



Glaciers & Grizzlies Adventure

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Trip Highlights

FLY in a floatplane and spend the day observing bears in a wild and remote National Park location.

LAND in a helicopter on a glacier, meet Alaskan sled dogs, and go for a comfortable ride across the ice & snow with brilliant views.

VIEW puffins, otters, sea lions—and maybe even humpback whales and orcas—in between tidewater glaciers on a small-boat cruise in Kenai Fjords National Park.

SEE three National Parks on foot and by boat, plane, and kayak.

ENJOY fresh and delicious Alaskan meals inspired by local flavors, coupled with local beverages.

VISIT Homer — a small, charming city on Kachemak Bay known as the halibut fishing capital of the world.

KAYAK through turquoise waters teeming with wildlife.

EXPLORE hidden coves and beaches in Kachemak Bay State Park on a private excursion, and enjoy a charcuterie lunch in nature.



Tour Dates

2026 Departures

~~June 30 - July 8, 2026~~ — Full
July 6 - July 14, 2026
~~July 10 - July 18, 2026~~ — Full
~~July 16 - July 24, 2026~~ — Full
July 20 - July 28, 2026
~~July 26 - August 3, 2026~~ — Full
July 30 - August 7, 2026
August 5 - August 13, 2026

2027 Departures

June 20 - 28, 2027
June 26 - July 4, 2027
June 30 - July 8, 2027
July 6 - 14, 2027
~~July 10 - 17, 2027~~ — Full
July 16 - 24, 2027
~~July 20 - 28, 2027~~ — Full
July 26 - August 3, 2027
July 30 - August 7, 2027
August 5 - 13, 2027
August 9 - 17, 2027
August 15 - 23, 2027

Tour Price

\$10,995 USD per person (double occupancy), plus 3.49% Kenai Borough Tax.

A Single Supplement of \$1,595 USD added for solo travelers. This covers the increased operational costs without markup.

