



Glaciers & Grizzlies Adventure

2024 & 2025 Season

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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 a fresh and delicious Alaskan seafood boil 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

2024 Departures

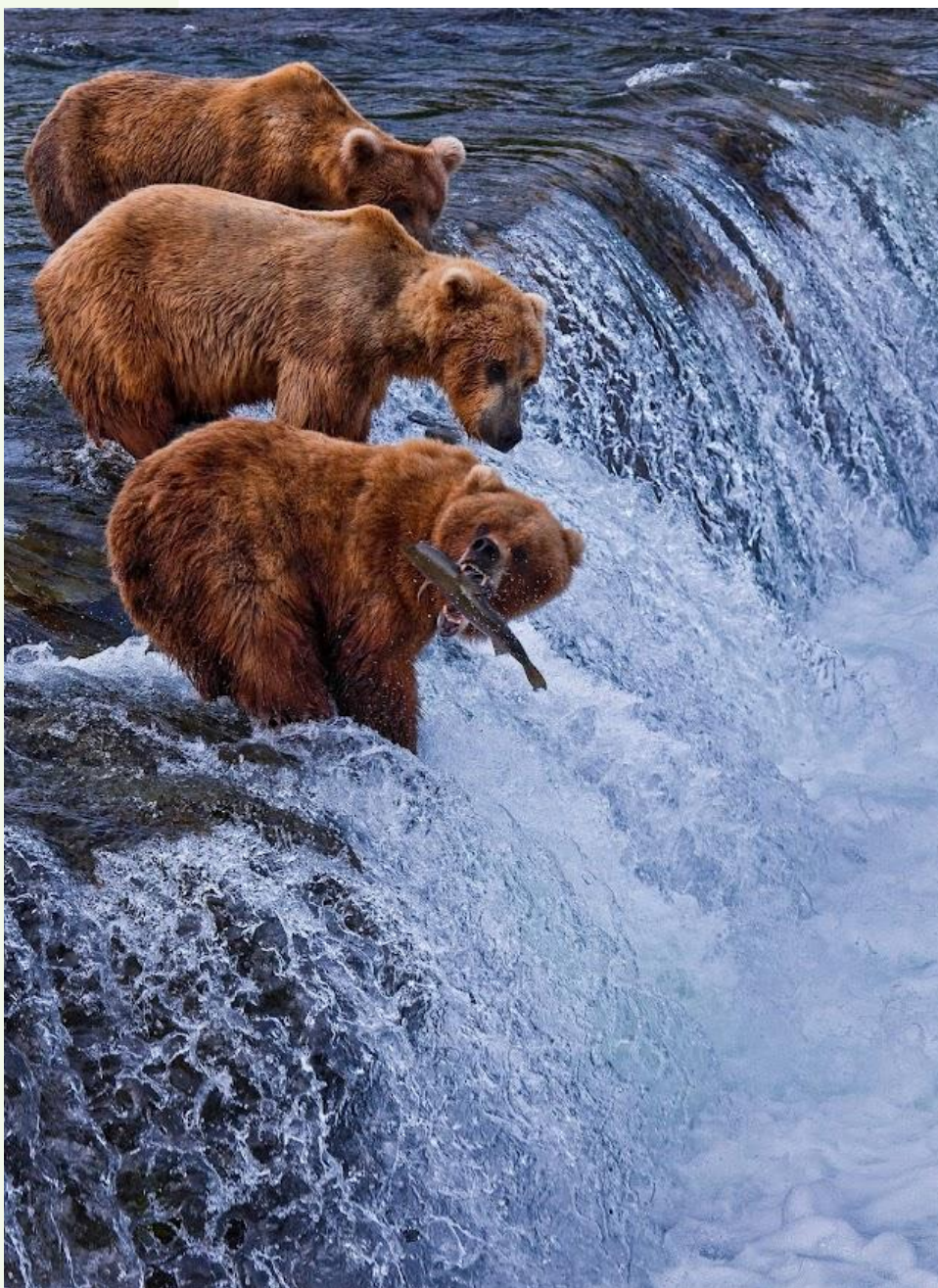
~~June 15 – 23, 2024~~ — Full
~~June 25 – July 3, 2024~~ — Full
~~July 1 – 9, 2024~~ — Full
~~July 5 – 13, 2024~~ — Full
July 15 - 23, 2024
~~July 25 – August 2, 2024~~ — Full
~~August 4 – 12, 2024~~ — Full
~~August 14 – 22, 2024~~ — Full
August 24 - September 1, 2024

2025 Departures

June 27 - July 5, 2025
July 1 - July 9, 2025
July 7 - July 15, 2025
~~July 11 – July 19, 2025~~ — Full
July 17 - July 25, 2025
~~July 21 – July 29, 2025~~ — Full
July 27 - August 4, 2025
July 31 - August 8, 2025
August 6 - August 14, 2025
August 11 - August 19, 2025

Tour Price

\$9,995 USD per person (double occupancy)
A Single Supplement of \$1,595 added for solo travelers. This covers the increased operational costs without markup.

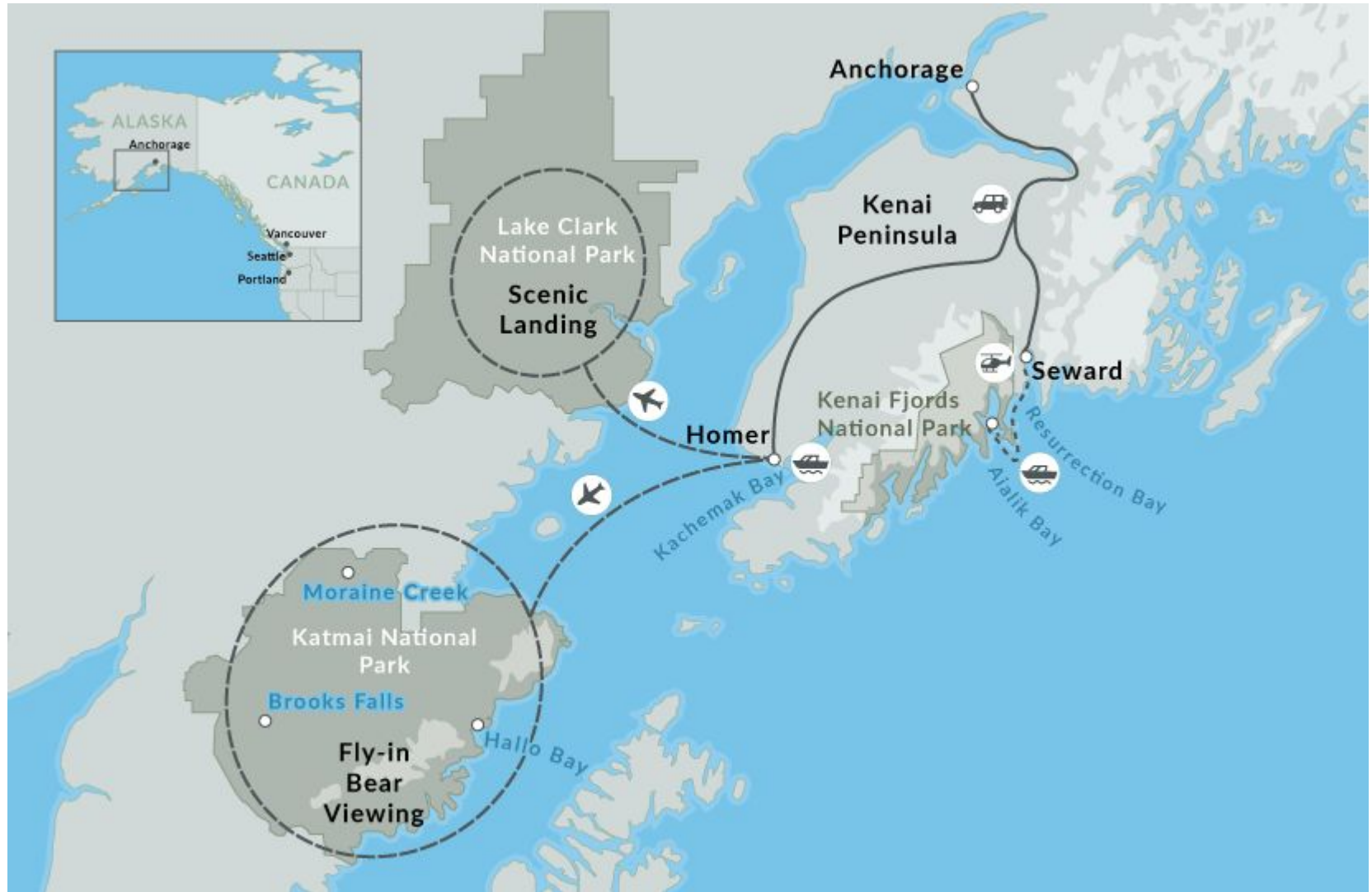


What's Included

- 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, including a private Alaskan seafood boil, 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, board a complimentary shuttle to SpringHill Suites Midtown. Please ensure that your flight arrives by 4 PM Alaska time. If you arrive with time to spare, you can either relax at the hotel or explore downtown Anchorage (a short taxi/uber ride is required), which is a great place to enjoy for a few hours.

