



Denali Discovery Adventure

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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 Denali to Talkeetna, taking in fabulous views along the way.

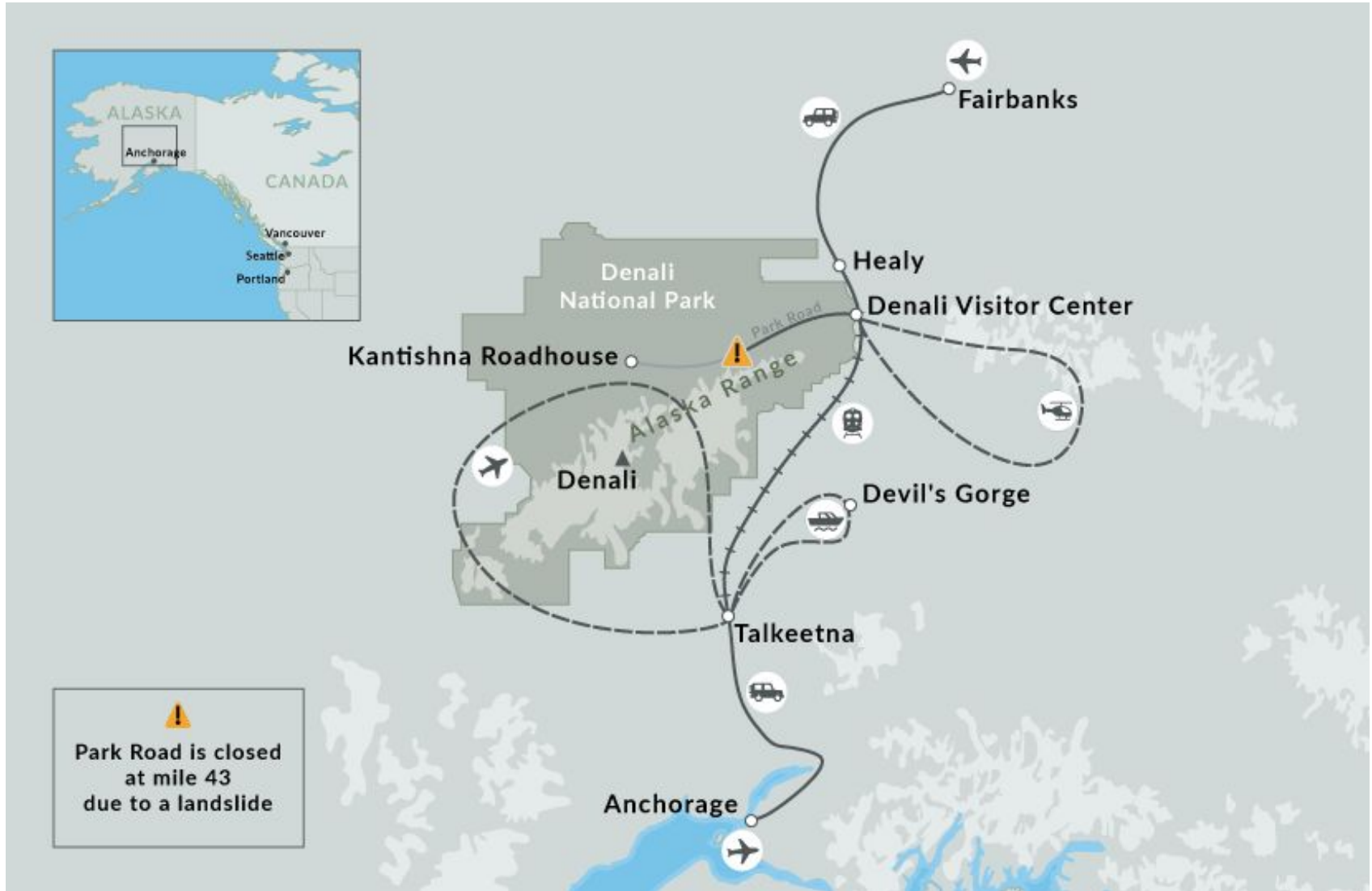
BOARD a motorized boat and explore many miles of remote whitewater and beautiful scenery.

