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Alaska Bear Camp Photo Expedition

A Total Immersion with Brown Bears from Our Private Fly-In Wilderness Base



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Trip Details:

Days:

7 Days / Jun & Jul

Price:

From \$7995
(+ Air)

Physical

Requirements:

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At Nat Hab's Alaska Bear Camp, photographers find encounters with wild brown bears unmatched anywhere else. On our private inholding within Lake Clark National Park, we are surrounded by some of the best bear viewing on the planet—and it's exclusively for Nat Hab guests. Dozens of bears range over meadows, wetlands and beaches at the base of the Aleutian Range, foraging for protein-rich sedges and digging clams from the sand. In late summer, when salmon run up the streams from the sea, bears fish for nature's bounty—and all of it is on display before our cameras, often at very close range. Our sustainable bush camp provides a comfortable base for exploration in the bears' midst, fronting Chinitna Bay on one side and overlooking a vast meadow behind with a two-story viewing platform facilitating outstanding photos. Our Expedition Leaders are not only top wildlife photographers but some of Alaska's most experienced bear naturalists—their guidance sets you up for success!

Trip Highlights

Alongside expert guides, photograph bears from our private inholding within Lake Clark National Park, where they roam, fish and forage in view of camp

Our Expedition Leaders are not only gifted wildlife photographers and instructors, they are also seasoned naturalists who interpret every aspect of the bears' behavior

Reach our isolated Bear Camp on Cook Inlet via a scenic chartered bush plane flight from Homer, passing dramatic mountain ranges and glacier-iced volcanoes



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Itinerary At A Glance

Day 1

Anchorage / Homer, Alaska

Day 2

Kachemak Bay Private Cruise / Private Flight to Nat Hab's Alaska Bear Camp—Bear Viewing

Days 3-5

Brown Bear Photography in Lake Clark National Park

Day 6

Bear Photography / Private Flight to Homer

Day 7

Homer / Depart

Alaska Bear Camp Photo Expedition Itinerary

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Day 1: Anchorage / Homer, Alaska

Meet your Photo Expedition Leader and traveling companions at the Anchorage airport to board our private chartered group flight to Homer, where our Alaska Bear Camp adventure begins. This scenic fishing town of 5,500 on Kachemak Bay is located near the bottom of the Kenai Peninsula. Known as “the end of the road,” Homer is the most southerly point on Alaska’s contiguous highway system. Surrounded by 280 acres of protected state land, this critical wildlife habitat sustains more than 100 bird species and a large local moose population. Homer’s key geographic feature is the Homer Spit, a 4.5-mile-long gravel bar that extends into the bay. Visitors to the town harbor frequently see fishing boats unloading their catch—Homer is heralded as the Halibut Capital of the World. This evening, gather with our Expedition Leader for a welcome dinner and orientation to the incredible bear photography adventures that lie ahead.





Day 2: Kachemak Bay Private Cruise / Private Flight to Nat Hab's Alaska Bear Camp—Bear Viewing

Head out on a private boat cruise this morning to explore the abundant waters and magnificent scenery of Kachemak Bay. The bay is transformed daily by some of the largest tidal fluctuations in the world, and it's home not only to coveted sport fish but other plentiful marine life, too. Sea otters, seals, and sea lions are common photo subjects. A highlight of our cruise is the Gull Island seabird rookery, home to 10,000 nesting seabirds with a chance to photograph puffins, guillemots, kittiwakes, murrens and more.

After lunch we fly by private chartered bush plane across Cook Inlet to Nat Hab's Alaska Bear Camp. Weather in this region is often fickle and unpredictable, so we are prepared to work with our pilots to determine the best window of opportunity and adapt our timing as needed. Once we're in the air, the view is staggering as we pass snow-clad volcanoes and jagged glaciers winding down from icefields on high. Our destination, where the Aleutian and Alaska ranges meet, is Lake Clark National Park, some of the world's most critical brown bear habitat. Look for bears along the shoreline as we come in for a landing, taxiing down the beach. Bear Camp is located on a historic homestead, a rare private inholding of coastal land surrounded by the roadless wilderness of Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. These 4 million protected acres 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 is ours alone for an unparalleled immersion in pristine brown bear habitat.

