



Great Drives to Great Places

Alaska

The Great Land

Some of the largest landscapes and remote wilderness with wildlife viewing and intriguing cultures.

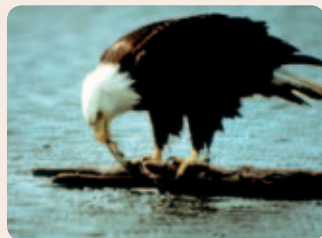
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Imaginative itineraries for individual travellers

Enhance your Alaska experience

North American Highways specialise in personalised tours which include individually selected accommodation and routes to highlight the best of a region's scenery, wildlife and culture. Alaska is a vast State, and there are many options to choose from to enhance your visit to The Great Land.

The Alaska Railroad offers an alternative to driving, and is a convenient way to visit Denali National Park if time is short, or if you wish to stay inside the Park at North Face Lodge. A variety of cruise ships sail Alaskan waters, ranging from the intimate 36 passenger vessels of American Safari Cruises to 500 passenger Regent Seven Seas Navigator, to the 2,000+ passenger liners of Holland America Line. Whatever your taste in cruising we can recommend and combine a cruise with a land based tour.



Alaska's Interior

The heart of Alaska teems with wildlife and is home to Mt McKinley and Denali National Park. Summer sees the Midnight Sun, allowing you up to 20 hours of daylight and in winter the sky plays host to the spectacular natural phenomenon of The Northern Lights.

Far North

This is the most diverse of Alaska's regions - full of culture and accessible by small aircraft. Nome has museums rich in history from Eskimo art to the Gold Rush and is the conclusion to the Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race, an amazing journey that takes place in March.

South West

Kodiak Island is famous for its brown bears and the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge covers two thirds of the island. Lake Clark National Park offers superb wildlife viewing and King Salmon is the gateway to Katmai National Park and the Valley of 10,000 Smokes.

Inside Passage

Lush green forests and towering mountains line the shores. Glacier Bay National Park is one of the most active glacial areas in the world and best explored by small cruise ship - we recommend American Safari. Misty Fjords National Monument is a 2.2 million-acre wilderness bursting with wildlife.

South Central

Home to Anchorage with its view of The Chugach Mountains and Prince William Sound with its islands fjords and glaciers. Seward is the gateway to Kenai Fjord National Park famed for puffins, whales and sea lions. Palmer near Matanuska Valley is home to fertile farmland where huge vegetables are grown. Visit the ancient mining town of Kennicott in the heart of Wrangell-St Elias National Park and stay at the lodge.

Duration

12 nights

Approximate Road Miles

1028 miles

Cost per person from

£1,040 June

Majestic Mountains of Alaska

Highlights

Denali National Park

6 million acres of untamed wilderness and home to the impressive Mt McKinley, at 20,320ft this is North America's highest mountain.

Wrangell-St Elias National Park

One of the largest protected ecosystems on the planet with 13 million acres full of wildlife, roaring rivers and towering mountains.

The Midnight Sun

Travel in June and enjoy 20 hours of daylight!

Scenic Drives

Parks Highway

Running from Butte to Fairbanks this route defines Alaska's interior embracing glaciers, forests and the lonely habitats of fascinating wildlife.

Alaska Highway

From Delta Junction to the Canadian border this route parallels the trans Alaska pipeline and showcases expansive areas of wildflowers and roaming herds of caribou.

Richardson Highway

Rugged peaks tower either side of the highway as you drive through lush green mountains.

From Anchorage travel the Parks Highway which meanders through Wasilla with its historic buildings and follows Susitna River pulsing with migrating salmon during summer. Arrive in Talkeetna and absorb the breathtaking views of Mt McKinley before spending time in Denali National Park, renowned for its rugged beauty. Travel on to Fairbanks via Nenama River Canyon with its strangely luminous rock and explore the many museums Fairbanks has to offer. Take the Richardson Highway and view The Trans-Alaska pipeline, skirt the untamed wilderness of Wrangell-St Elias National Park. Stay at Copper Center and then follow the Matanuska River along the Glenn Highway to Palmer. Nestled between Chugach and Talkeetna mountain ranges this historic town produces giant sized vegetables due to its rich farmland.

2nts Anchorage, Deals B&B

1nt 114 miles to Talkeetna, Alaskan Lodge

3nts 185 miles to Denali, McKinley Village Lodge

2nts 209 miles to Fairbanks, Wedgewood Resort

1nt 259 miles to Copper Center, Copper River Princess

2nts 153 miles to Palmer, Sheep Mountain Lodge

1nt 108 miles to Anchorage, Deals B&B



Inlets, Rivers and Wildlife

Duration

12 nights

Approximate Road Miles

937 miles

Cost per person from

£1,060 June

Highlights

Seward

Scenic icebound landscapes bursting with waterfalls, canyons and glaciers. Home of the famous Sea Life Center and base for Kenai Fjords National Park with boat trips to view spectacular scenery, birds, whales and marine life.

Homer

Visit an artist's paradise full of picturesque shops in the midst of snow capped mountains.

Anchorage

Alaska's largest city, surrounded by wilderness and six mountain ranges. The Chugach Mountains provide a striking backdrop. It is rich in history and culture and the gateway for flights to and around the state.

Scenic Drives

Glenn Highway

Enjoy rushing rivers, crystalline lakes and magical mountain views past glaciers and forests with every hue of greenery imaginable.

Sterling Highway

Following the emerald green waters of Kenai River and traversing the beauty of The Kenai Mountains this route is unspoilt and breathtaking.

From Anchorage travel past amazing views of Turnagain Arm and Girdwood at the base of Mt Alyeska. Continue past Cooper Landing, a tiny hamlet on the edge of the emerald waters of Kenai Lake. Towards the south lies Homer at the edge of a narrow spit that stretches out into the beautiful Kachemak Bay. Decorated with snow-capped mountains and valleys the view is exquisite. Seward is the gateway to Kenai Fjords National Park with spectacular glaciers tumbling down mountains, brimming with life from colonies of puffins to seals and whales. Catch the ferry to Valdez, rich in wildlife, before skirting the Wrangell Mountains towards the agricultural town of Palmer and back to Anchorage for your flight home.



2nts Anchorage, Deals B&B

2nts 222 miles to Homer
Land's End Resort

3nts 168 miles to Seward
The Windsong Lodge
Ferry to Valdez

2nts 182 miles to Valdez
Valdez Harbor Inn

1nt 104 miles to Copper Center
Copper River Princess

1nt 153 miles to Palmer
Sheep Mountain Lodge

1nt 108 miles to Anchorage,
Deals B&B



A selection of our favourite accommodation



Sheep Mountain Lodge Palmer

Located on the scenic Glenn Highway this unique property has 11 cabins with their own private decks to soak up the amazing views. The dining room is famed for its home cooked meals, breads and pastries. Rustic and charming, the lodge is surrounded by flowers and offers warm hospitality from the owners.

Deals B&B Anchorage

Situated close to both Downtown and the airport, this five room Bed and Breakfast is a real favourite. All rooms have private facilities and a continental breakfast is served daily.

Seward Windsong Lodge Seward

On the edge of Kenai Fjords National Park, minutes from downtown Seward in a secluded forest setting you will find Seward Windsong Lodge. Enjoy casual dining, comfortable accommodation and friendly service.



Alaska Homestead Lodge Lake Clark National Park

The fly-in Lodge is situated in the shadow of Mount Lliamna in Lake Clark National Park. Guests are spoilt with delicious home cooked meals including freshly caught salmon and just picked berry pies. Activities are abundant and include bear viewing, hiking and salmon fishing. Don't forget to take your camera as the views are some of the best in the world.



Brooks Lodge Katmai National Park

Deep in the heart of Katmai National Park this lodge has a worldwide reputation and attracts visitors from all over the world. Bear viewing at Brooks Falls is a short walk away and superb sports fishing is available. Daily tours are available to visit the volcanic 'valley of 10,000 smokes' which is evidence of one of the most violent eruptions in modern times.

North Face Lodge Denali National Park

Situated some 90 miles inside Denali National Park, The lodge and Camp Denali are the only accommodations inside the park with views of Mt McKinley. With naturalist guides on hand to enhance your stay, hiking, biking and photography opportunities be sure to make your holiday complete by staying at this unique lodge.



Kennicott Glacier Lodge Wrangell-St Elias National Park

Perfectly situated to observe the impressive views of The Chugach and Wrangell Mountains in Wrangell-St Elias National Park this lodge has plenty to offer. Adventures include walking on a glacier to river rafting. Kennicott is rich in mining history and is now a ghost town with over 40 remaining buildings paying tribute to the copper mining boomtown days.

Katmai Wilderness Lodge Katmai National Park

On the coast of Katmai's 3.6 million acre wilderness this lodge is remote to maximise the wilderness experience and has a backdrop of soaring mountains and shimmering glaciers. Brown bears are prevalent and there is so much opportunity to view them that it is highly unlikely not to spot them during summer months.

The Historic Skagway Inn Skagway

Soak up the magic of the gold rush era in this historic inn located in downtown Skagway. The owners here have hiked the Chilkoot Trail (in the foot steps of prospectors) on many occasions and are happy to impart their knowledge.

Wildlife

Alaska is famous for its wildlife with opportunities to see Brown Bear, Moose, Dall Sheep and Whales among others.

What to see where.

Anchorage

Flying base for numerous outfitters who take you by air in search of bears and other wildlife, choose either a day trip or overnight stays.

Katmai National Park

Covering almost 4 million acres of wilderness, this is home to the Alaskan Brown Bear.

Kodiak Island

Excellent fishing with plenty of salmon, this in turn attracts the Kodiak Brown Bears which can be up to 500lbs heavier than brown bears found elsewhere.

Glacier Bay National Park

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, home not only to tidewater glaciers but also to whales, mountain goats, seals and many species of birds.

Wrangell

Home to a high concentration of Black Bears Bald Eagles, Harbor Seals and some Brown Bears.

Sitka

Full of Russian history and home to otters, Bald Eagles, Sitka black-tailed deer and many seabirds.

Frederick Sound

One of the best places in Alaska to observe humpback whales

For advice on how best to incorporate these exciting destinations into your itinerary please be sure to discuss this with us.



Holiday details

Costs shown are per person based on two adults sharing one room at the properties named. Ferry crossing on Inlets, Rivers and Wildlife itinerary. Alternative routes and properties can be planned to suit a range of budgets.

Not included:

Scheduled Airlines

Expertly planned flight itineraries with scheduled services of major airlines. Ask about Special Business Class fares for leisure travellers.

Vehicle Rental

Choose from the full range of vehicles including 4x4.

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