
GEEO ITINERARY

Alaska 5/27/2027

Day 1: Anchorage Arrive in Anchorage at any time. Meet your group for a welcome meeting around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.

Arrive at any time. There are no planned activities until the Welcome Meeting in the evening. This tour begins and ends in Anchorage, and the nearest airport is **Ted Steven Anchorage International Airport (ANC)**.

Consider arriving 1 day early to explore the city, adjust to the time zone, and buffer against flight delays. We can request extra hotel nights for you before the program begins.

Hotel Check-in and Welcome Meeting

Hotel check-in is normally between 2–3 p.m. Check with reception for the exact time and location of the group welcome meeting, typically between 6–7 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. If you're running late, send a message in the group WhatsApp or call the emergency number on your trip voucher so that your tour leader can let you know where and when to meet the group.

After the meeting, you might choose to get dinner at a nearby restaurant with your traveling companions and your tour leader to further get to know one another.

Joining Instructions

Uber/Lyft/Taxi: (20-30 USD | 10-15 min) Uber and Lyft both work in Anchorage. Taxis are also available.

Bus: (2 USD | 32-50 min) If you prefer public transport, it is possible to travel by public bus, but most routes require changing buses once or taking a 17-minute walk from the Downtown transit center.

Day 2: Anchorage / Seward Travel the scenic Seward Highway south through the Kenai Peninsula, passing coastal cliffs and the Chugach National Forest. Finish with an afternoon hike in Kenai Fjords National Park to Exit Glacier via the Harding Icefield Trail.

Leave Anchorage in the morning and drive south through the Kenai Peninsula along one of the US's most scenic highways, the Seward Highway. Pass between cliffs and ocean and through the Chugach National Forest surrounded by mountains. We arrive at the tip of the Kenai Peninsula where the ice age still lingers. Spend the day exploring this site to discover the fjords, their history, science, and remote splendor.

Head out on an amazing hike to the Exit Glacier and Harding Icefield. The 11.9km (7.4 mi) round trip of the Harding Icefield Trail is a spectacular day hike (5 to 8 hrs) through the Alaska backcountry. Starting on the valley floor, the trail winds through cottonwood and alder forests, passes through heather-filled meadows, and ultimately climbs well above the tree line to a breathtaking view of the icefield. The top of the trail is a window to past ice ages – a horizon of ice and snow that stretches as far as the eye can see, broken only by an occasional nunatak or lonely peak. There are various lookout points along the trail that serve as good turnaround points. Portions of the upper trail are covered by ice and snow part of the year. Easier, shorter hikes to the base of the glacier are also options that also afford beautiful views for those not looking for a strenuous hike.

Black bears are spotted frequently from the Harding Icefield Trail.

Approximate travel time: 2.5 hrs total by private vehicle with stops along the way

Meals included: Lunch

Day 3: Seward Enjoy a free day in Seward.

Enjoy a free day for activities around Seward. Opt to take a scenic boat cruise through the Kenai fjords to get up close and personal with glaciers and marine life, hike through breathtaking scenery, or visit the Alaska SeaLife Center.

Day 4: Seward / Talkeetna Head north to the charming town of Talkeetna.

Travel north to quaint Talkeetna. Opt to take a scenic flight over the area, float by raft or go further afield by jet boat on the Talkeetna River to learn about local flora, fauna, and early settlers to the area, or stay in town to shop or sample beer from the local microbrewery.

Approximate travel time: 5 hrs total by private vehicle with stops along the way

Day 5: Talkeetna / Denali National Park and Preserve Head north to Denali National Park. Enjoy a dog sledding demo, and opt to hike in the park.

Head north and keep cameras at the ready for the stunning scenery on the way to Denali National Park. When we arrive we will visit the Denali visitor center to learn about the flora and fauna throughout the national park at the visitor center, followed by a dog sledding talk and demonstration by the park rangers.

We will spend the day exploring Denali National Park where you will have the option to go on a hike. The area is well-known for its diversity of wildlife and Denali, the highest peak in North America, formerly called Mt McKinley. There are 39 species of mammals, 167 species of birds, 10 species of fish, and one species of amphibian known in Denali. Summer is a time for raising the young and preparing for migration, hibernation, or survival during the winter, and, with a little luck, we witness it all. Discover the dynamic glaciated landscape providing large rivers, countless lakes and ponds, and unique landforms that form the foundation of the ecosystems that thrive in Denali.

Use any of the hiking trails around the park to enjoy the rugged beauty of Denali National Park. See the Optional On-Site Activities section under "Extra Services and Costs" for more details.

Approximate travel time: 3 hrs by private vehicle

Day 6: Denali National Park and Preserve Spend the day exploring Denali National Park. Take in the beautiful flora, fauna, and mountains on this full-day excursion.

Depart early to explore Denali National Park. Take the shuttle bus to the East Fork Bridge at mile 43 and back, getting deeper into the heart of the park. Keep an eye out for moose, bears, and caribou! The journey takes approximately 6 hours and shows off the stunning wilderness of Denali. You will be able to get in a bit of hiking too if you like.

Approximate travel time: 6 hrs by shuttle bus

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 7: Denali National Park and Preserve / Anchorage Say farewell to Denali National Park and travel back to Anchorage. Visit the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Museum and learn all about this historical event. Opt to join the group for a

farewell dinner.

Today, we're saying goodbye to Denali and heading back to Anchorage. Along the way, we will visit the Iditarod Headquarters in Wasilla. Filled with historical information and fascinating exhibits, you'll be able to take a deep dive into unique Alaskan culture. Immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of "The Last Great Race."

Today, mushers and their loyal dogs traverse a diverse landscape in a race for over 1,000 miles from Anchorage to Nome. The museum's exhibits and displays detail the past, present, and future of this iconic Alaskan event. In addition to these exhibits, if you visit in the summer, you will even have an opportunity to go on a dog-led cart ride!

This evening, opt to join the group for a farewell dinner.

Approximate travel time: 4 hrs by private vehicle

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8: Anchorage Depart Anchorage at any time.

There are no planned activities today, so you may depart Anchorage at any time. If you wish to extend your stay in Anchorage, consider booking post-tour accommodation with us.

Please note that check-out time from the hotel is usually mid-morning, but luggage storage services are available at the reception desk.

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Where you'll stay

The hotels listed below reflect the properties expected to be used for this program. Final accommodations are subject to change based on group size, availability, or seasonality. The confirmed start and end hotels are listed on your trip voucher:

Day 1 Anchorage (May 27): Sheraton Hotel & Spa Anchorage

Day 2 Seward (May 28): Harborview Inn

Day 3 Seward (May 29): Harborview Inn

Day 4 Talkeetna (May 30): Swiss Alaska Inn

Day 5 Denali (May 31): Denali Perch Resort

Day 6 Denali (Jun 1): Denali Perch Resort

Day 7 Anchorage (Jun 2): Sheraton Hotel & Spa Anchorage

***Itinerary Disclaimer:** While it is our intention to adhere to the routes described on our website, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable, to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due

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