



Alaska: Denali Discovery Adventure

August 25 - September 1, 2027 August 29 - September 5, 2027

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Trip Highlights

EXPLORE Denali National Park and its magnificent surroundings on foot, by river raft, and from plane and helicopter.

FLY over the incredible Alaska Range.

SEE incredible nature and seek wildlife such as moose, bears, eagles, and the iconic Dall sheep.

LAND on a glacier after taking in a bird's eye view of the magnificent peaks, glaciers, and valleys.

RIDE the famed Alaska Railroad from Talkeetna to Denali, taking in fabulous views along the way.

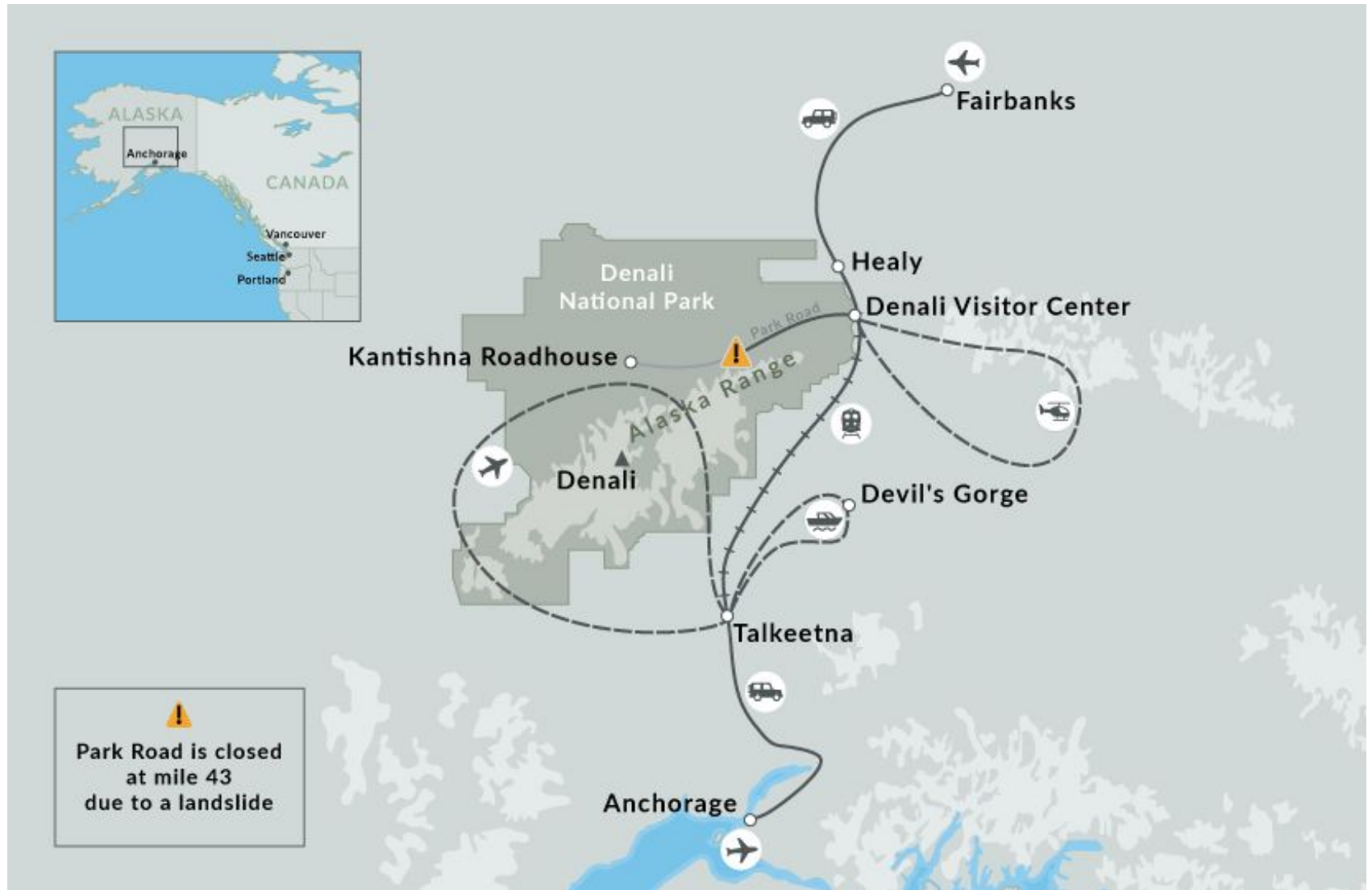
BOARD a motorized boat and explore many miles of remote whitewater and beautiful scenery.

