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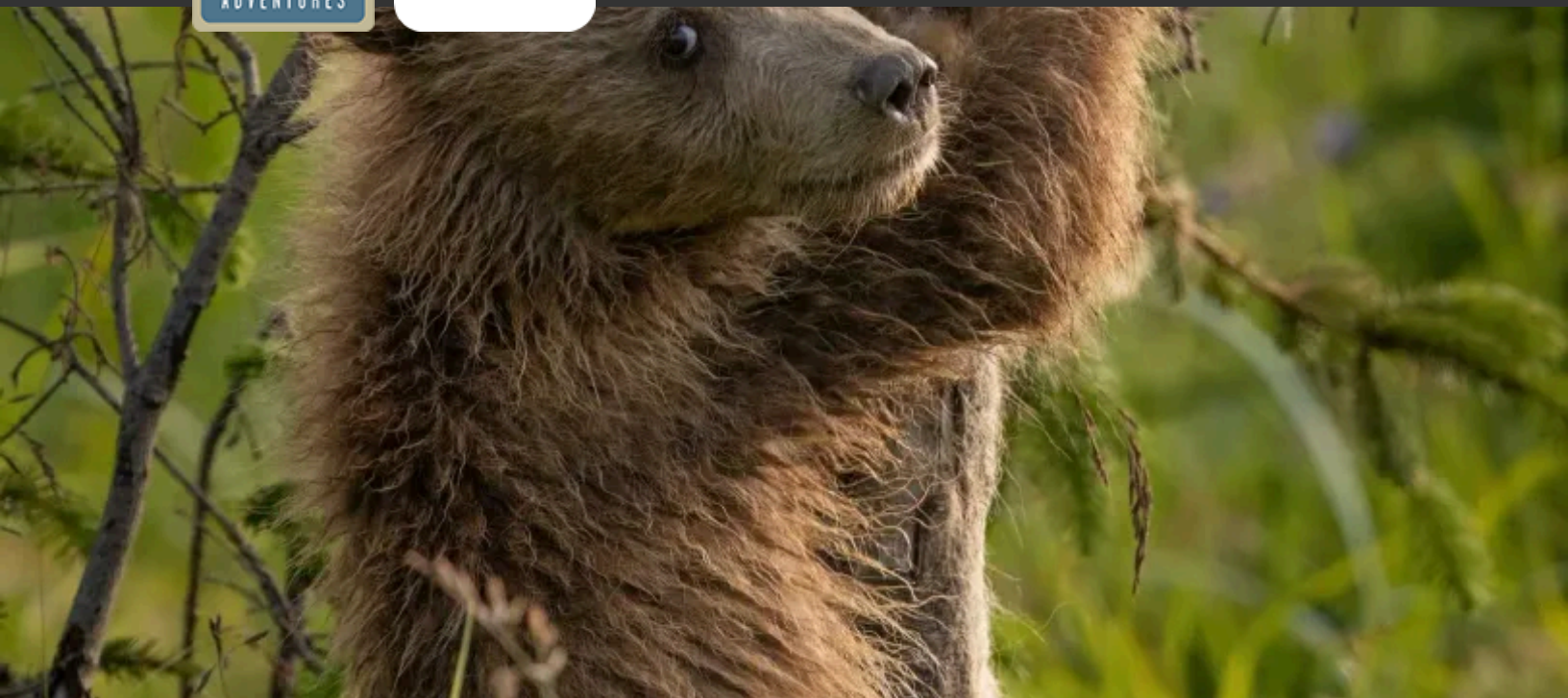
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Trip Highlights

