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Alaska by Train Glaciers, Fjords & Denali

2025

Alaska Rail Vacation

7 Days / 6 Nights Anchorage to Anchorage
Not yet on sale

INTRODUCTION

One of our best selling Alaska Rail tours, this itinerary is packed with adventures to create one extraordinary Alaskan experience. The great wilderness of Alaska beckons on this exciting week-long tour of glaciers, fjords and Denali. Beginning in Anchorage, choose to sample breweries, wander through nature or go bear viewing in Redoubt Bay, then continue to Seward on Alaska Railroad for a cruise in Kenai Fjords. You'll wrap up the trip with a choice of tours once again in Denali.

Itinerary at a Glance

- DAY 1** Anchorage | Arrival
- DAY 2** Anchorage | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 10 Excursions
- Option 1. Anchorage Brew Tour
 - Option 2. Turnagain Arm Wildlife Tour with Alyeska Tram
 - Option 3. Hatcher Pass Hike and History Tour
 - Option 4. Anchorage Flightseeing Safari
 - Option 5. Sunset Photo Safari
 - Option 6. Anchorage Scenic City Tour
 - Option 7. Instalaska Smartphone Turnagain Tour

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- Option 8. Upgrade Option: Alaska Bear Viewing Tour
- Option 9. Upgrade Option: Fly-in Guided Fishing Excursion
- Option 10. Upgrade Option: Helicopter & Glacier Dogsled Excursion
- DAY 3** Anchorage to Seward | Alaska Railroad | Kenai Fjord Cruise
- DAY 4** Seward to Denali | Coach
- DAY 5** Denali | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
- Option 1. Denali Highway Jeep Excursion | Self-Drive Guided 4x4 Excursion
- Option 2. Tundra Wilderness Tour | Coach Tour
- Option 3. Upgrade Option: Denali Summit Flightseeing | Small Aircraft
- Option 4. Upgrade Option: Denali Glacier Landing | Helicopter
- DAY 6** Denali National Park Entrance to Anchorage | Alaska Railroad
- DAY 7** Anchorage | Departure



MAP



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 Anchorage | Arrival

Upon arrival in Anchorage transfer at your own cost to your hotel, the rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the sights.

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Day 2 Anchorage | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 10 Excursions

Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of these excursions

Option 1. Anchorage Brew Tour

Get the inside scoop on Anchorage's beer culture and brewery history on a half-day guided tour. Sample six tasty offerings at three different venues, including three classic breweries that you're sure to enjoy.

Option 2. Turnagain Arm Wildlife Tour with Alyeska Tram

This full day tour from Anchorage includes an aerial tram ride up Mt. Alyeska, fresh lunch in Girdwood and tour of the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center home to moose, brown and black bears, wolves, bald eagles, musk oxen, and reindeer, giving guests an opportunity to view each species up close.

Option 3. Hatcher Pass Hike and History Tour

This half-day afternoon excursion from Anchorage includes a local guide, a tour at Independence Mine State Historical Park, gold panning and an interpretive hike along the Mill Loop Trail (an easy .9-mile trail with 177-feet of elevation gain). Travel along the Knik Arm, ascend into the Talkeetna Mountains and witness the breathtaking alpine area known as Hatcher Pass.

Option 4. Anchorage Flightseeing Safari

View Alaska's largest city from above! On this 30-minute introductory flight, you'll launch from Lake Hood and fly to some of the most scenic sites in the area. Options include the stunning backdrop of Anchorage, the Chugach Mountain Range, Turnagain Arm or the Cook Inlet – all with great opportunities to spot wildlife from the air. Please note that wheeled planes may be used early and late season.

Option 5. Sunset Photo Safari

Chase the best light of the day, which during summer in Alaska can last for several glorious hours before sunset. You'll be transported to scenic locations around Anchorage and Chugach State Park to shoot a variety of enchanting subjects. The itinerary is flexible and allows for spontaneous stops to photograph wildlife enroute. Along the way, you'll be offered creative and technical support from your Alaska Photo Treks guide

Option 6. Anchorage Scenic City Tour

Embark on a historical tour starting in downtown Anchorage, where you'll explore the origins of the city at Ship Creek. Witness Chinook salmon in the world's only urban King salmon fishery. Discover Dena'ina heritage, visit Earthquake Park, and experience the world's busiest seaplane base at Lake Hood. Conclude with panoramic views from Anchorage's Hillside, where wildlife sightings, including moose and eagles, are possible.

Option 7. Instalaska Smartphone Turnagain Tour

Experience a thrilling smartphone photography tour that takes you from downtown Anchorage along the scenic Seward Highway. Capture stunning panoramas of Turnagain Arm, surrounded by towering mountains. Discover a variety of photo opportunities, from breathtaking landscapes to iconic Alaskan wildlife like Dall sheep, moose, and beluga whales. Grab your selfie stick and join us for an unforgettable adventure!

Option 8. Upgrade Option: Alaska Bear Viewing Tour

Enjoy a half day guided tour with an opportunity to see Alaska's black and brown bears in their natural habitat. Depending on the time of year and where the bears are foraging for food, you will fly southwest of Anchorage by float plane to either Lake Clark National Park, Redoubt Bay or Chinitna Bay. Here you can view Alaskan resident brown bears up close.

Option 9. Upgrade Option: Fly-in Guided Fishing Excursion

Experience some of the world's best salmon and trout fishing in Alaska's back country, only 35 minutes away from Anchorage by seaplane. The entire day is a not to be missed fishing & wilderness adventure. Fishing trips cater to both the experienced and novice fisherman.

