

# Alaska

## June 2012



**30 May**

Depart London Heathrow and arrive into Anchorage via Houston with Continental in economy class. Transfer to the Hawthorn Suites. A pleasant 3 story hotel set in spacious grounds located downtown close to shops and the Anchorage Museum.

**Depart / Anchorage**

**31 May**

Transfer to the airport for a morning flight from Anchorage to Juneau for 2 nights at the Goldbelt Hotel. Juneau, the capital city of Alaska, is located 14 miles from the Alaskan Marine Highway. Probably the only capital that you cannot reach by road, Juneau is heavily reliant on the sea. Surrounded by high mountain peaks and overlooking the Gastineau Channel the city has an enviable location. Marine life can be seen close to shore; walking trails take you through colourful meadows and up into the nearby temperate rainforest. Transfer on arrival to the Goldbelt Hotel. Located facing the waterfront in downtown Juneau the 105 room Goldbelt Hotel is in close proximity to most major attractions. The hotel lobby and the Chinook's restaurant feature a permanent display of museum-quality traditional Alaskan native artwork.

**Anchorage / Juneau**



**01 Jun**



Full day tour of Glacier Bay (lunch included). Glacier Bay is a stunning national park, 10 colourful glaciers spread out across the mountain range and then deposit large chunks of blue ice in the waters below. Orca and Humpback Whales are often seen here along with over 200 different species of bird. The tour includes transfers, round trip flights and an 8 hour cruise – the best way to experience the grandeur and beauty of Glacier Bay!

**Juneau**

**02 Jun**

Morning whale watching adventure. Depart from Auke bay and search for whales in Favorite Channel, Stephens Passage, Lynn Canal or Saginaw Channel. The highlight of this 3 hour tour is the humpback whales feeding in the nutrient rich waters. You will also have a chance of seeing bald eagles, seals and sea lions.

**Juneau / Anchorage**



Transfer to the airport and fly to Anchorage for 1 night and transfer to the Hawthorn Suites. Alaska's largest and most important city. There are a number of interesting ethnographical museums, plenty of parks and green spaces, interesting markets and a friendly feel that you would not normally expect from a principal city. Hiking trails leave the city and go up into the surrounding mountains, where the views of Anchorage and Mount McKinley are superb.

**03 Jun**

Transfer to the station and depart Anchorage at 0645 and arrive into Seward at 1105 on the Coastal Classic Train. The Alaska Railroad allows you roll leisurely across, up, over and through some of Alaska's most pristine wilderness from the comfort of a seat in the luxury class upper-level dome car. There are complimentary non alcoholic beverages and a private outdoor viewing deck.

**Anchorage / Seward**





Afternoon tour of Kenai Fjords National Park (includes lunch). South-west from Anchorage, the 600,000 acre Kenai Fjords National Park has at its heart the magnificent 300 square mile Harding Ice field. One of only four remaining ice fields in the US, there are approximately thirty glaciers feeding off the frozen waters, all of which are slowly receding. Varying in size, the easiest way to appreciate the scale and rugged beauty of the glaciers is by boat (Includes lunch).

Drop off at the Holiday Inn Express in Seward. Overlooking the Small Boat Harbour the hotel offers access to the historic downtown district brimming with galleries, cafes and restaurant.

**04 Jun**

**Seward / Anchorage**

Day at leisure in Seward. Depart Seward on 1800 and arrive into Anchorage at 2215 on the Coastal Classic Train (Dome car). Transfer for 2 nights at the Hawthorn Suites.

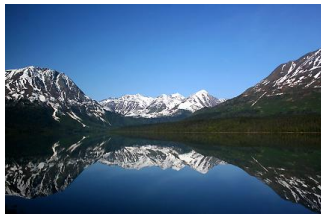
**05 Jun**

**Juneau / Anchorage**

Transfer to Anchorage for onward flight at 1000 and arrive into Whittier at 1220 on the Glacier Discovery Train. From here take a cruise of Prince William Sound. Cruise through the calm, protected waters of Prince William Sound and come face to face with towering masses of ice, migratory whales and stunning Alaskan scenery (lunch included). There are over 26 named glaciers and many more unnamed! In the evening catch a return train back to Anchorage arriving at 2115.

**06 Jun**

**Anchorage / Denali**



Depart Anchorage at 0815 and arrive into Denali at 1545 on the Denali Star Train (Dome car). Easily accessible from Fairbanks to the north or Anchorage to the south, Denali is a wonderful national park. The scenery is varied, however the main reason visitors flock here is to view North America's highest peak, Mount McKinley. Soaring over 20,000 feet, the snow and glacier covered mountain dominates Denali and will, on clear days, be your constant companion. Classified as a sub-arctic desert, Denali has many rare plants and an abundance

of wildlife. Brown Bears roam the six million acre park, along with moose, Dall Sheep, caribou and wolves. Hiking trails exist all over Denali allowing you to get up close to the rich flora and fauna.

2 nights at the Grande Denali Lodge. Located one mile north of the Denali Park entrance, the Grande Denali Lodge is situated atop a hillside overlooking the entire Denali Canyon. This lodge has 169 well appointed rooms with unsurpassed views of the Alaskan Range. (Canyon view room).



**07 Jun**

**Denali**

Full day tour of Denali National Park (includes lunch).

**08 Jun**

**Denali / Anchorage**

Morning at leisure before returning to Anchorage on the Denali Star Train arriving into Anchorage at 2000. (Dome car). Transfer to the Hawthorn Suites.

**09 Jun**

**Anchorage / Depart**

Transfer to Anchorage Airport for an overnight flight via Houston with Continental in economy class.

**10 Jun**

Arrive back into London Heathrow.



The per person cost for the above itinerary in a double room would be **£4295.**

The above price includes:

- International flights with Continental in economy class.
- Internal flights as listed in economy class.
- Hotel accommodation as listed.
- Activities as listed.
- Transfers.

The above price does not include:

- Local departure taxes.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future airport tax or fuel surcharges.
- Any future exchange rate surcharges.

**Please note:** This is a quotation only valid for 7-days only from the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011. All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.

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