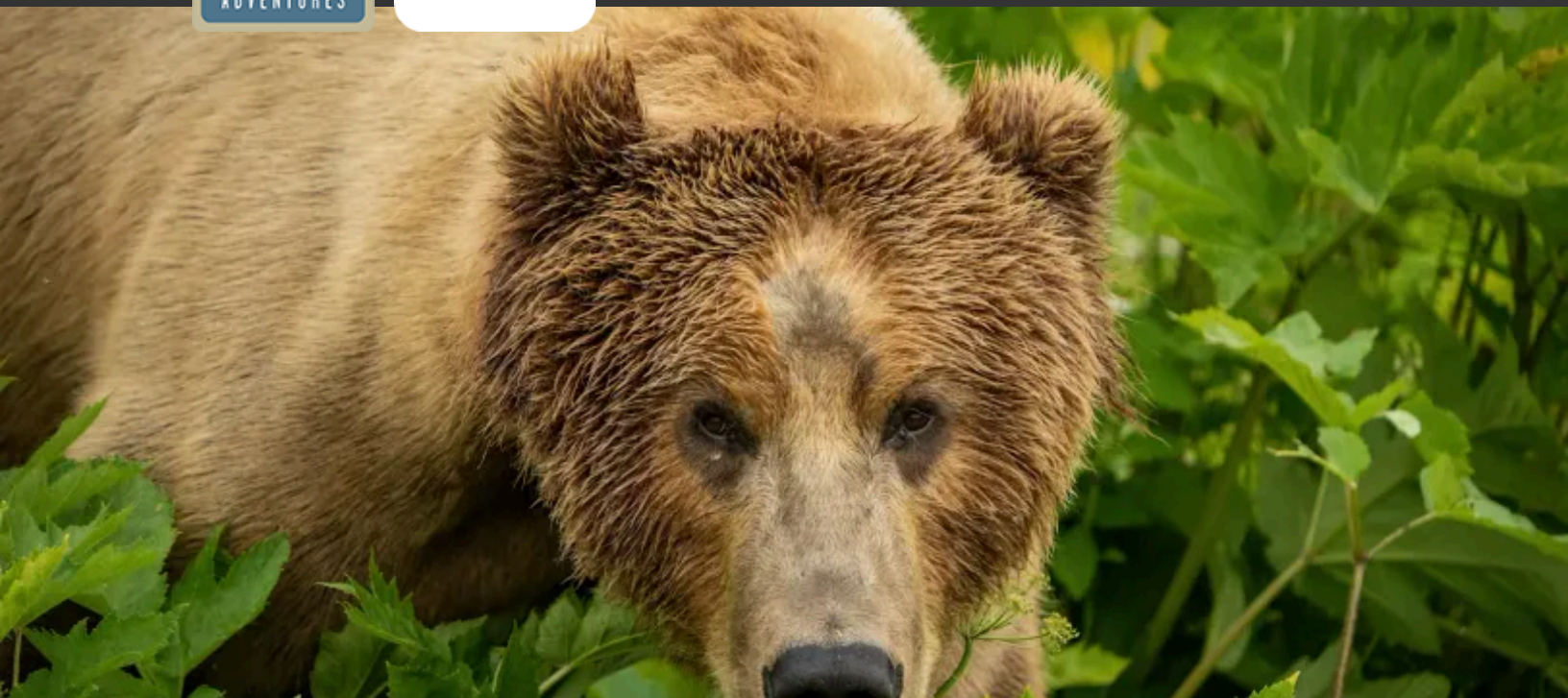
Capture action shots of brown bears browsing, playing, clamming and fishing—quintessential Alaskan images!—on our fly-in expedition to the wild Bear Coast

Enjoy a thrilling aerial adventure soaring over glacier-fed rivers, snowy peaks and roving wildlife en route to our backcountry lodge deep within the park

From our lodge on private Fox Island, cruise Kenai Fjords by chartered yacht to photograph glaciers, puffins, bald eagles, humpbacks, orcas and sea otters



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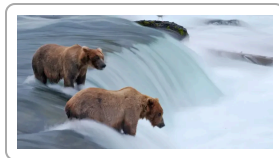
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Bear Camp is located on a historic homestead, a private inholding of coastal land surrounded by Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. These 4 million protected acres of wilderness are the ancestral homelands of the Dena'ina people, preserving an intact ecosystem at the headwaters of the largest sockeye salmon fishery in the world. Accessible only by plane or boat, Bear Camp offers an unparalleled immersion in pristine brown bear habitat. From our weatherproof tent cabins, we have immediate access to some of the best, most consistent bear viewing and photography opportunities anywhere in Alaska, due to the season-long availability of food. In late spring, protein-rich sedge grass supports rapid growth, and bears are often seen browsing in the meadow behind camp, as well as digging clams from the beach. Accustomed to our non-threatening presence, they see us humans merely as part of the scenery, allowing us to move safely in their midst on guided outings, at times photographing them from just a few yards away.