Once we reach Bear Camp, we gather for an orientation and safety talk with coaching on bear etiquette. Then, it's time to photograph the bears! Here at Bear Camp, we have some of the best, most consistent viewing anywhere in Alaska, due to the season-long availability of food. In the spring, sedge grass awaits the bears as they emerge from their dens, protein-rich food that supports rapid growth. Bears also dig clams from the beach as they await their late summer feast: by late July or early August, the region's salmon runs help provide the fat that enables the bears to survive a long winter. All season long, nature serves a steady bounty to these omnivores. And since the bears are sated by this abundance, 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. Two viewing platforms, one elevated for a territorial view, enable us to see bears nearby and at a distance. And we often capture shots of them right from camp, which is surrounded by electrified wires, ensuring our safety on site. After an exhilarating day, settle into your weatherproof tent cabin before we gather in the dining tent for dinner—you'll be surprised at the outstanding meals our resident chef is able to prepare in such a remote location. Fresh local fare is on the menu, including Alaskan salmon and other offerings from the region's seasonal abundance.



Days 3–5: Brown Bear Photography in Lake Clark National Park

Prior to this rare opportunity, most of us will have seen bears only in zoos or nature documentaries. Yet there's nothing that comes close to this immersive experience, being among them in their wild home. 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 bear activity will vary according to the season, weather conditions, and timing of the salmon runs, and we can never predict exactly what bear behavior we'll witness, there's always something riveting going on. Earlier in the season, we might see mating activity. Later on, we could catch a sighting of mothers with playful cubs. Once the salmon start running by mid- to late summer, we may see bears fishing in streams. 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 Expedition Leaders, seasoned bear naturalists who offer thorough coaching in respectful "bear etiquette" to ensure your safety. Our low-impact presence ensures that we never disturb the bears, and they in turn grant us comfortable access to capture shots of them as they go about their daily routines.

Day 6: Bear Photography / Private Flight to Homer

Enjoy one last morning to photograph the bears in Lake Clark National Park, admiring their majesty and whimsy alike. Few travelers ever have such an encounter with solitude and wilderness on the scale that surrounds us here. The size of the landscape, the raw beauty, the profound silence—these things alone would make for a life-transforming experience. But the chance to watch Alaskan brown bears, these incomparable icons of the wild, on their turf, their terms...it's a wonder to have bears welcome us into their world. And one thing is certain: no one leaves here unmoved by the bears' plight, intensely aware of the threats from mining, climate change and other potential impacts to the health of this vital ecosystem on which the bears rely. We depart as ambassadors for the bears, our time among them leaving an indelible mark on us, inspiring us to do all we can to protect them.

If the weather cooperates, we plan to depart Bear Camp for Homer after lunch. Boarding our bush plane, we look for a last glimpse of bears on the shoreline as we go. Back in Homer, we transfer to our hotel at the very end of the Homer Spit, edging the beach with broad views of Kachemak Bay and the Kenai Mountains beyond. There may be time to wander around the spit, lined with shops and galleries featuring Alaskan art and handicrafts. Later this evening, celebrate our adventures at a farewell dinner.

Day 7: Homer / Depart

Our Alaska bear photo safari comes to a close today as we transfer to the airport for homeward flights.



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Accommodation Details:

Nat Hab's Alaska Bear Camp

Land's End Resort

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/alaska-northern-adventures/nat-hab-bear-camp-photo-expedition/accommodations/

Alaska Bear Camp Photo Expedition Accommodations

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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.



Land's End Resort

At the end of the road on the Kenai Peninsula, on the tip of the famous Homer Spit, our beachfront rooms have expansive views of Kachemak Bay and the Kenai Mountains.



Bear Camp Is a Matchless Photography Opportunity!

If you're coming to Alaska to photograph bears, you have options. Numerous outfitters offer bear-viewing experiences, from a one-day excursion lasting a few hours to multi-day backcountry adventures like ours. If getting the best possible photos of bears in the wilds of Alaska is your quest, a stay at Nat Hab's Alaska Bear Camp offers some compelling advantages. Take a look:

1 Stay Directly Within Some of Alaska's Best Brown Bear Habitat

Lake Clark National Park is renowned for its brown bear encounters. Our fly-in wilderness camp is surrounded by rich bear habitat, and bears are often on view directly from camp as well on the shoreline and in the surrounding meadows. You won't find a better setting for bear photography!

2 Unparalleled Privacy & Seclusion from Our Fly-In Wilderness Camp

Nat Hab's Alaska Bear Camp sits on a private 15-acre inholding within Lake Clark National Park, which we access via chartered small plane from Homer. Because we're on private land, and the camp is ours alone, you'll enjoy secluded accommodations away from other travelers in the national park.

3 Exceptional Comfort in a Truly Remote Setting

Bear Camp is out there—way out there. But our isolated wilderness setting doesn't mean you'll lack for creature comforts. Heavy-duty weatherproof tent cabins are spacious, heated and furnished with real beds, a desk and a nighttime en suite potty, while the shared bathhouse has ecological composting toilets and hot showers. Meals are a highlight, created by our resident chef who makes the most of fresh local seafood and other regional fare.

4 A Scenic Roundtrip Flight is a Special Bonus

Many visitors to Alaska add a flightseeing trip to their itinerary, since there's nothing that tops an aerial view when it comes to appreciating the scale and grandeur of the Alaskan landscape. Such an adventure is part of getting to Bear Camp! And it may offer exciting photo prospects when the weather cooperates. We charter small planes out of Homer, crossing Cook Inlet and passing the snow-clad volcanoes of Redoubt and Iliamna, where the Aleutian Range meets the glaciated Alaska Range, before landing on the beach in front of camp.



5 Varied Locations for Bear Photography

From our base at camp, we watch bears from a private two-story viewing platform. And sometimes we see bears on the beach right in front of camp! We also observe on foot on walks with our naturalist guides, and from our private Bear Mobile, a rugged vehicle that takes us farther afield in search of bears. Its open sides and rear offer an unimpeded view for photography, and it is equipped with weatherproof flaps that we can drop in case of inclement weather. And while we enjoy total privacy at Bear Camp, we also have direct access into Lake Clark National Park for additional photo opportunities.

6 Shoot Alongside Pro Photographers Who Are Also Expert Bear Naturalists

Our Bear Camp Expedition Leaders are not only accomplished photographers, adept instructors and professional naturalists, they're bear experts. They have spent years observing and learning about *Ursus arctos*, and their wealth of knowledge adds immeasurably to your experience, whether it's sharing tips and techniques to improve your images, or imparting their knowledge of the natural world. They are seasoned guides when it comes to understanding bear behavior and your safety, coaching us in proper etiquette for respectful viewing.

7 Our Quality-Value Guarantee Promises You an Outstanding Adventure

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

8 Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. 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.

9 Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly 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 exceedingly proud!





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 Nat Hab's Alaska Bear Camp Photo Expedition on offer. Request your private departure by completing the form below.