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.*



Days Three & Four

We're splitting into two groups with alternate daily activities for the next two days. On the first day, one group explores the Kenai Fjords National Park by boat and kayak (optional), while the other group visits Exit Glacier and the Harding Icefield. Then, the groups switch to the other activity the following day.

Kenai Fjords National Park by Boat and Kayak

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.

**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.*





Days Three & Four

Exit Glacier and Harding Icefield

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. Exit Glacier is estimated to have retreated a full mile over the past century.

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. Dinners both nights are at local restaurants.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner are included on both days.

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 fly* across the Cook Inlet to Lake Clark National Park where we'll land at a remote lake at the base of iconic Iliamna, a 10,016-foot stratovolcano that last erupted in 1876. We'll spend about an hour by the lake, enjoying a simple picnic dinner surrounded by spectacular scenery.

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.

Generally speaking, we often visit Hallo Bay in June and early July, Brooks Falls in mid-to-late July, and Moraine Creek in August.

**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

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 a traditional Alaskan seafood boil for dinner!

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner are included.



Day Seven

Today is about relaxation and exploration. After breakfast, you 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 with water taxis, fishing boats, and charters coming and going. Lunch is on your own today—there are lots of options—and your guides are always happy to make recommendations if you'd like any!



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Day Seven continued

If you have your mind set on salmon or halibut fishing while visiting Alaska, today is the day! Ask us (far in advance, as charters book up) and we'll share recommendations for a suitable outfitter so you can book your own half-day fishing trip.

We'll reconvene in the late afternoon to board the Danny J ferry at 4:30 PM and head across Kachemak Bay to Halibut Cove, a beautiful, small, and secluded community that most visitors to Homer never hear about, much less visit! There's a half-mile boardwalk to explore, an art gallery, a few short trails, and spectacular views.

We'll also sit down for dinner here at The Saltry, a fantastic restaurant with covered outdoor seating overlooking a narrow channel known for its massive tides.

Some time after dinner we'll return to Homer the same way we came.

Breakfast & Dinner included.





Day Eight

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.

Afterward, there's time to relax at the hotel before our farewell dinner.

Breakfast, Lunch & 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



SpringHill Suites Anchorage Midtown

Night 1

SpringHill Suites is a Marriott property located in midtown Anchorage and offers a convenient 24/7 complimentary airport shuttle service. The rooms were recently renovated and include comfortable beds, bathrooms, and a small sitting area. There's a complimentary breakfast buffet and a fitness center on the property as well.

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



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.

*We're staying here on the following 2024 departures:
June 25, July 5, July 15, July 25, Aug 4, Aug 24*

2025 accommodations will be confirmed soon.

Hotel Seward

Nights 2-4

Hotel Seward offers guests a historic boutique experience with a modern twist, as their rooms are under renovation and will open in the summer of '24. Enjoy beautiful accommodations in their new building extension and convenient, walkable access to the heart of downtown Seward.

*We're staying here on the following 2024 departures:
June 15*

2025 accommodations will be confirmed soon.

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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.

**We secure rooms for our tours up to two years in advance. Occasionally hotels and lodges overbook, change ownership, or no longer meet our standards. If so, we reserve the right to find suitable replacements of similar quality. In the event that we have to change to a different property on your tour, thanks for understanding.*





Homer Seaplane Base

Nights 5-8

Located on Beluga Lake, the Homer Seaplane Base is a newer property that's perfectly sized for our groups. Individual suites include comfortable bedrooms, a bathroom, a sitting area, and a deck or patio. The property includes a small restaurant next door and a lovely outdoor space with lake views.

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June 15, July 5, July 15, Aug 4, Aug 24*

2025 accommodations will be confirmed soon.



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.

*We're staying here on the following 2024 departures: June 25,
July 25.*

2025 accommodations will be confirmed soon.

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!

La Baleine Cafe

La Baleine Cafe on the Homer Spit offers fresh sandwiches, bowls, and packed lunches made from many delicious organic & local ingredients.

Glacier Brewhouse

The Glacier Brewhouse in Anchorage has a beautiful wooden dining room, a robust list of craft beers on tap, and a varied menu. From their brewhouse blue salad to rotisserie roasted BBQ ribs, and herb-crusted Alaska halibut, finding good eats won't be a problem here.

The Cookery

Located in Seward, The Cookery is housed in an old, remodeled saloon. It's a fine dining restaurant focusing on fresh ingredients and culinary twists, carefully curated and executed in-house. Examples of the latter include house-cured bacon, creamy homemade ice cream, and tangy smoked salmon filets.



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.

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.

How do I sign up?

- Secure your spots with a \$500 per person deposit (via phone, email, or on our [website](#)) that is fully refundable within 30 days of payment, provided your trip starts at least 121 days from the time of booking. 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.

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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.

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.

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 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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