LEARN about Alaska's Indigenous cultures, frontier history, and the powerful forces that shaped North America's tallest mountain.

Tour Dates	Pricing
August 25 - September 1, 2027	\$7,895 USD per person. \$1,045 USD single supplement for a private room is added for solo travelers.
August 29 - September 5, 2027	\$7,895 USD per person. \$1,045 USD single supplement for a private room is added for solo travelers.

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What's Included

- Accommodations for 7 nights
- Transportation by minibus and/or van
- All your guides (24/7 local guides and activity day guides)
- Flightseeing and helicopter experiences over the Alaska Range and Denali National Park
- Train from Talkeetna to Denali with the Alaska Railroad in their GoldStar Service class
- Rafting on the Nenana River and a jet boat cruise on the Susitna River
- Interpretive hikes and wildlife sighting excursions
- Tips for restaurants, activity guides, and hotels are included (except for Gondwana guides)
- All meals

To minimize our trip's impact on the environment we pay to carbon neutralize the entire tour and activities.



TOUR ITINERARY

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

Day One

After arriving at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, meet your guide who will be waiting for you at the airport to bring you to the The Wildbirch Hotel.

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.

Join your guide and fellow travelers for a Meet & Greet in the evening. You'll learn more details about the week ahead and enjoy a welcome dinner.

Dinner Included.

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This company does everything right...the group size, then connections, the activities, the food and the hotels. We are looking forward to more trips with them and have already booked our next one.

- Deanna S.



Day Two

Following breakfast, we'll visit the Native Heritage Center where you'll have the opportunity to learn about the traditional and contemporary ways of Alaska's Indigenous cultures. Explore Native history and culture through art, dance, exhibits, demonstrations, and more.

Then, we'll board our minibus and drive 120 miles north to Talkeetna where we'll depart for a scenic flightseeing experience.

The flight offers an incredible perspective of Mount Denali, which is part of the 300-mile-long Alaska Range. Tectonic plates uplift 20,000 feet of granite rock from the neighboring tundra valleys, creating one of the more dramatic mountain views on the planet. Conditions permitting, we'll land on a glacier, leaving time to walk around and take photos before our return flight.

Afterward, we'll check in at Susitna River Lodge, set along the banks of the Susitna River, with time to unwind and enjoy the peaceful setting.

Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner Included.



Day Three

Following breakfast, we depart for a river adventure on a motorized boat. Over the course of around five hours, we'll cover 130 miles on the river through Denali State Park and into the nationally registered Wild River Park of "Devil's Gorge." This journey offers a safe, dry and comfortable way to experience quite remote whitewater and beautiful scenery. Keep your eyes open for black bears and historic settlements along the river banks.

Upon our return you'll have some free time to relax or explore Talkeetna in the afternoon. We're staying at Susitna River Lodge again tonight and dinner will be nearby.

Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner Included.

Day Four

In the morning, we head to the nearby Alaska Railroad station, where we'll catch an 11:00 am departure. Enjoy a scenic ride beneath glass-dome ceilings, with lunch served as sweeping views unfold before our stop in Denali.

After arrival, we'll visit the Denali National Park Visitor Center, where interpretive exhibits and ranger insights offer a deeper understanding of the Park's wildlife, landscapes, and history—an excellent introduction to the days ahead.

We'll check-in at the lodge where you will have time to settle in and enjoy the stunning views surrounding the property before dinner.

Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner Included.



Day Five

Today, we'll take a helicopter* ride through the peaks and valleys that make up the Denali National Preserve on our way to the Yanert Glacier. Look below for wildlife like caribou, moose, bear, and Dall sheep or keep your eyes on the horizon to enjoy the impressive views of snow-capped peaks and glaciers.

We touch down on a river of ice to enjoy some glacial exploration. Our adventure concludes with a short, yet incredible flight back to our Denali heliport.

In the afternoon, we'll set out to explore the natural wonders of Denali's boreal forest on foot. Listen to the birds, breathe in the fresh forest air, and take in the beauty of the surrounding wilderness at a relaxed pace.

Afterwards, we will return to the lodge for a restful evening.

Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner Included.