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Days 10 & 11: Bear Photography in Lake Clark National Park

There's simply no wildlife encounter to match being at close range among bears in their wild home. Two viewing platforms, one elevated for a territorial view, enable us to capture shots of bears nearby and at a distance. And we often watch them right from camp, which is surrounded by electrified wires, ensuring our safety on site. Against a backdrop of sheer-sided peaks rising above the green valley floor, the bears are sometimes near enough that we can hear them chewing their food and communicating with one another in woofs, purrs and growls. Alaska's mighty brown bears—the coastal version of the interior grizzly bear (which is the same species, *Ursus arctos*)—are the largest land predators in North America. Adult males can weigh up to 1,500 pounds!

While the bear activity we witness varies according to seasonal and weather conditions, there's always something interesting going on. And while bears are usually plentiful right in the vicinity of camp, we also go into adjacent Lake Clark National Park for added variety. At every turn, we explore the area in the careful company of our seasoned bear naturalists who offer thorough coaching in respectful "bear etiquette." Our low-impact presence ensures that we never disturb the bears, and they in turn grant us comfortable access to watch them go about their daily routines. After each exciting day, gather in the dining tent for dinner. Fresh local fare is always on the menu, including abundant Alaskan seafood.

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Days 10 & 11: King Salmon / Katmai National Park—Bear Photography on the Brooks River

After a hearty breakfast, depart early for the nearby floatplane base where we board our short flight to Katmai National Park. Here, we have access to world-renowned Brooks Falls, one of the best places to photograph brown bears in their natural habitat. Katmai is home to the world's largest population of these enormous omnivores, with some 2,200 individuals inside the park. As many bear populations around the world decline, Katmai's 4 million acres of wilderness provides some of the last pristine habitat to sustain them.

Within Katmai's protected bounds, bears live largely undisturbed, and visitors have unparalleled photography opportunities. From the safety of platforms built over world-famous Brooks Falls, we get a close angle on one of the world's most iconic wildlife spectacles: bears standing in the rushing whitewater, jaws gaping, trying to catch the salmon that leap up the falls once spawning season starts. July departures offer a good chance to see fishing bears, since this is when the salmon are running, but viewing is excellent in August and September, too, with even more (and fatter!) bears in the vicinity, wandering up and down the Brooks River in search of spawning salmon. Each day, we break for lunch at Brooks Lodge, an easy walk from the falls. In the evenings, shuttle back to King Salmon by floatplane or water taxi to spend the night enjoying "rustic luxury" at King Salmon Lodge.

Day 12: Katmai Bear Photography / King Salmon / Private Flight to Homer

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Important Note on Bear Viewing: Bears are attracted to the Brooks River at multiple times during the summer, and their precise location varies depending on seasonal elements including weather and fish movements. More intimate experiences with bears (due to fewer tourists) tend to happen in late August and September (versus late June and July), when bears are found throughout the area, rather than primarily fishing atop the falls.



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Accommodation Details:

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The Wildbirch Hotel

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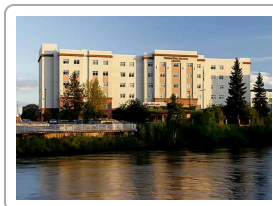
Odyssey Lodge

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For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/alaska-northern-adventures/alaska-wildlife-photo-expedition/accommodations

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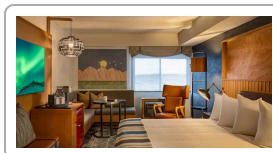
Springhill Suites Fairbanks

Located on the banks of the Chena River in downtown Fairbanks, the hotel features large studio-suite rooms and a host of amenities including a fitness center, heated indoor pool and whirlpool spa.