Option 10. Upgrade Option: Helicopter & Glacier Dogsled Excursion

Start this adventure with a spectacular helicopter ride over glaciers and icebergs. We often see moose, black bears, Dall sheep, and mountain goats. Land on a huge snowfield high on a glacier and enjoy a whole hour with Alaskan sled dogs and their mushers. Take the dog team for an exhilarating dogsled ride through real snow

Day 3 Anchorage to Seward | Alaska Railroad | Kenai Fjord Cruise

Board the Coastal Classic Train in the Goldstar Railcar for a breathtaking ride to Seward. This scenic journey takes you along Cook Inlet and into the glacier-filled Chugach Mountains. Upon arrival in Seward, transfer by shuttle to the small boat harbour for a 6-hour cruise of Kenai Fjords National Park. The park boasts abundant wildlife, alpine and tidewater glaciers, and breathtaking scenery. As you cruise through Resurrection Bay, keep watch for Steller sea lions, seals, puffins, eagles and whales. Cruise past the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, home to a large variety of birds, on your way to either the Holgate or Aialik Glacier. You will stop in front of the glacier to hear it moving and possibly see ice fall into the ocean. Enjoy lunch onboard. (Breakfast & lunch is included today)

Day 4 Seward to Denali | Coach

Mid-morning, board a scheduled motorcoach to Denali. The Seward Highway showcases the natural beauty of south-central Alaska. Relax and enjoy the scenery while your driver gives you some history of the area along the way. Stop in Anchorage at midday for approx. 90 minutes before continuing to Denali.

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Day 5 Denali | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions*Option 1. Denali Highway Jeep Excursion | Self-Drive Guided 4x4 Excursion*

Ranked #2 in Drives of a Lifetime by National Geographic Traveler magazine, experience the natural wonders of Alaska's Denali Highway — this time by Jeep! This 4-hour guided excursion travels along a 135 mi (217 km) gravel road & takes you off the beaten path in a 4 x 4 to enjoy scenic views of Denali, the Alaska Range, glaciers and wildlife.

Option 2. Tundra Wilderness Tour | Coach Tour

This half day tour offers incredible scenery, a narrated history of the park road and opportunities to view the park's wildlife inhabitants. Picturesque highlights include the craggy cliffs of Cathedral Mountain, wildlife rich Sable Pass and braided wash of the East Fork River in Denali National Park.

Option 3. Upgrade Option: Denali Summit Flightseeing | Small Aircraft

Get a closer look at Alaska's majestic Denali from the comfortable window seat of a small aircraft. Slip on your provided headset to hear commentary from your guide as you fly over the snow-covered peaks, jagged ridgelines, and glacier carved valleys of Denali National Park, and get within half a mile of the mountain peak.

Option 4. Upgrade Option: Denali Glacier Landing | Helicopter

Be immersed in the vastness of the Denali National Preserve. On your way to the massive Yanert Glacier, your pilot will serve as your guide through this unique glacially carved environment. Soar over the rolling tundra, keeping an eye out for local residents – caribou, moose, bear, and Dall sheep. Snow capped peaks and glaciers abound on this journey before you set down on a river of ice.

Day 6 Denali National Park Entrance to Anchorage | Alaska Railroad

This morning is open for optional activities such as: whitewater rafting down the Nenana River, helicopter flightseeing over the park, landing on a glacier, or hiking. At midday, board the Alaska Railroad and travel by Goldstar Railcar for the day trip to Anchorage. As you travel along the Susitna River, you may catch a glimpse of the majestic Mount Denali or black bears along the banks of the river. (Lunch and dinner included onboard the train)

Day 7 Anchorage | Departure

Upon check-out of your hotel, it's time to say goodbye to your incredible Alaskan adventure.

**INCLUDED****Package Includes:**

- Accommodation including taxes for 6 nights
- Anchorage | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 10 Excursions
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- Alaska Railroad - Anchorage to Seward Goldstar Service
(Dome car seating, private outdoor viewing deck & Meals included onboard train)
- Kenai Fjord National Park Cruise with deli-style lunch
- Seward to Denali Scheduled coach transfer with driver commentary
- Denali | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
- Denali Highway Jeep Excursion
- Tundra Wilderness Tour
- Upgrade Option: Denali Summit Flightseeing by Plane
- Upgrade Option: Denali Glacier Landing by Helicopter
- Alaska Railroad - Denali to Anchorage Goldstar Service
(Dome car seating, private outdoor viewing deck & Meals included onboard train)
- Meals as per Itinerary

Hotel & Rail Information | Moderate Grade

- Anchorage - Hilton Anchorage Hotel | Standard Room
- Seward - Seward Windsong Lodge | Standard Room
- Denali Park Entrance - Denali Cabins | Standard Cabins

Hotel & Rail Information | Superior Grade

- Anchorage - Hotel Captain Cook | Deluxe Room
- Seward - Seward Windsong Lodge | Standard Room with Deck
- Denali Park Entrance - Grande Denali Lodge | Standard Room

Alaska Railroad | Goldstar All our itineraries except the Glacier Discovery Train includes Gold Star Dome Service. These railcars feature large, curved glass windows that run the full length of the car, allowing excellent 360 degree viewing plus a private outdoor viewing deck. The service is inclusive of all meals that are served in the lower-level dining room.

Not Included:

- Gratuities
- Activities other than specified
- Portage fees

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