flight approx. 1-1.5 hours), then past the volcanoes and glaciers of the Katmai Peninsula. The flight itself is a great experience! Landing on a lake. Watching and photographing bears at very close range in the river or on the beaches. The experience of a lifetime!
. Private trip with a Czech guide by water taxi to the magical Tutka Lagoon in Kachemak Bay State Park - a lagoon full of salmon, fishing and grilling your catch over a fire on the beach. A chance to photograph eagles and seals hunting. Visit to a local hatchery - a salmon hatchery where, with a little luck, you can catch a salmon with your bare hands. Departure/return times depend on the tides on the day - to be confirmed.
. Three-quarter-day sea kayaking trip with a local guide in the beautiful bays of Kachemak Bay and Kachemak NP - watching eagles, seals, bears and possibly whales - at very close range, right from your kayak!
. Half-day or full-day sea fishing for halibut or salmon - Homer is the world's largest halibut fishing ground!
. Half-day salmon fishing on a river near Homer with a local guide.
. Hike to the fairy-tale glacial lake of Grewingk Glacier. One of the most popular hikes in Kachemak Bay State Park. The trail first leads through forest, which opens out onto glacial moraines with beautiful views, and continues along a well-maintained path all the way to the lake with the majestic Grewingk Glacier.
. After breakfast, a water taxi across to the other side of the bay and a full day on the Grace Ridge Trail with incredible views of Kachemak Bay State Park and the majestic volcanoes on the peninsula opposite. Later in the afternoon, pick-up by water taxi from the beach and return to Homer.
. Independent fishing from the beaches on the Homer Spit (cod), in the lagoon on the Homer Spit (silver salmon), or on rivers around Homer.
. Boat trip to Seldovia. The boat ride from Homer takes approx. 1 hour, with a stop on the way at a bird rock, a sea otter colony, bald eagles and possible whale sightings. Seldovia is a picturesque Native village with no road access. Beautiful beaches! - A visit to The Saltry restaurant in Halibut Cove or The Meandering Goat on the other side of the bay. An unforgettable dinner in a unique place with incredible views and atmosphere.
Day 5, 27 Aug. Reserve day for the bear flight, or optional activities in Homer. Depending on the programme, transfer to the picturesque harbour town of Seward, which looks as if it were cut out of a western. On the way, a stop at Anchor Point - a chance to see bald eagles, sea otters and, with a little luck, whales - or at the Kenai River to watch the salmon run. In the afternoon, an optional visit to a unique sea aquarium, a centre for the rescue of marine animals.
Day 6, 28 Aug. After breakfast, a three-quarter-day boat trip to Kenai Fjords National Park, watching whales, orcas, seals, puffins and huge chunks of calving glaciers. A fjord landscape with tidewater glaciers. An unforgettable sight of glaciers breaking off and crashing into the depths of the sea. Sea otters lazily floating on the surface. In the afternoon, an optional walk to Exit Glacier; for those interested, a more demanding hike up to the icefield.
Day 7, 29 Aug. Transfer to the picturesque valley of the Matanuska Glacier, a 27-mile-long mass of ice between the Chugach Mountains and the Glenn Highway. In the afternoon, an optional helicopter flight over the glacier - the flight itself, with fairy-tale views of the most beautiful parts of the valley and the Matanuska Glacier, will take your breath away (the helicopter takes only 3 people, so everyone has an excellent view), and landing on the glacier by a crystal-clear pool you can even drink from, followed by a walk through places ordinary mortals never reach, is the icing on the cake. Accommodation in beautiful log cabins.
Day 8, 30 Aug. Free morning at Matanuska, optional:
. Helicopter flight over the glacier - the flight itself, with fairy-tale views of the most beautiful parts of the valley and the Matanuska Glacier, will take your breath away (the helicopter takes only 3 people, so everyone has

an excellent view), and landing on the glacier by a crystal-clear pool you can even drink from, followed by a walk through places ordinary mortals never reach, is the icing on the cake.
. Rafting on the Matanuska River, ice climbing (with equipment and a guide) on the Matanuska Glacier, guided glacier walk, ATV tour, zipline over the Matanuska River, hiking. In the afternoon, transfer to Healy, the gateway to Denali. In the heart of Alaska, in the Alaska Range, lies one of the largest protected areas in the world, Denali National Park. Optional visit to a musher's kennel, a glimpse into the life of mushers and the training of the dogs, and a dog-sled ride (approx. 45 minutes). In the evening, a visit to the renowned brewery in Healy.
Day 9, 31 Aug. Full-day bus trip into the heart of Denali National Park along the reopened Denali Park Road! Watching grizzly bears, majestic moose, caribou and Dall sheep in the wild. In good weather, the experience is crowned by a view of the highest mountain on the North American continent, Denali (6,194 m), covered in eternal ice. This awe-inspiring mountain is treacherous not so much because of its height as because of its very low temperatures.
Day 10, 1 Sep. Drive back to Anchorage with a stop in Talkeetna, a historic western town from which you can fly to Denali (the highest mountain in North America, 6,194 m a.s.l.) - optional flight around Denali with a glacier landing - a once-in-a-lifetime experience! Otherwise, a look around the town, a visit to the local historical society museum and the Denali Brewing Company. Arrival in Anchorage in the evening, accommodation.
Day 11, 2 Sep. Free morning in Anchorage - souvenir shopping, a museum visit, or a final hike up Flat Top Mountain. Transfer to the airport, afternoon flight back to the Czech Republic.
Day 12, 3 Sep. Arrival in the Czech Republic