Denali Backcountry Lodge

Denali Backcountry Lodge, currently accessible only by helicopter, enjoys a wilderness setting 90 miles from the national park entrance, with private cedar cabins along Moose Creek.



The Wildbirch Hotel

Newly redesigned and located in downtown Anchorage, this hotel features spacious guest rooms, a welcoming lobby with local art and large fireplace, and an on-site craft brewery.

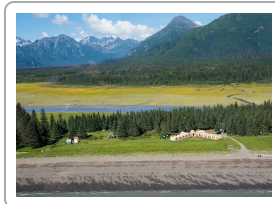


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Kenai Fjords Wilderness Lodge

Accessed via a scenic boat ride from Seward on Resurrection Bay, this remote outpost on private Fox Island offers total tranquility in eight waterfront log cabins surrounded by Kenai Fjords National Park.



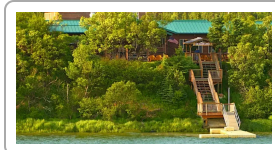
Nat Hab's Alaska Bear Camp

Nat Hab's fly-in camp, on a private inholding in Lake Clark National Park, is a sustainable base for exploring pristine brown bear habitat, providing remote wilderness accommodations that are low on impact yet high on comfort.



Odyssey Lodge

This contemporary luxury retreat on Kachemak Bay, accessible only via boat from Homer, features bay view cabins and treehouse suites with expansive water and mountain views.



King Salmon Lodge

This wilderness lodge offers rustic luxury on the Naknek River, with log and stone accents, a cozy fireplace and Alaskan meals—just a short floatplane ride to world-famous bear viewing in Katmai National Park.



Want to Capture the Breadth of Alaska? Choose Nat Hab

Alaska boasts unrivaled vastness, epic landscapes and natural beauty. Yet many photographers find themselves confined to crowded visitor hubs, missing genuine wilderness encounters. Our approach is different. We lead you off the well-trodden tourist track, revealing insider photography spots and legendary wildlife. Join us for an immersive photography adventure, and come home with spectacular images of America's Last Frontier!

1

The Optimal Alaska Photo Itinerary

For over 30 years, we've meticulously crafted our itinerary to maximize your opportunities to witness and photograph Alaska's renowned wildlife. From the iconic brown bears of Lake Clark National Park & Katmai's Brooks Falls, known for their agile salmon-catching skills, to the captivating marine life of Kenai Fjords, our flagship Alaska adventure promises unrivaled wildlife encounters.

2

Cover More Terrain for More Photo Opportunities

You want to say you've been to Alaska and have the pictures to prove it. To really capture the largest state in the US, you'll need to cover a lot of ground. Our exclusive itinerary traverses more than 2,000 linear miles via floatplane, helicopter, train, boat and minibus, all with the strategic goal of maximizing our photographic time and opportunities.

3

Traverse the Denali Backcountry via Private Helicopter

Board a chartered helicopter, soaring 90 miles across open tundra to our lodge, nestled deep within the national park. Revel in exhilarating vistas of the mountains and the possibility of encountering wildlife below. With the park road closed due to a significant landslide, you'll enjoy exclusive access to areas beyond the entrance, a privilege few will experience.

4

Walk in the Footsteps of Ansel Adams

Capture the timeless beauty of Wonder Lake in Denali, mirroring the iconic shots of Ansel Adams. Immersed in pristine wilderness, you'll frame the majestic peaks and reflective waters, echoing Adams' legendary compositions and eternalizing your own unique perspectives on this breathtaking landscape.



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5

Best Place for in the World Bear Photography

Few comprehensive Alaska photo tours offer bear viewing to the Alaska Peninsula's Bear Coast, which boasts the highest concentration of brown bears in North America. While summer conditions can vary, we assure optimal viewing during peak bear season. In June, bears are most abundant at Lake Clark National Park, along the verdant coast of the Cook Inlet at Nat Hab's private Alaska Bear Camp. While in July and August they can be found fishing for salmon in the iconic Brooks Falls at Katmai National Park. These exclusive experiences are unattainable via cruise or bus tours!

