



# 12 DAY ALASKAN WILDLIFE ADVENTURE



This 12-day adventure into the Last Frontier focuses on exclusive Wildlife Encounters, spectacular scenery, and the cultures of both Native and Modern Alaska.

- Wildlife Encounters
- Denali National Park
- Whales and Marine Wildlife Viewing
- Glacier Cruise
- Alaska Railroad Tour
- Exclusive Backcountry Wilderness Lodge
- Anchorage Museum of History and Art
- Alaska Native Heritage Center
- Exit Glacier National Park Trek
- Iditarod Adventure and Kennel Tour
- Alaska Sea Life Center
- Portage Lake
- Crow Creek Gold Mine
- Katami National Park Brown Bear Encounter\*
- Salmon Fishing \*
- Horseback Trek \*
- Kenai River Raft \*
- Quality Lodging
- Private Transportation
- Most meals

\*Optional Choices

*This program is designed with an emphasis on Alaska's wildlife and wild places. With our private naturalist guides and customized transportation we'll depart from some of the well-trodden tourist routes and visit places where we are most likely to find Brown and Black Bear, Moose, Caribou, Dahl Sheep, Humpback Whales, Orcas, Mountain Goats, Puffins, Cormorants and a variety of other birds, mammals and other wildlife.*

*In addition to our wildlife adventures we'll also have opportunities to explore Alaska's pristine landscape of towering mountains, picturesque valleys, rushing rivers and boreal forests.*

*We'll experience Alaska's 10,000 year old Native culture and gain an insight into Modern Alaska, its industry and technology. Ample free time has been included to allow us a personal experience as well as an action-packed daily itinerary.*



**Day 1-Wednesday, July 11 - Arrive Anchorage** –Following our arrival at the Ted Stevens International Airport we board the shuttle to our accommodations, for the next two nights, at the **Comfort Inn Ship Creek** which is located in the historic downtown area within walking distance of most major attractions. With a bit of luck we should be able to see King salmon swimming upstream from the hotel terrace. Due to our various arrival times we are on our own for dinner this evening.



**Day 2- Thursday, July 12 -Anchorage** – In the morning we have the option of enjoying two major Anchorage attractions either independently or as a group. The **Alaska Native Heritage Center** is a renowned cultural center and museum, designed to provide us with an understanding of Alaska's first people. Here we share the rich heritage of Alaska's eleven cultural groups and learn about their traditional life styles, the wisdom of their elders and the traditions that have endure. At the **Anchorage Museum of History and Fine Art** we may visit the new Smithsonian wing which displays more than 50,000 native artifacts and exhibits the fine work of Alaskan artists. We may also join a walking tour of the natural history museum. We are on our own for lunch, either in the museum restaurant or at another facility. Our dinner this evening will be at the Glacier Brewhouse Restaurant. B/D



**Day 3 – Friday, July 13 - Anchorage / Denali National Park** – Following an early breakfast we depart for Denali National Park via the Alaska Railroad. It's a full day's journey through the northland and into the high plateaus of the Alaska Range. With panoramic views of Mt. McKinley, we pass small villages and through pristine landscapes. During the journey we relax in fully appointed railcars from which there is access to the bar and dining facilities. **(Please note:** a round trip upgrade to Gold Star service is available for an additional \$220 per person). Following our late afternoon arrival we are met and transferred to the **Denali Cabins Resort**. Our accommodations here are in nicely appointed cedar cabins, surrounded by the boreal forest. Here we may submerge ourselves in hot tubs, take a casual walk and get our first exposure to Denali's nature. We are on our own for lunch on the train but our dinner will be at a local restaurant. B/D



**Day 4 - Saturday, July 14 - Denali National Park** – In the morning we may explore the surrounding of our accommodations on our own. In the afternoon we meet our park guide and join him/her on coach ride through Denali National Park to Kanitsha and our remote wilderness lodge. Along the way we should get our first looks at some of Alaska's "big four"- grizzlies, moose, caribou, and Dahl sheep. We'll stop for wildlife, photo ops and at times when our naturalist guide identifies and interprets various plants, animals and geological features. Upon arrival at **the Denali Backcountry Lodge** we'll check in, enjoy dinner and then assemble for an evening of presentations and activities. We are on our own for lunch at the Denali Cabins



Resort but there will be snacks, water and soft drinks available during our coach ride. Our dinner this evening will be in the Backcountry Lodge Dining room. B/D



**Day 5 - Sunday, July 15 - Denali** – With magnificent Mt. McKinley as the backdrop, we have a full day to participate in the natural history activities offered by the lodge. Wildlife abounds and we may join a guided hike into the pristine wilderness, participate in a naturalist-led program, pan for gold, go mountain biking or get that priceless photo opportunity. Activities are scheduled individually giving each of us an opportunity for a personal and customized experience. We have the entire day to safely experience this rarely visited and secluded part of Alaska. B/L/D

**Day 6 - Monday, July 16 - Denali / Anchorage** –

Following breakfast our transfer, to the Denali train depot by motor coach, provides additional wildlife viewing and photo opportunities. The afternoon train ride, back to Anchorage, takes the southern route giving us another opportunity to view the spectacular landscape from a totally different perspective. We'll arrive fairly late this evening and check back in at the Ship Creek Comfort Inn. B



**Day 7 - Tuesday, July 17 - Anchorage / Seward** – Early this morning we depart by motor coach for the historic seacoast town of Seward. Here we board a 150' yacht for an exclusive full day guided cruise of **Kenai Fjords National Park** which should provide some spectacular views of both marine and terrestrial wildlife. With a bit of luck we should be able to see Humpback whales, an occasional gray whale, orcas, Dahl porpoise, seals and sea lions, sea otters and an assortment of sea birds including Alaska's famous Puffin. Chance encounters with mountain goats and black bears on the towering cliffs and shoreline add to the excitement. As we venture into the fjords we should get a close up view of calving glaciers and stunning views of the Harding Ice field. The cruise includes a superb buffet lunch. Following our cruise there should be time to wander the harbor and marina prior to shuttling over for dinner at Ray's Waterfront restaurant. Our accommodations are at the **Windsong Lodge**, a wilderness style lodge located at the entrance to Exit Glacier National Park. B/L/D



**Day 8 – Wednesday, July 18 - Seward** – We have a full day of scheduled activities which include a guided visit to a working dog mushing kennel. Our guides are Iditarod Race mushers, their families, and staff. Here we'll have an opportunity to play with the puppies and learn about the "Last Great Race." We may also go on a dog-sled ride through the forest. We then hike into Exit Glacier Valley on a self-guided gentle or more strenuous hike to the base of Exit Glacier. Here we view this magnificent cobalt blue glacier from a vantage point where we can almost touch the ice. This is bear country and the occasional sightings and encounters add to the excitement. Our lunch today is at Christo's Palace after which we walk across the street to the Alaska Sea Life Center. Here we join a staff member on a behind-the-scenes tour of the marine biological laboratories and rehabilitation center. Our accommodations are again at the Windsong Lodge B/L/D



**Day 9 - Thursday, July 19 - Seward / Cooper Landing** – Today another adventure presents itself. Unique to this program, we have an early morning departure for Cooper Landing where we may choose one of three exciting adventures.



These are 1) a half-day guided drift boat fishing charter during which we may catch a trophy salmon, trout, or Dolly Varden; 2) depart on an exciting, but mild, white water, educational, and entertaining river raft tour of the Kenai River\* or 3) a horseback ride into the high country in search of wildlife and awesome mountain and lake views.



After our individually chosen adventure, we'll check in, for the night, at **Drifter's Lodge**, a traditional "fish camp" style lodge on the banks of the Kenai River. Each of these choices is a half-day adventure allowing us to enjoy the serene surroundings of Cooper Landing - relax at the lodge, take a casual hike, or explore the historic village. Breakfast for those selecting the rafting and horseback ride activities will be at a local restaurant



in Cooper Landing. Those who select the fishing trip will have a sack breakfast en route. Lunch is included with our adventure and dinner this evening is at the lodge in Cooper Landing. B/L/D

\* On rare occasions the raft trip may be on the Russian River instead of the Kenai River.

**Day 10 – Friday, July 20 - Cooper Landing / Anchorage** - After breakfast we return to Anchorage in our private motor coach with a stop in Portage Valley with Portage Lake and its surrounding glaciers. Here we'll have several hours of free time to explore the lakefront, hike to the nearby glacier and visit the local National Park Visitor Center. Our lunch is at the world famous Portage Lake Lodge. In the afternoon we'll journey further north along the Turnagain Arm to the Village of Girdwood and visit the historic Crow Creek Gold Mine. Again we should have ample time to wander through this historic mining compound and maybe do a bit of gold-panning along the creek where gold nuggets are still being discovered by recreational miners and panners. Late in the afternoon we arrive back at the **Comfort Inn Ship Creek** in Anchorage. We are on our own for dinner this evening. B/L



**Day 11 - Saturday, July 21 - Anchorage** – We have the option of returning home today (program cost is reduced by \$125) or we may elect to spend the day in Anchorage shopping or visiting some of the city's art galleries, fur stores or enjoy some of the finest restaurants in Alaska. Those of us interested in a bit more activity may bike the coastal trail (\$10 per person) or hike up to Flattop Mountain (must take a cab to the trail head). B



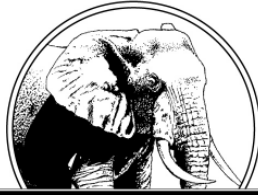
**Note:** An optional full day Bear Viewing Adventure to Katmai National Park is available for \$975 per person. This excursion visits Brooks Falls, which is world-renowned for its Alaskan Brown Bears. Here we should be able to watch these, the largest of the world's carnivores, fish for spawning salmon from elevated viewing platforms and boardwalks. Upon arrival at Katmai National Park, National Park rangers give a safety briefing and a box lunch is included. An early morning departure starts the approximately 12 hour day that includes a scenic 3 hour flight each way. Bear viewing includes walking on relatively flat paths. Although a self-guided trip, National Park Rangers are readily available to answer questions.

**Day 12 – Sunday, July 22 - Anchorage / Cincinnati** – After breakfast and depending on the time we must be back at the airport, there may be time to visit another Anchorage landmark before transferring to the airport. If it happens to be a weekend the marketplace is open and we may visit the flower gardens of Town Square or get in some last minute souvenir shopping. Luggage storage and our airport transfer are included by arrangement with our hotel. B

*The Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden's Alaska Wildlife Adventure program includes all airport transfers, all transportation between cities, villages, remote lodges and all activities listed in the preceding itinerary. Guided tours included in this package are at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art, the Alaska Railroad Adventure to and from Denali National Park, the Denali Park Wildlife Tour, Kenai Fjords Wildlife and Glacier Cruise, Iditaride Dog Sledding Adventure and Kennel Tour and at the Alaska Sea Life Center Behind-the-Scenes Tour. Additionally included is a choice of one Cooper Landing adventure: sport fishing, rafting, or horseback riding. Self-guided tours include the Alaska Native Heritage Center, Exit Glacier National Park Trek, Portage Valley, Lake and Glacier, and Crow Creek Mine. This program includes all admission and fees to all included guided and self-guided tours. Included meals are indicated by B-breakfast, L-lunch, and D-dinner. Group meals take place in local quality restaurants where guests are allowed to order from the general menu. A very generous per diem amount is awarded daily allowing participants to satisfy personal taste and choice. In the unlikely event that charges exceed the per diem amount, individuals are billed at the end of the tour. The allocated amount for meals does not include alcoholic beverages.*

*This package does not include round trip airfare to Anchorage, personal expenses, or tips to guides on the included tours. Gratuities for transfer drivers are included. To spare confusion and possible embarrassment, your tour manager will inform you daily of included tips. All other gratuities are at the sole-discretion of the traveler in line with their level of personal satisfaction with the quality of the service provided.*





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**REGISTRATION, TERMS & CONDITIONS**

Travel program name: **Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden History, Culture and Wildlife of Alaska** \_Departs, July 11, 2012.  
Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ as ( ) deposit ( ) full payment ( ) final payment for a total of \_\_\_\_\_ persons on the travel program indicated above. To reserve space on this travel program a non-refundable \$600 per person deposit is required on or before December 1, 2011.

A subsequent deposit of \$2725 is required on or before January 25 and a final payment of \$3570 is due on or before May 7. The total cost of this 12-day travel program is \$6795 per person based on double occupancy. Deposits may be charged to Master Card, Visa or American Express (see attached CC authorization form) but subsequent payments for this travel program must be made by check or money order. **Please note:** the cost of this travel program is based on a minimum of 10 full fare participants and may be increased for a smaller group. Although we make every effort to find suitable roommates for each participant, the single supplement will be charged for any single for which no suitable roommate is available.

**Accommodations Requested:**

- ( ) Double - based on two persons sharing a room ( ) Smoking ( ) Non-Smoking. Name of roommate if known \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) Single - based on one person occupying a room (adds \$1375 to program cost)
- ( ) Alaska Rail Gold Star Service (adds \$220 per person to the program cost)
- ( ) Full day bear viewing adventure to Katmai National Park (adds \$975 per person to the program cost).

**NAMES:** (Please Print)-NAME AS ON YOUR PASSPORT (Please attach a photocopy of the picture page from your passport.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Office) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT IS INCLUDED:** Services of World Discovery Safaris, accommodations, meals, activities, rail and overland transportation in Alaska as per this itinerary, taxes, entrance fees to parks and sites visited.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Costs of air to and from Anchorage, Alaska, excess baggage charges, travel insurance, and items of a personal nature, including souvenirs, excursions, meals and services that are not listed in this travel program itinerary, alcoholic beverages and drinks that are not included with meals, tips to your bus drivers and guides, laundry, faxes, e-mails, and telephone calls.

**CANCELLATION:** Regardless of the reason, a cancellation fee of \$600 per person will apply once the deposit has been made. All cancellations must be submitted in writing to World Discovery Safaris and are effective only upon their receipt in our office. Cancellations received one hundred twenty (120) days or less prior to the departure date are subject to additional cancellation fees based on penalties passed on to us by the motor coach company, airline, rail company, hotel and/or other vendors. No refunds will be given for unused services, including, but not limited to scheduled activities, meals, accommodations and airport transfer.

Make check payable to:  
**World Discovery Safaris**  
 2830 Acton Place  
 Birmingham, AL 35243  
 205-972-8733

**Please Read and Complete Other Side**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS** - World Discovery Safaris and our representatives agree to work for you in the making of reservations and/or other arrangements with travel service providers on the following terms: We do not own, manage, control or operate any of the travel service providers with whom we make your travel arrangements. We are an agent for certain travel service providers, including inbound operators and air carriers. We make your travel arrangements with these travel service providers in accordance with their terms and conditions. Should you have any questions concerning these, please contact either the travel service provider or your World Discovery Safaris service representative.

All coupons, exchange orders, receipts, contracts and tickets issued by us or a travel service provider are subject to the applicable tariffs as well as any terms or conditions imposed by the travel services provider. We are not responsible for events of *force majeure*, such as adverse weather conditions, terrorist acts, political instability or for inadequate visas or passports. Any and all controversies, claims or disputes of any nature arising before, on and after the date of this agreement and claims brought by or against the client, this travel agency, or a third party, shall be settled by a single arbitrator in Birmingham, Alabama in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. You acknowledge that this agreement involves interstate commerce.

Our sole knowledge and expertise on which you may rely is in the making of travel arrangements. In the case of all travel arrangements the contract in use by the provider of such transportation or lodging, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and such travel supplier. World Discovery Safaris reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the trip prior to departure and to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the group if their actions impose upon or disturb the other members of the group. The right is also reserved to amend the itinerary should it be found necessary for the benefit of the members of the group or for other reasons. By accepting these travel arrangements you confirm that you have read this agreement and understand that it is the sum total of our agreement with you and supersedes all prior arrangements or understandings. This agreement cannot be changed except in writing and signed by Richard Mills, President, World Discovery Safaris.

**AIRLINE SCHEDULES AND LAND ARRANGEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS:** To enjoy your travels to the fullest, you should be in good physical and mental health. Any physical or mental condition requiring special attention or treatment must be reported in writing, to World Discovery Safaris and the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden when the reservation is made. World Discovery Safaris reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in their sole judgment, in such physical or mental condition as to be incapable of group travel, or who may require care and attention beyond that which World Discovery Safaris can provide.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Passenger Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Person to contact in case of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship (please identify as spouse, child, parent, neighbor, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

List any disability or special health care needs that may affect your ability to fully participate in this travel program:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List any allergies, including food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

List the names of any medications you are currently taking: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

By my /our signature(s) below I/we certify that I/we have read, understand and accept the terms of the "Cancellations" and "Terms and Conditions" paragraphs included on this document.

I. I / we hereby release World Discovery Safaris, the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden and their staff and tour escorts from liability in case of accident or illness while I /we am /are participating in this trip and do further agree to absolve World Discovery Safaris and their staff from all responsibility for all loss, damage or expense which I /we may incur by reason of any such accident or illness.

II. I / we shall be responsible for all uninsured medical expenses.

III. I / we hereby authorize necessary hospitalization and/or treatment while I /we am /are participating in this trip.

IV. I / we understand that weather conditions and other circumstances may necessitate changes in the scheduled activities of this travel program.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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### Authorization for Credit Card Use

Credit Card Type \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Issuing Bank \_\_\_\_\_  
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Authorized charge amount in USD \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize World Discovery Safaris to charge the above amount to my credit card for the purpose of making a deposit to hold space on Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden's **History, Culture and Wildlife of Alaska** program for the above named passengers.

Confirmation Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach legible copies of your credit card, driver's license and of the photo page from your passport.

Fax this filled out form and copies of the other documents to 205-972-8742  
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