## *What is and is not included*

### INCLUDED

7x accommodation (1x Anchorage, 2x Seward, 1x Matanuska, 2x Healy) - hotel, B&B or lodge - twin rooms
3x accommodation at the Czech guesthouse MyWay Alaska - twin rooms
3x breakfast during the stay in Homer
Three-quarter-day boat trip (approx. 7 hrs) in Kenai Fjords NP from Seward, incl. lunch
Full-day bus trip in Denali NP
Expert guidance by photographer Petr Slavík
Tour operator insolvency insurance

### NOT INCLUDED

International flight incl. taxes and basic insurance
Travel insurance
ESTA - visa-free entry to the USA (from 30 Sep 2026 USD 40 per person)
Meals and tips (except the breakfasts in Homer and the lunch during the boat trip in Seward listed above)
Hire of fishing equipment outside paid trips
Fishing licence (USD 15 per day per person)
Optional activities not listed under "price includes", charged separately (see programme)

# Accommodation and transport

### ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation as per the detailed programme.




### TRANSPORT

International flight to Anchorage with one change. Transport between locations by minivan. On optional trips: floatplane, sea kayak, boat.

# Practical information

### TRAVEL DOCUMENTS




Your passport must be biometric and valid for the entire stay. Keep a copy or scan of it separately.

### ENTRY TO THE USA

Czech citizens only need an ESTA travel authorisation, which you apply for online on the official website esta.cbp.dhs.gov. The fee is paid by card and processing usually takes up to 72 hours. Have the authorisation printed. Before the trip we will send you the exact procedure. Please note: anyone who has visited certain countries excluded from the Visa Waiver Program in recent years must apply for a regular visa at the embassy - please let us know well in advance.

### VACCINATIONS AND HEALTH PREPARATION

No vaccinations are required. We recommend that your routine tetanus vaccination is up to date. Everyone takes part in the programme at their own risk and responsibility.

### MEDICAL EXPENSES INSURANCE

Medical expenses insurance is not included in the tour price and is compulsory. For trips to the USA, do not skimp on it - American healthcare is the most expensive in the world and even routine treatment is very costly. Make sure your policy covers stays in remote areas and any transport. We will be happy to arrange insurance for you.

### MONEY AND TIPPING

Payment is in US dollars. Cards work everywhere; you only need a small amount of cash for remote places without signal. In the USA, tipping is a normal part of the price of a service; allow fifteen to twenty per cent in restaurants.

### LUGGAGE

International flights usually allow 1 checked bag up to 23 kg and 1 carry-on up to 8 kg. The small planes on the coast, however, have their own and much stricter limit, typically around 11 to 16 kg per person including photographic equipment, and soft bags instead of suitcases. We will tell you the exact limit before the trip. Carry your equipment in your hand luggage.

### ELECTRICITY

The USA uses 120 V and 60 Hz, with type A and B sockets with flat pins. An adapter is essential. Check that your chargers can handle 120 V. In the coastal camps, electricity often comes only from a generator and for a few hours a day - bring plenty of spare batteries and a power bank.

### PHONE AND INTERNET

Czech operators offer roaming in the USA, but on the coast there is mostly no signal at all. Expect to be offline for several days. Camps usually have a satellite connection for emergencies.

### WEATHER

Although August is one of the warmest months of the year, you must be prepared for all kinds of weather. Temperatures on sunny days can be fairly high, but expect average daytime temperatures of around 15 °C and heavy rainfall.

### TOUR LEADER

The tour is led by photographer Petr Slavík. You are welcome to consult him about photographic equipment and gear before departure.

## *Recommended gear*

### FOR THIS TOUR

You can discuss suitable photographic equipment for this tour directly with Petr Slavík




### CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

Sturdy hiking boots. Waterproof jacket and trousers. Layers: thermal underwear, fleece, hat and gloves even in August. Quick-drying clothing in muted colours. Spare dry socks.

### DOCUMENTS AND SMALL ITEMS

Passport and a copy, printed ESTA, insurance card and confirmation in English, emergency phone numbers, payment card and a small amount of cash in USD, binoculars, sunscreen, mosquito repellent (there are plenty of mosquitoes in Alaska), head torch, vacuum flask.

### FIRST-AID KIT

Any medicines you take regularly, plus basics: painkillers, blister plasters, a bandage, travel sickness remedy for small-plane flights and boat trips, eye drops.

*The wild has no script. That is why it is worth experiencing.*

## Contact

We will gladly help you choose a date and prepare for the journey.

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