6

Cruise Kenai Fjords Aboard Our Private Chartered Boat

Embark on an exclusive voyage aboard a private charter boat, focusing on glaciers, icebergs, whales, seals, sea lions, otters, and the abundant birdlife within Kenai Fjords National Park. Avoiding the crowded deck of an excursion boat or a cruise ship carrying thousands, you'll get the best chance to photograph magnificent whales breaking the surface and the vibrant presence of puffins in flight.

7

Stay on a Private Island with the Sea at Your Doorstep

Experience the ultimate in seclusion as you overnight at a private beachfront lodge on tranquil Fox Island in Kenai Fjords. Here, amid the untouched Alaskan wilderness, discover genuine solitude with myriad photo opportunities right out your front door.

8

Shoot Alongside a Photography Pro Who Is Also an Expert Naturalist

Every Nat Hab Photo Expedition is led by a supremely qualified naturalist and accomplished photographer. With a keen eye for wildlife behavior, optimal lighting, and exclusive opportunities, your expedition leader ensures every moment is optimized for stunning photography. Capture the essence of Alaska's wilderness alongside a guide who not only knows the land intimately, but also understands how to translate its beauty into captivating images.

9

Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Superior Alaska Experience

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive guarantee, which clearly states that we will meet the lofty expectations we set in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company.

10

Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey

We care deeply about our planet, and as a nature photographer, we know you do too. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.



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11

Nat Hab is WWF's Travel Partner

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly photography travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our adventures, World Wildlife Fund—the world's leading environmental conservation organization—has named Natural Habitat Adventures as its worldwide travel partner, a designation that makes us very proud!



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Make It Private with Your Family or Friends

Travel privately, exclusively with your immediate family, multi-generational family or group of friends. And when you choose a private departure, you're assured the most exclusive and authentic Alaska Wildlife Photo Expedition on offer. Request your private departure by completing the form below.

Please note that on Ultimate Alaska Photo Expedition Make It Private departures we require a minimum group size of 7 travelers.

Also, please be aware that your per-person cost on a Make It Private trip will vary depending on the number of travelers in your group and may be as much as 10%-30% higher (ship-based trips may be even higher) than our normal trip cost unless you fill the trip.

This **Make It Private** option is available on nearly every Nat Hab trip for family and friend groups. Call an Adventure Specialist at 800-543-8917 or look for the "Make It Private" icon in the **pricing section** of a trip online at nathab.com to see prices based on your specific group size.



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Dates & Pricing Summary:

Prices:
From \$18995
(+Air)

Group Size:
Limited to 14
Travelers

Physical Requirements:
Moderate

Ultimate Alaska Photo Expedition Dates, Pricing & Info

Capture the Raw Beauty of the Last Frontier on Our Exclusive Small-Group Adventure

2025 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Jul 20, 2025	Aug 1, 2025	Photo Expedition to Brooks Falls

2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Jul 1, 2026	Jul 13, 2026	
Jul 9, 2026	Jul 21, 2026	Photo Expedition to Brooks Falls
Jul 23, 2026	Aug 4, 2026	Photo Expedition to Brooks Falls



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Pricing

2025 Prices

Trip Price

\$18995 (+internal air)



Bear Camp Departures Internal Air Fee: \$2184 per person (listed separately on our invoicing).

- Healy to Denali Backcountry Lodge: Helicopter
- Denali Backcountry Lodge to Healy: Helicopter
- Homer to Bear Camp: Bush plane
- Bear Camp to Homer: Bush plane

King Salmon Lodge Departures Internal Air Fee: \$2984 per person (listed separately on our invoicing).