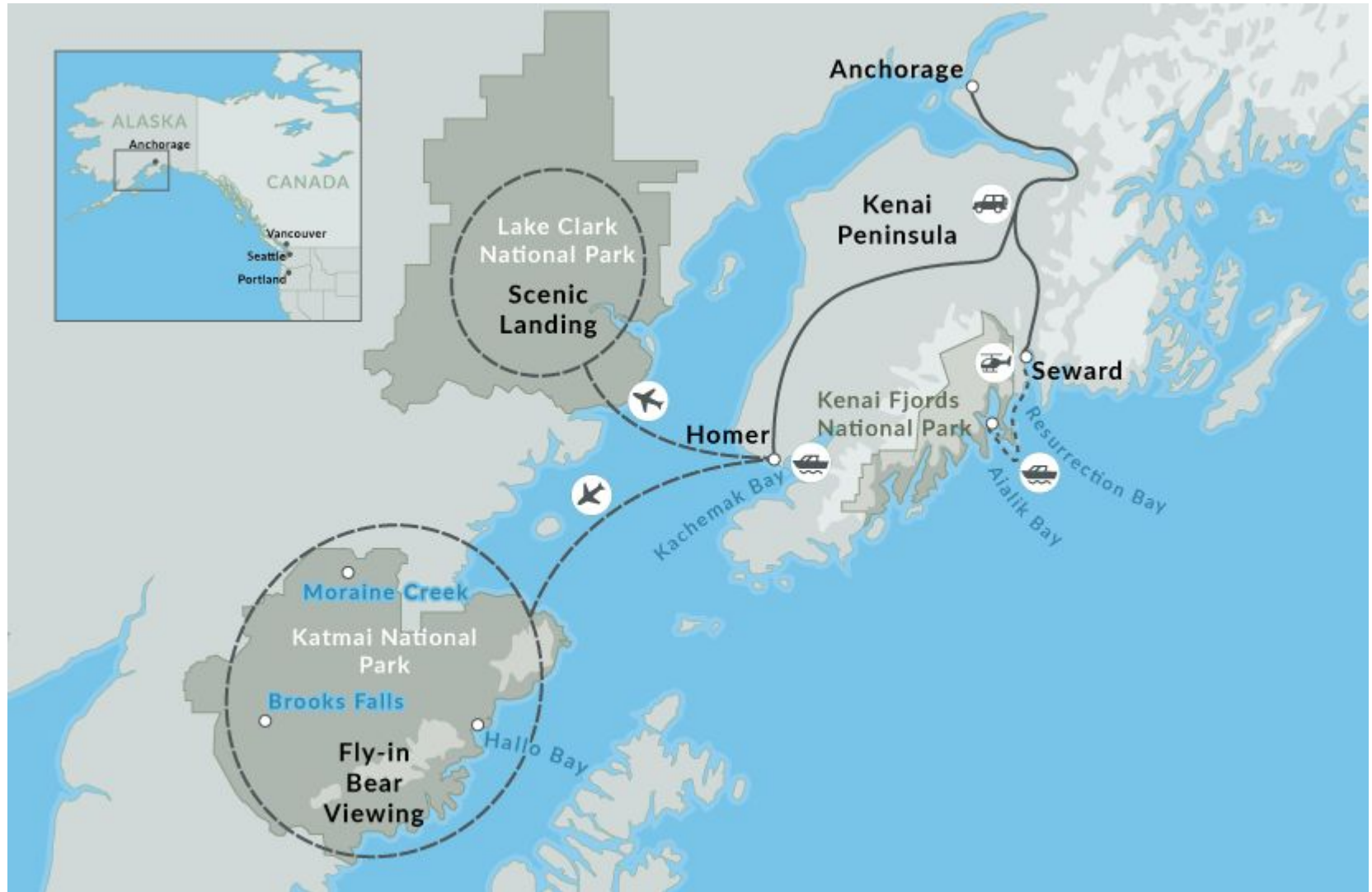


What's Included

- Accommodations for 8 nights
- All transportation to and from Anchorage, Seward, and Homer using our comfortable, private minibus
- All your guides (24/7 Gondwana guides and activity day guides)
- One day of fly-in bear viewing using a float plane to visit a location in Katmai National Park
- A late afternoon scenic flight w/ a landing to Lake Clark National Park
- All other activities such as: a boat tour and kayaking in Kenai Fjords National Park, helicopter ride, dog mushing, hiking, a hike to view Exit Glacier—and more!
- All meals, except for one lunch on your own

We pay for Carbon Neutralization for each guest to minimize our trip's impact on the environment

Tour Map





TOUR ITINERARY

Note that we reserve the right to slightly alter the itinerary due to seasonality, weather or availability



Day One

When you arrive in Anchorage, meet your guide who will be waiting for you at the airport to bring you to the The Wildbirch Hotel. Please ensure that your flight arrives by 4 PM Alaska time. If you arrive with time to spare, you can unwind at the hotel, enjoy its in-house microbrewery, or head out to explore downtown Anchorage. The Wildbirch Hotel is conveniently located near top attractions like the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, the Anchorage Museum, Ship Creek Overlook Park, and more.

In the evening, join our Meet & Greet, orientation, and a welcome dinner.

Dinner included.

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Alaska was a bucket list item for me and this trip did not disappoint at all. They are a smaller company which means you get a more personal experience and hands on than you do with a lot of the larger ones. The value is incredible with no sacrifice to quality. You don't find that often in travel companies.

- Mike S.



Day Two

Following breakfast, we load up in our private shuttle, make the beautiful drive along Turnagain Arm, enter the Kenai Peninsula, and arrive in Seward, a quaint coastal town on Resurrection Bay. We'll have lunch in town and after splitting into smaller groups, take turns checking into our accommodations and going for a helicopter ride*.

Following a short and incredibly scenic flight, we land at a dog sledding camp on a remote glacier! The mushers greet us there and introduce us to their friendly Alaskan huskies. We'll load up on sleds and go for a loop on the snow, surrounded by a gorgeous backdrop of mountains and glaciers. Meeting the affectionate sled dogs is always a big hit!

To cap off our eventful day, we'll enjoy a dinner at the lodge.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.