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

Tour Dates	Pricing
June 7-14, 2026 — Contact for availability	\$7,895 USD per person. \$1,045 USD single supplement for a private room is added for solo travelers.
June 11-18, 2026 — Full	\$6,995 USD per person. \$699 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 Denali to Talkeetna 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
- All meals
- Tips for all restaurants, activity guides, and hotels are included (except for Gondwana guides)

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 you arrive in Fairbanks and collect your luggage, you'll board a shuttle to Pike's Waterfront Lodge. The hotel is conveniently located on the Chena River and a short drive from downtown Fairbanks, so if you arrive early in the day you may choose to either relax from your travels or explore downtown.

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.

Day Two

After breakfast, we visit the Morris Thompson Cultural Center. Explore world-class exhibits on Alaska's history and learn about traditional native art, dance, and music.

Then, we'll start the drive towards Denali National Park. In the afternoon, 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 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 afternoon adventure concludes with a short, yet incredible flight back to our Denali heliport. Afterwards, we will check into Denali Lakeview Inn 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 Three

Following 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.

In the afternoon, 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!

Experience a gentle rafting introduction that travels along the natural boundary of Denali National Park. Float through glacially carved valleys and incredible vistas, with 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!

After dinner, the evening is yours to relax. Settle in for a well-earned, restful night.

Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner Included.

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



Day Four

After 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 lunch, we'll board a bus and enter the National Park to begin an idyllic and informative drive. We'll stop for magnificent views and chance wildlife 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 reopening date for this road is scheduled for 2026.*

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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 Five

We start the day by soaking in the beautiful surroundings around the lodge and packing up for the journey ahead. After a relaxed morning and breakfast together, we'll make our way to the next stop of the day.

We head to the nearby Alaska Railroad station, where we'll catch a 12:30 pm departure.

Beneath glass-dome ceilings, enjoy lunch and panoramic views as the tracks leave the road system and slip into Alaska's backcountry—passing winding rivers, remote cabins, and the dramatic span of Hurricane Gulch from high above.

We arrive in Talkeetna mid-afternoon and spend the rest of the day exploring this historic riverside community. Set at the meeting point of three rivers, Talkeetna's walkable downtown is a National Historic Site, with early-1900s buildings, local shops, and classic Alaska character. We're staying at Susitna River Lodge tonight.

Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner Included.





Day Six

After breakfast, our first destination is an airstrip in Talkeetna where we'll get weighed in and boarded 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. We'll land on a glacier, leaving time to walk around and take photos before our return flight.

After, explore Talkeetna's best trail in the afternoon with your guide. A new scene of beauty unfolds around every turn on this three-mile moderate hike, with an elevation gain of 200 ft. We will offer a shorter walk for those who prefer. Look for loons and kingfishers on the lakes, moose and black bears in the woods, and Mt. Denali in clear weather on the horizon. This lush old-growth forest is alive with songbirds, wildflowers, berries, and mushrooms.

We're staying at Susitna River Lodge tonight.

Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner Included.



Day Seven

Following breakfast, we set out on a five-hour motorized river journey, covering 130 miles 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 with local insights into the historic homesteads, fishing, and hunting camps that depend on the river for survival.

Upon our return you’ll have some free time to relax or explore Talkeetna in the afternoon, followed by our farewell dinner. We’ll be staying at the Susitna River Lodge again this evening.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included.



Day Eight

Following breakfast, we’ll board our minibus for the last time and drive 120 miles south to Anchorage.

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.



ACCOMMODATIONS



Pike's Waterfront Lodge

Night 1

Pike's Waterfront Lodge is a family-run, historic property located on the Chena River in Fairbanks. The lodge offers modern amenities such as flat-screen televisions, a 24-hour fitness room, and an on-site convenience store and restaurant. Enjoy the outdoors with natural gas firepits, a garden, a mini miniature golf course, and bocce ball courts.

Its comfortable rooms make for a great place to relax after a long day of traveling.

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.



Denali Lakeview Inn

Nights 2 - 4

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.



Susitna River Lodge

Nights 5 - 7

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.



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The guides with Gondwana know exactly what's worth seeing, eating and drinking, and when to go!
I can't recommend this company enough.

- Emily Y.

**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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