**Due to operational restrictions, individual helicopter passengers, including footwear and clothing, cannot weigh more than 400 lbs.*

Day Six

Following breakfast, enjoy meeting and learning about sled dogs during a visit to Husky Homestead at Denali National Park headquarters, the only park in the country with its own sled dogs.

After, we'll board a bus and enter the National Park on an idyllic and informative drive. We'll stop for magnificent views and chance encounters with Denali's "Big Five": grizzly bears, moose, caribou, Dall sheep, and wolves. Due to a major landslide and consequent road closure*, we'll turn around near mile marker 43 and head back to the park entrance.

We return in the late afternoon to Denali Lakeview Inn. Grab a paddle and a friend for some magic hour kayaking around the lake.

Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner Included.

**As of writing, the road's reopening date is scheduled for 2027.*

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My favorite part was getting to experience Alaska with a bunch of strangers. By the end, we were all friends. Did not expect that out of the trip.

Least favorite was leaving, to be honest...every single excursion was full of interesting tidbits that i would never have learned/experienced had I just come on my own.

- Matt F.





Day Seven

After breakfast, enjoy a group walk on the Horseshoe Lake Trail, a scenic 2-mile loop with minimal elevation gain near mile marker 1. The well-maintained trail leads through forested terrain to overlooks above the lake, offering beautiful views of the Nenana River and the surrounding mountains. Along the way, keep an eye out for a beaver dam at nearby Oxbow Lake, and learn how these remarkable animals shape the local ecosystem.

Next, we'll suit up for a rafting adventure on the Nenana River! After a safety briefing, we'll board the rafts. A dry suit* is provided for this trip and the glacial facial is complimentary! This gentle float along Denali's natural boundary passes glacial valleys and panoramic views of Mount Fellows and Flat Top Mountain. You may encounter the occasional rapid but keep your eyes open as you may spot local wildlife along the way!

Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner Included.

Day Eight

Following breakfast, we will board the minibus for a scenic drive to Fairbanks.

Depending on your onward plans, we'll either drop you off at the airport or at a downtown hotel of your choosing. Please plan on departure times for 2 p.m. or later.

Breakfast Included.

**Due to operational restrictions, dry suits only accommodate guests up to 260 lbs or 265 lbs for those 6'4 and taller.*





ACCOMMODATIONS

The Wildbirch Hotel

Night 1

The Wildbirch Hotel is a property located in the heart of downtown Anchorage.

Recently renovated to feature rooms inspired by the spirit of Alaska, enjoy local art and modern comforts for a chic and relaxing stay. All rooms come equipped with a coffee maker, fridge, flat screen TV, and more.



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.



Susitna River Lodge

Nights 2 - 3

The Susitna River Lodge is located on the east bank of Susitna River within walking distance to the historic village center of Talkeetna.

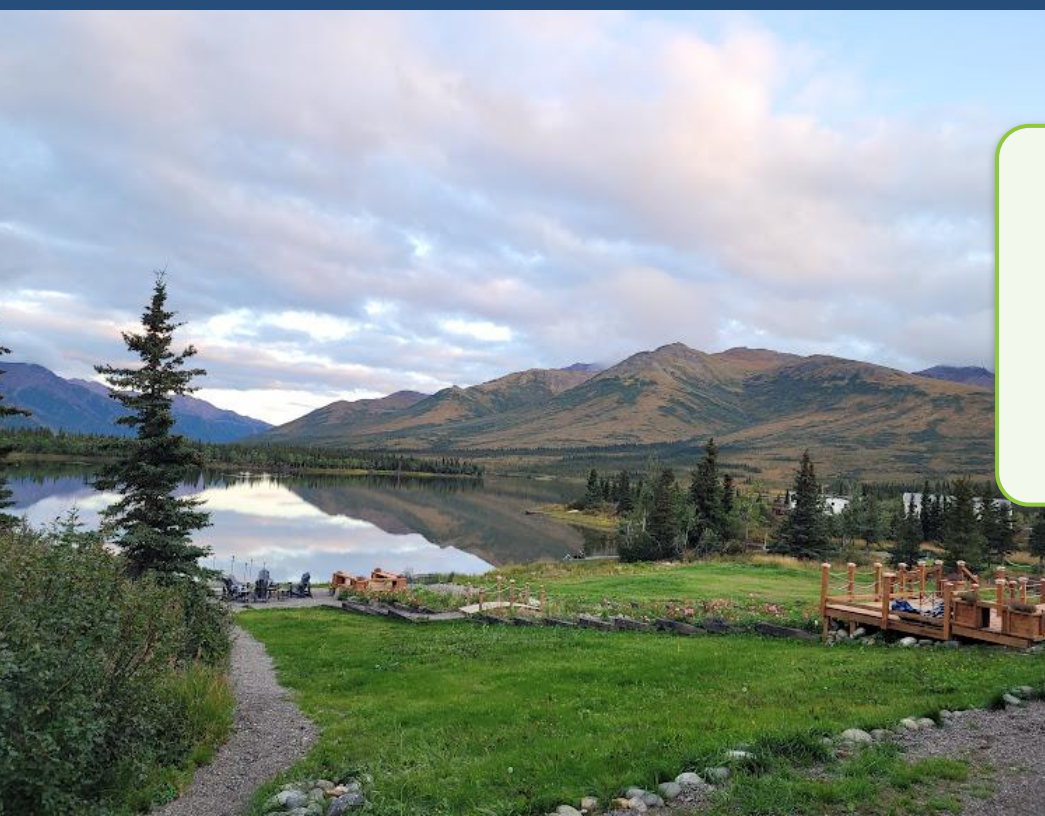
We're staying in a combination of cabins and suites in the lodge. Susitna River Lodge is a beautiful property and a nice place to relax in between our activities in the Talkeetna area.



Denali Lakeview Inn

Nights 4 - 7

Denali Lakeview Inn is a family-owned lodge nestled on the quiet Otto Lake. Each room in this lovely Inn is individually decorated and has a deck with spectacular views of the lake and Mount Healy and Mount Dora. Canoes and kayaks are available for relaxed paddling on the lake, and firepits offer a cozy place to unwind at the end of the day.



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Everything they showed in the brochure we did and saw and then some! All of our guides were very knowledgeable and so helpful. The food was incredible, you will not go hungry.

- Holly R.

**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.*



RESTAURANTS



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

Homestead Kitchen

Rooted in Alaska's homesteading tradition, Homestead Kitchen in Talkeetna serves hearty, thoughtfully prepared dishes in a warm, rustic setting inspired by the region's rugged beauty.

49th State Brewing Company

Whether ordering a yak burger the size of your head, Alaskan-raised pork ribs, or a local organic salad, the food at 49th State delivers taste as big as its portions. And its renowned craft beer is brewed on premises. While you wait for your food, check out the bus from the film *Into the Wild*, which was relocated from the backcountry to the brewery's beer garden!



Prospector's Pizzeria

The dining room is decorated with old maps, historic black and white photographs, and furs. The pizzas are hand-tossed, wood-fired, and delicious! Toppings range from the traditional to the regional such as elk, salmon, reindeer, and even Alaskan King Crab.

Alpenglow Restaurant

Located within Grande Denali Lodge, Alpenglow Restaurant offers a varied menu made with Alaska-sourced ingredients whenever possible. Soups, steaks, salad, and a good selection of Alaskan seafood are on offer. Every table offers majestic views of the outdoors.



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 - GETTING THERE AND BACK

Is This Trip For Me?

- Our Denali Discovery Adventure requires moderate mobility and physical fitness. You should be able to walk on uneven, natural terrain hiking trails for at least three miles unassisted, walk with moderate elevation gains to 200 feet (61 meters), and enter and exit vans, buses, small aircraft, rafts, and boats without assistance. The itinerary includes a scenic flight using a safe, but small aircraft. If you are uncomfortable with small aircraft or helicopters, you are welcome to sit out the experience(s) and relax at the lodge instead.

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.

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 18 so you can have a unique and personalized experience.

LOCAL GUIDES Enjoy the company of local guides who share their culture and customs with you for an unbeatable authentic experience.

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 NEUTRAL To minimize our trip's impact on the environment we pay to carbon neutralize the entire tour and activities. Good for our conscience and good for our planet.

LOW IMPACT Our ecotours leave a relatively small impact on the environment because of the accommodations, restaurants, small group size of 18, and the activities.

UNIQUE LODGING Feel the heart of the destination by staying at several unique hotels that are locally owned and/or 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
Denali Discovery Adventure!

A \$500 USD per person deposit is all that's needed to reserve this tour. Contact us via phone, email, or simply use the Deposit button to reserve your spot!

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