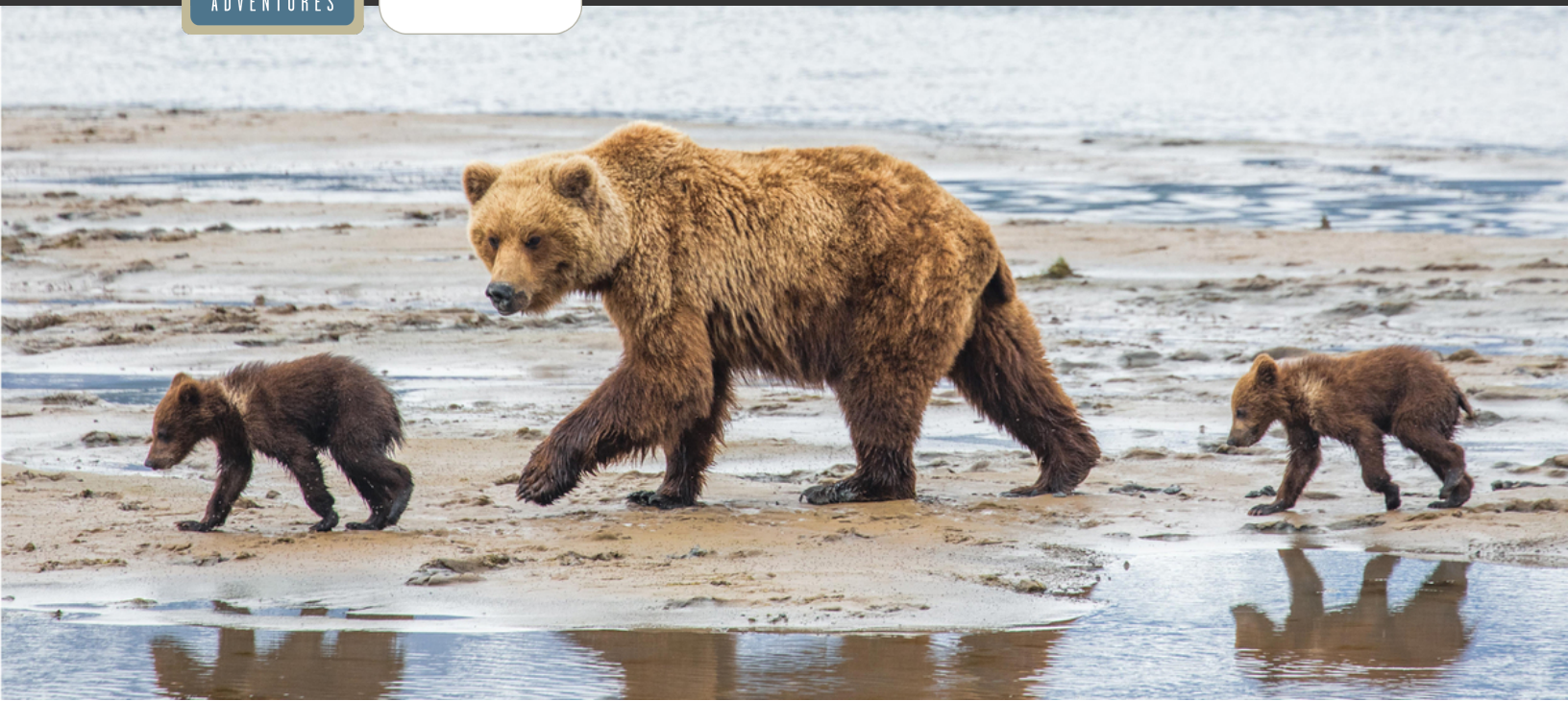
Please note that on Alaska Bear Camp Photo Expedition Make It Private departures we require a minimum group size of 7 travelers.

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 \$7995
(+ Air)

Group Size:
Please note that on Make It Private departures we have a minimum group size of half the maximum size of our regularly scheduled departures.

Physical Requirements:

Alaska Bear Camp Photo Expedition Dates, Pricing & Info

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2025 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Jun 4, 2025	Jun 10, 2025	
Jul 9, 2025	Jul 15, 2025	
Jul 13, 2025	Jul 19, 2025	

2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Jul 7, 2026	Jul 13, 2026	
Jul 14, 2026	Jul 20, 2026	
Aug 2, 2026	Aug 8, 2026	



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Pricing

2025 Prices

Trip Price \$7995 (+internal air) **Internal Air Fee: \$1636 per person (listed separately on our invoicing).** • Anchorage to Homer: Chartered Jet

- Homer to Bear Camp: Bush plane
- Bear Camp to Homer: Bush plane

Single Occupancy : For a single room add \$975. If requested, we can also match you with a roommate. If we are unable to find you a match, you will not be charged for a single room.

Deposit : \$500 per person (nonrefundable)



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

2026 Prices

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

Included

- ▶ **Trip price includes:** Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s), local guides and camp staff, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, private wildlife cruise on Kachemak Bay, camp gear (rain jackets, rubber boots, mosquito nets, Swarovski binoculars, scopes and tripods), some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.
- ▶ **Internal air cost includes:** Chartered flights from Anchorage to Homer as well as chartered bush flights between 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

Easy to Moderate

Nat Hab's Alaska Bear Camp adventure is a remote wilderness experience in the heart of wild brown bear habitat. Our deluxe safari-style camp is accessed exclusively via privately chartered small planes, which make beach landings as weather and tides permit. Good health and overall fitness are a must, as we are far from medical facilities in this roadless region—it may take several hours or potentially a full day or more to evacuate to a medical facility should health problems arise.

General mobility, including the ability to climb into and out of small planes, is essential. Trip participants must be able to walk at least 1 mile without assistance to join this adventure. Most of our



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time is spent standing out in the elements viewing bears for hours at a time, both from viewing platforms and on guided walks. Once we reach our bear-viewing site for each outing, we may spend several hours in essentially one spot with little movement. The closest bear viewing platform is 300 feet from camp, while the farthest is a 1.5 mile walk one way, but we do have vehicle support to facilitate getting to the more distant platforms if necessary. Bear viewing can also be done right from camp, but to get the full experience, guests must be able to walk at least 1 mile unassisted. While it isn't possible to take longer walks or hikes during our time at camp, our bear-viewing location may vary each day, and we access the sites by walking on wooden boardwalks, dirt paths or uneven natural terrain, which may include sections of shallow water. You must be able to carry all your own gear, including daypacks and camera equipment. We stress that travelers are not required to participate in every activity, but all guests must be in general good health. Guests must also come prepared with a positive attitude and the ability to be flexible in a wild and remote setting where weather conditions are highly changeable.

Important Information About This Trip

Our Bear Camp adventure offers a rare opportunity for an immersive encounter with one of the world's bear viewing locations, while luxury camping allows guests to stay in complete comfort. Since this trip takes place way off the grid and a 45-minute flight from the nearest town, guests must be prepared for all the vagaries that come with travel to such an isolated destination. These include inclement weather and limited operational materials, all of which makes a journey to our exclusive Alaska Bear Camp an adventure in the truest sense. At times, flights may be canceled or delayed due to poor weather, and some amenities may become unavailable until a new shipment arrives. But the adventure is part of the excitement, and we will use our decades of operating experience in Alaska to make the best of even substantial itinerary changes, should they occur.

Please understand that the hearty and tasty meals at camp are specially planned and prepared for well in advance. Dietary requirements due to serious medical conditions or strict personal restrictions can be met, with ample notice, but must be adhered to during the trip. If you have a very restricted diet, we recommend bringing some of your preferred snacks along, with the appreciation that certain foods are limited in this remote part of the world and there might not be many options.

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

Arrive into **Anchorage**, Alaska by 1 pm on Day 1 of the trip to check in at 2pm for our group charter



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flight to Homer, departing at 3 pm.

Depart from **Homer** , Alaska at any time on the final day.



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Extension Details:

Grizzly Ship Photo Expedition: Kodiak to Katmai
\$10995

Ultimate Alaska Photo Expedition
\$18995

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

Ultimate Alaska Wildlife Safari
\$17795

Alaska Bear Camp Photo Expedition Extensions

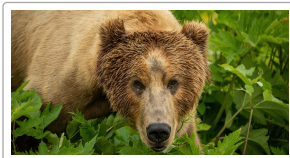
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Grizzly Ship Photo Expedition: Kodiak to Katmai

Based aboard our private small ship, just eight guests photograph brown bears in the roadless Katmai wilderness, going ashore with an expert bear naturalist and photography pro who knows these animals intimately.

\$10995 (+air)



Ultimate Alaska Photo Expedition

A truly epic photography adventure! Alongside expert guides, get aerial shots of Denali from a helicopter; capture brown bear portraits at close range, and shoot glaciers, whales, puffins and more in Kenai Fjords.

\$18995 (+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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Ultimate Alaska Wildlife Safari

See more of wild Alaska on this wide-ranging, small-group adventure including Alaskan brown bears, a fly-in backcountry lodge in Denali National Park, marine life of Kenai Fjords, and the scenic Alaska Railroad to Seward.

\$17795 (+air)



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