**Due to operational restrictions, individual helicopter passengers, including footwear and clothing, cannot weigh more than 290 pounds.*





Day Three

This full-day tour provides an up-close experience with a tidewater glacier. Your day begins in Resurrection Bay with a wildlife tour aboard a small boat. Watch for humpback whales, orcas, sea lions, harbor seals, puffins, bald eagles, porpoises, and more. A boxed lunch is provided.

Upon reaching a remote bay, the guides provide basic paddling instructions and a safety briefing before we paddle amidst some of the most spectacular scenery in Alaska. We use stable tandem (two-person) kayaks*, which allows both novices and experts to kayak comfortably. We'll paddle in turquoise waters near small icebergs and observe a towering glacier from a safe distance of half a mile away. The views, sounds of cracking ice, and chance wildlife encounters make the 2-3 hour kayaking experience magical!

For those who prefer staying onboard the boat instead of kayaking, you can enjoy your time taking in the views and relaxing.

We'll return to the hotel for some rest before heading out to dinner at a local restaurant.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.



**Due to the size of the kayaks, paddlers taller than 6'5" and/or with waist sizes wider than 44" may not fit comfortably or at all.*



Day Four

Following breakfast at the lodge, we drive to the famous Exit Glacier. This beautiful glacier is located at the edge of the Harding Icefield and measures about four square miles.

We walk to the glacier overlook, stopping along the way to make brief observations. The trail is a vivid journey into natural history, and we'll see how the vegetation has rebounded and flourished in response to the gradual melting and recession of the glacier.

After taking in the impressive views at the terminus, we loop back on the trail, before heading back to town to relax or explore. Dinner will be at a local restaurant.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.



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My husband and I just returned from Gondwana's Glaciers and Grizzlies tour, and we can't stop smiling. This was the trip of a lifetime! We were immersed in the Alaska experience with a wonderful group of tour mates. We are so glad we chose Gondwana, and look forward to traveling with them again.”

- Desirae R.

Day Five

After breakfast we enjoy a scenic drive to Homer, stopping along the way for views. We may spot eagles, moose, or even a brown bear during the drive. We'll enjoy lunch near the famous and picturesque Kenai River. Upon arriving at Homer in the late afternoon, we'll check into our hotel, which will be our home for the rest of our adventure.

If the weather is safe for flying, we'll embark on a scenic flight to a remote wilderness lake in one of the stunning parks of the Kenai Peninsula. We'll spend about an hour by the lake, surrounded by spectacular scenery before returning to the hotel for dinner and relaxation.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.

Day Six

After breakfast, we head to the nearby runway for our day of bear viewing. In clear weather, these flights* are incredibly scenic and a highlight in and of itself. As much as we'd like to plan and guarantee a specific destination, we go where the bears are active.

Our journey may lead us to windswept sedge meadows beneath glacial peaks, across the vast subarctic tundra, into ancient volcanic valleys, along the shores of shimmering glacial lakes, or through historic sites steeped in cultural heritage.

**The floatplanes are not certified for passengers weighing more than 280 lbs (including footwear and clothing) at the time of the flight. All passengers will be weighted with personal belongings prior to boarding. With advance notice, we can organize separate experiences for those who are unable to fly."*

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Day Six continued

In some locations, we'll be outfitted with wading pants to cross shallow streams as needed—allowing us to reach places very few people get to access. The guided outing may involve 2 to 4 miles of walking on uneven terrain over 4 to 5 hours, with plenty of time for photography and quiet observation. The exact destination depends on which location has the best bear viewing potential and the clearest weather that day. All of the locations in Katmai National Park (and sometimes Lake Clark National Park) are fantastic! We'll bring along a bagged lunch. Upon our return, we'll enjoy dinner featuring fresh local seafood.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.

Day Seven

Today is an expedition day! After breakfast, we board a chartered boat in the local harbor and head out to explore Kachemak Bay State Park. The captain has years of local knowledge in Kachemak Bay and our day varies based on where we're most likely to encounter wildlife. We may observe sea otters, seals, porpoises, and maybe even whales! While we're cruising the bay, you may see many different birds including eagles, puffins, and gyrfalcons. We often stop by Gull Island, which is known for its many perched and nesting shorebirds.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.



Day Eight

Today is about relaxation and exploration. After breakfast, enjoy a guided nature walk along trails with views of Kachemak Bay and the Kenai Mountains, discovering more about the area's unique flora and fauna. Today is also a back-up day for bear-viewing in the chance that we face inclement weather on Day Six.

After, you'll have free time to explore the famous Homer Spit, a 4.5-mile piece of land jutting out into Kachemak Bay. The Spit is home to a host of quirky shops, restaurants, and a lively harbor. Lunch is on your own today—there are lots of options—and your guides are always happy to make recommendations!

Tonight is our farewell dinner, highlighting local Alaskan ingredients.

Breakfast & Dinner included.

Day Nine

Today we say goodbye and head our separate ways. Sit back and enjoy the drive back to Anchorage, stopping for some scenic vistas along the way, time allowing. We'll all leave with lasting memories, new friends, and some incredible photos!

Depending on your departure day, you may be dropped off either at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC) or your hotel.

Breakfast & Lunch included.





ACCOMMODATIONS

The Wildbirch Hotel

Night 1

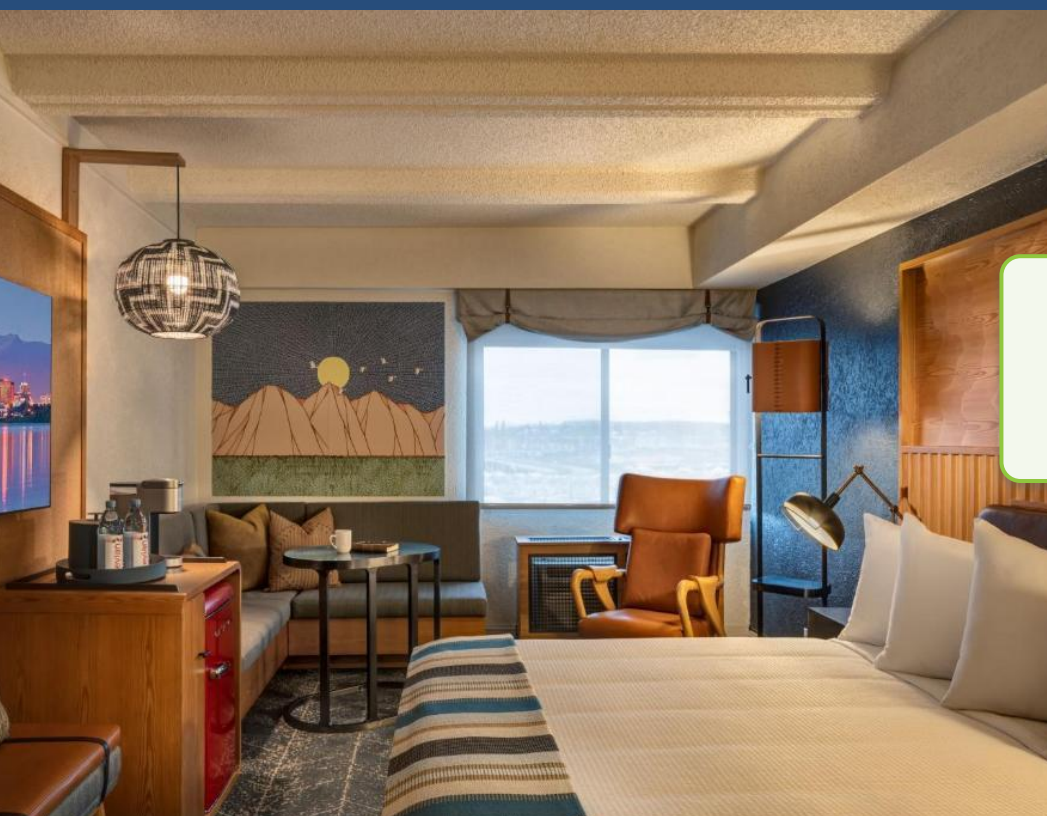
The Wildbirch Hotel, recently renovated to feature rooms inspired by the spirit of Alaska, offers a chic and relaxing stay in downtown Anchorage.

All rooms come equipped with comforts including a coffee maker, fridge, flat screen TV, and more. You can enjoy meals at the hotel's Crimson Restaurant, sample craft brews at its microbrewery, or simply unwind after a day of exploring.

The hotel is a brief walk away from the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, featuring 11 miles of paved paths with views of Cook Inlet and Spurr Volcano. Explore nearby art galleries and cultural highlights like the Anchorage Museum and Ulu Factory. The downtown area also offers a variety of dining options from casual restaurants to fine dining with scenic views and local flavors.

As is common with boutique hotels, room sizes and views often differ within the same property. Please note that we assign guest rooms on a first-come, first-served basis. No exceptions.

**We reserve accommodations for our tours up to two years in advance. However, in rare cases, hotels or lodges may overbook, change ownership, or no longer meet our quality standards. If this happens, we reserve the right to provide a suitable alternative of similar quality. We will notify you via email if we need to change your accommodations. Thank you in advance for your understanding and flexibility.*



Resurrection Lodge

Nights 2-4

Resurrection Lodge is located on Seward's Lowell Point, overlooking the bay and the Chugach Mountains. Recharge after a long day in their cozy beds, and relax on their deck to look for wildlife like whales, sea otters, sea lions, and eagles soaring overhead. Guests love the views from the deck and the scenic location.



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We just finished the most amazing trip to Alaska! The Glaciers and Grizzlies Adventure was more than we hoped for. We had the opportunity to see a lot of wildlife—bears, eagles, otters, seals, seal lions, moose, whales, puffins, etc. I highly recommend this tour and this company. This is our second trip with Gondwana and we are looking forward to our next one.

- Mark & Debbie D.

Ocean House Inn & The White House Inn

Nights 5-8

Homer's Ocean House Inn & The White House Inn are twin properties with just twelve rooms.

Beautifully located right on the bluff overlooking Cook Inlet and the Kenai Mountains, each room has private entrances and Kachemak Bay views. The rooms were recently renovated and include comfortable beds, ensuite bathrooms, and sitting areas for relaxation.

We gather outside on the expansive lawn for meals and briefings, in a large event tent, or inside if the weather is wet.



Restaurants

The Kannery

Driven by a desire to use fresh and often local ingredients, and crafting new and clever versions of classic dishes, The Kannery is one of Homer's most exciting restaurants. Some of their offerings include Alaskan shrimp dumplings, Kachemak Bay cioppino, grilled tenderloin, and alder smoked burgers. They also concoct exciting craft cocktails and mocktails!

Ray's Waterfront

Since 1988, Ray's Waterfront has been a family-run favorite in Seward, known for its fresh-caught seafood, local ingredients, and stunning harbor views.

Flamingo Lounge

The Flamingo Lounge is Seward's first and only craft cocktail lounge. Voted best bar in Alaska in 2023, the Flamingo Lounge is Seward's spot for inventive cocktails and great food in a beautifully restored historic building.



Note that these are sample restaurants that we often visit on this tour and not guaranteed visits.



Our Guides

We work with a carefully selected crew of expert guides. Our guides know this part of Alaska very well and are familiar with the area's geography, natural history, flora, fauna, and some also have in-depth knowledge about the Alaska Natives' history and customs. All of our guides are personable, professional, courteous, friendly, and excited to show our guests some of the most incredible parts of Alaska. All of our guides are vetted, trained, and hold relevant certifications such as CDL, Wilderness Medicine, and / or First Responder.

We typically assign guides to specific departure dates a few months out and you'll receive more information about your specific guide or guides before you travel. For tours with less than eight guests we typically have one guide. On tours with nine to eighteen guests, we have two guides.



GENERAL INFORMATION

FAQ

Is this trip for me?

- Our Glaciers & Grizzlies Adventure requires moderate mobility and physical fitness. You should be able to walk at least four miles unassisted, walk on uneven terrain without established trails, enter and exit large vehicles without assistance, and be physically capable of climbing up and down short stairs or ladders and wading in up to two feet (0.61 meters) of water to enter and exit a small aircraft. Since we'll spend time on water, guests should feel comfortable on boats and floatplanes. The ability to participate in light kayaking will also add to one's experience.

Please note that the minimum age for all of our tours is 12. Some activities may also have specific age restrictions. However, we may be able to make exceptions in certain cases. For more information or to inquire about younger participants, please email our Guest Services department at info@gondwanaecotours.com.

Weight & height limitations

- Unfortunately, there are some weight and height limitations on this tour. Guests taller than 6'5" and/or with waist sizes of more than 44" may not fit in the tandem kayaks. The seats used in the bear viewing planes are only rated for individuals weighing less than 280 lbs (including footwear and clothing). Similarly, the helicopter is not rated to fly with passengers who weight more than 290 lbs (including footwear and clothing). If you exceed these weight restrictions and let us know in advance, we can offer alternate activities.

Where do we go bear viewing?

- Where food leads, the bear follows — and so do we. Within Katmai and Lake Clark National Park, there are many incredible destinations to explore. Where we go depends on the time of summer and the bears' behavior. We partner with world-class operators to provide an exceptional experience, always prioritizing safety and other important factors that can influence your adventure. The final destination is often chosen by your guide and pilot, who carefully assess all conditions to ensure the best possible journey and experience.

FAQ

Can you cater to my dietary restrictions?

- We cater to common dietary restrictions and can accommodate most common diets with advanced notice. After registering for a tour, we provide a Registration Form to collect your dietary information, which we share with our vendors to make necessary accommodations. If you have specific questions about an uncommon dietary restriction, please email our Guest Services department at info@gondwanaecotours.com, and we will explore possible options to match your needs.

Do you offer private tours?

- Yes, our itineraries can be arranged as private tours for small groups from 6-18 people, depending on the season and itinerary. You and your group can travel together on a more personalized trip while still benefiting from the same guides, accommodations, and activities included in our regular departures. To receive more details on dates, pricing, and special requests, please email info@gondwanaecotours.com.

How do I sign up?

- Secure your spots with a \$500 USD per person deposit (via phone, email, or on our [website](#)) that is fully refundable within 30 days of payment, provided the trip is at least 121 days away at the time of cancellation. The remaining balance is due 120 days before the tour departs. Read our complete [Booking Agreement here >](#)
- After signing up, we will send you a confirmation message and valuable information to prepare you for the trip. We will also send you two easy forms to submit with your registration information and flight details.

WHY TRAVEL WITH US?

Our promise is to deliver custom crafted and authentically local travel experiences that send you home with lifelong memories of your unique adventure. We strive to put our values into practice with every Ecotour that we create.

SMALL-GROUP SIZE We limit our group to 16 so you can have a unique and personalized experience.

PROFESSIONAL GUIDES Enjoy the company of guides who share their knowledge about the nature and culture with you for an unbeatable experience. Note that specific guides guiding specific tour dates is never guaranteed.

FIVE-STAR REVIEWS We take pride in our commitment to quality, service, and unforgettable adventures, all of which have earned us glowing reviews from guests. We're honored by the [kind words they share](#) about their positive experiences.

CARBON NEUTRALIZATION We pay for Carbon Neutralization for each guest to minimize your trips impact on the environment.

LOW IMPACT Our ecotours leave a small impression on the environment because of the accommodations, restaurants, small group size of 16, and the activities.

UNIQUE LODGING Feel the heart of the destination by staying at unique hotels that are often locally owned and eco-friendly.

ONE-OF-A-KIND ACTIVITIES Many of our activities have been created by our passionate local guides and our founder exclusively for our guests; you truly cannot get these experiences with any other company.



We hope you'll join us on an upcoming
Glaciers & Grizzlies Adventure!

A \$500 USD per person deposit is all that's needed to reserve this adventure. Contact us via phone or email to reserve your spot!

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