- Healy to Denali Backcountry Lodge: Helicopter
- Denali Backcountry Lodge to Healy: Helicopter
- Homer to King Salmon: Jet
- King Salmon to Brooks Falls: Float plane
- Brooks Falls to King Salmon: Float plane
- King Salmon- to Brooks Falls: Float plane
- Brooks Falls to King Salmon: Float plane
- King Salmon to Homer: Jet

Single Occupancy: For a single room add \$3895. **Click here** to learn how you can avoid the single supplement.

Deposit: \$500 per person (non-refundable)

For private customized trips for your family, check out our partners at **Off the Beaten Path!**

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars.

Please read our Payment & Refund Policy here.

2026 Prices

We're still in the process of confirming 2026 pricing. Please contact an Adventure Specialist for more details: 800-543-8917.



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Included

- **Trip price includes:** Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s), local guides and lodge staff, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on the final day, dome car train from Anchorage to Seward, private full-day boat charter in Kenai Fjords National Park, some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and the final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees. For Bear Camp departures, access to rain jackets, rubber boots, mosquito nets, Swarovski binoculars, scopes and tripods while at Camp.
- **Internal air cost includes:** Helicopter flights to and from the backcountry of Denali National Park as well as chartered flights between Homer and King Salmon or Homer and Bear Camp (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry and internet, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

Physical Requirements

Moderate

The activities on our Alaska wildlife adventure are diverse, requiring general mobility and fitness. All travelers must be in good health and able to navigate uneven terrain without assistance. While our longest walk is about two miles (one way), most walks and hikes are off-trail and sometimes uphill, requiring strong mobility and stability.

Travelers also have the opportunity to participate in optional kayaking on Fox Island, weather permitting. Though no prior kayaking experience is required, general fitness and mobility, including the ability to get into and out of a kayak, are essential. Finally, travelers should have the agility to climb in and out of float planes or bush planes with limited assistance. We stress that travelers are not required to participate in every activity, but transportation options on this trip require that all participants be generally physically fit.

On this adventure, our ability to accommodate varying levels of physical abilities or interests is at times limited, as these trips are generally guided by a single Expedition Leader. On some portions of the itinerary, however, Expedition Leaders may be assisted by a local guide who can provide additional flexibility within the group.

On private departures with smaller groups, our ability to accommodate varying levels of physical abilities or interests is limited, since these trips are staffed with a single Expedition Leader who may be assisted, pending availability, by local guides.



Important Information About This Trip

This trip ventures far afield from the typical Alaska tour circuit where large motorcoaches move long lines of cruise clients to crowded destinations. A couple of details you should be aware of: Power is available at Denali Backcountry Lodge, Kenai Fjords Wilderness Lodge on Fox Island, and at Bear Camp or King Salmon Lodge.

A prime focus of our Alaska adventure is bears, which, naturally, should be treated with caution. At Brooks Falls and in Lake Clark National Park, thousands of visitors have traveled here to view bears over the past 50+ years and, to our knowledge, there has never been a bear attack. But we never know exactly what bears are thinking, so we ask our travelers to consider this and pay close attention to the rules set forth by the park rangers.

Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. This is for the safety of all guests. We require that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least \$250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

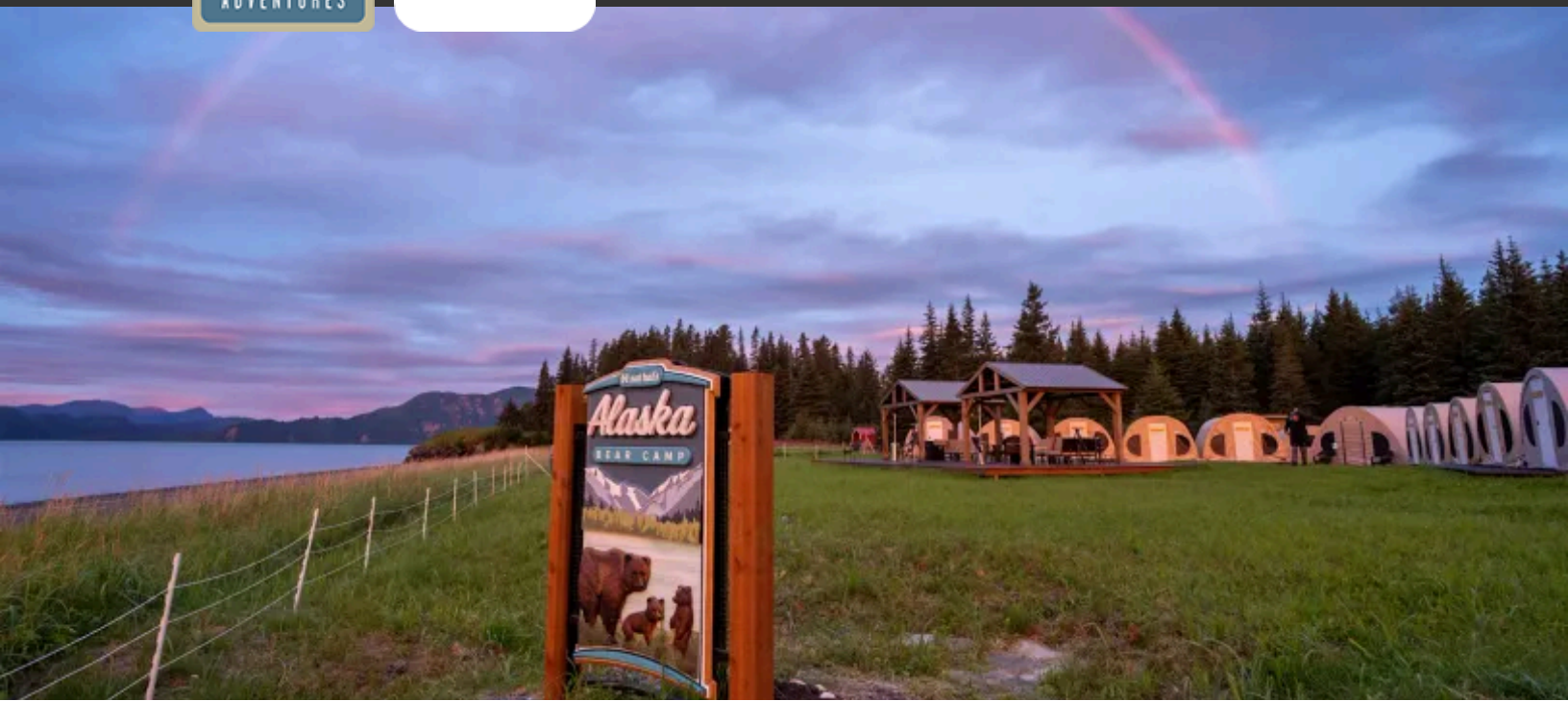
To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

Getting There & Getting Home

This adventure begins in Fairbanks and ends in Homer. Please book your flights so that you can arrive in Fairbanks by 4 pm on Day 1 of the program in order to attend an orientation and welcome dinner at 5:30 pm. You are free to depart Homer any time on the final day.



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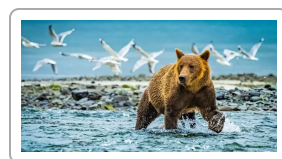
Extension Details:

Nat Hab's Alaska Bear Camp
\$6995

Alaska's Grizzly Ship: Kodiak to Katmai
\$10995

Ultimate Alaska Photo Expedition Extensions

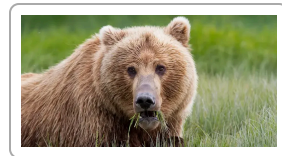
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Nat Hab's Alaska Bear Camp

A secluded immersion with brown bears in the wilderness of Lake Clark National Park—enjoy total privacy and comfort at our deluxe fly-in wilderness camp accessed via chartered bush plane from Homer.

\$6995 (+air)



Alaska's Grizzly Ship: Kodiak to Katmai

An exclusive small-ship adventure to view giant brown bears—the world's largest "coastal grizzlies"—up close! Walk the shores as bears dig for clams, forage for sedges and pursue salmon in season in tidal streams.

\$10995 (+air)



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