



Alaskan Heritage & Wildlife

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Embrace **Alaska's wide-open spaces, fresh air, natural beauty and outdoor adventures.**
- ▶ Thrill to a full-day adventure in **Denali National Park**, home to magnificent natural beauty and abundant wildlife.
- ▶ Uncover the highlights of **Anchorage**, including the Anchorage Museum.
- ▶ Soak up the small-town charm of **Talkeetna**, a friendly community of artists, musicians and craftspeople.
- ▶ Tour a working kennel, where you'll meet puppies and learn about the world-famous **Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.**
- ▶ Witness spectacular coastal scenery, calving glaciers and marine animals while cruising the **Prince William Sound.**
- ▶ Revel in dramatic vistas from your glass-domed car during a **luxury train ride.**
- ▶ **Meet locals** who are eager to share their experiences and knowledge about dog mushing, Alaska's roadhouses and more!



Anchorage

Alaska is for adventure and discovery! Nourish your soul amid breathtaking landscapes, fascinating history and abundant wildlife on a seven-night journey with stays in Anchorage and Denali National Park. We'll experience storied history in world-class museums, stroll through friendly communities and search for majestic animals in their natural habitats. Enjoy visits to a working kennel and reindeer farm, and marvel at scenic views during a spectacular train journey and a cruise on Prince William Sound. Along the way, local experts share their knowledge about Alaska's history and unparalleled wonders.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 | In Transit | Anchorage, Alaska

Depart for Anchorage, Alaska. 🌐
Arrive and transfer 🚗 to the Hilton Anchorage.

Day 2 | Anchorage

Enrichment: *America's Last Frontier.* Join a local expert for an engaging discussion about Alaska's geography and history, from the first Russian settlement on Kodiak Island to the Klondike Gold Rush.

Discovery: *Highlights of Anchorage.* This tour of Anchorage's historic downtown showcases the city's harmonious blend of modern cosmopolitan and rugged wild. At the Anchorage Museum, gain insight into 10,000 years of history during a guided tour.

Free Time: Head out to explore Anchorage. Walk or rent a bike to experience the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, or visit a brewery for local craft beer. Anchorage also boasts many wonderful art galleries. Later, gather for a Welcome Dinner with new friends.

Day 3 | Anchorage | Talkeetna | Denali

Discovery: *Charming Talkeetna.* Originally a riverboat steamer station that supplied goods to the area's mining districts, the Talkeetna of today is a welcoming community with log cabins, art galleries, breweries and clapboard storefronts. Choose to visit the Mountaineering Ranger Station for insight into the feat of climbing Mount McKinley or step into the Talkeetna Historical Society Museum to learn about the first climbers that scaled the region's peaks.

🌐 **AHI Connects: *Alaska's Roadhouses.*** After a hearty lunch at a traditional roadhouse, a local recounts the history of authentic roadhouses, which once served gold rushers and fortune seekers.



Continue north to Denali National Park. Upon arrival, check in to Denali Bluff's Hotel. You can begin exploring the area with optional tours such as hiking excursions, flightseeing, golf, biking and much more!

Day 4 | Denali National Park

Discovery: Denali National Park. Embark on a thrilling adventure tour that reveals Alaska's famous national park. Your Tundra Wilderness Tour, fully narrated by a certified naturalist, takes you deep into this vast landscape, home to bear, moose, wolves, caribou and Dall sheep. Travel in comfort as you search for these animals roaming freely in their natural habitat. Along the way, learn about the park's history and marvel at views of Mount McKinley.

Enrichment: Geography and History of Denali National Park. Join a local mountain climber and naturalist who will enlighten you with the history and unique geography of this storied, magical region.

Day 5 | Denali | Anchorage

AHI Connects: Dog Mushing. Today, delve into this historic and culturally significant sport while visiting a working kennel. Learn about the Iditarod Dog Sled Race and how teams prepare to take on the trails. You'll also meet puppies and learn about the care and training regime of these "athletes."

Continue to the Denali Depot to board a train for a deluxe rail journey back to Anchorage.

Discovery: Scenic Train Journey. Kick back and relax in luxury as you ride the rails between Denali and Anchorage. Your glass-domed car is the perfect way to indulge in Alaska's scenic grandeur. Learn about the sights, flora and fauna from expert commentary. Plus, lunch is provided along the way. Upon your arrival, check in to the Hilton Anchorage.

Day 6 | Anchorage | Whittier

Discovery: Whittier and Prince William Sound. Travel to Whittier and board a marine vessel for a cruise of the wildlife-rich Prince William Sound, a portrait of icebergs and scenic shores. Watch for whales, sea otters and harbor seals, as well as seabirds, bald eagles, falcons and Great Gray Owls.



Dinner is at your leisure tonight. You may experience the city's food scene at one of the many restaurants where you can find oysters, cod, halibut and more.

Day 7 | Matanuska-Susitna Valley | Anchorage

Discovery: "Mat-Su" Valley. Your journey through Matanuska-Susitna Valley begins with a visit to the engaging Palmer Visitor Center, which offers background into the region's Ahtna Athabascan natives, the Chickaloon tribe and other intriguing facts.

Continue to a family-owned reindeer farm to interact with these gentle, storybook animals, followed by a visit to a local farm where we'll enjoy lunch and learn about the region's agricultural roots.

Discovery: Alaska Native Heritage Center. Encounter compelling history at this celebrated heritage center, which commemorates the dynamic culture of Alaska's indigenous peoples through stories, crafts, native dwellings and dancing.

Gather for a Farewell Dinner tonight and raise a toast to your grand adventure in Alaska

Day 8 | In Transit

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **2 nights** in Anchorage, Alaska, at the first-class Hilton Anchorage.
- **2 nights** in Denali at the first-class Denali Bluffs Hotel, a national park hotel.
- **3 nights** in Anchorage at the first-class Hilton Anchorage.

Transfers {with baggage handling}

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 24 guests.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



DEPARTURES & PRICING

August 1-8, 2021

Full Price	\$4,845
Special Savings	\$250
Special Price	\$4,595*

*Special price available for a limited time only. Call for details.

VAT is an additional \$395 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$960 (limited availability).

Program-specific terms and conditions are available on our website under the Pricing & Air Options tab on the trip page. You can also request a copy from our travel experts.

Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

✈ Flights and 🚗 transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants.