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KENAI FJORDS HIKE & CRUISE (OR FISH!)

Alaska Multi-Activity / Hiking Tour

2025 Tour Description Sheet

3 days*, starts and ends in Anchorage

Combines well with *Alaska Explorer*, *Mountains & Glaciers*, and *Alaska Ranger*

(*when combined w/ *Alaska Explorer* or *Mountains & Glaciers* this tour meets up with those other tours in Portage, following the Alaska State ferry trip on those tours' final day: No need to return to Anchorage and overnight there in those cases!)

Sensational Day Hiking and Wildlife Viewing and a Spectacular 6-hour Kenai Fjords National Park Glacier, Whale & Wildlife-Viewing Cruise OR a Half-Day Fishing Charter (with \$50 supplement fee), in Kenai Fjords National Park

2025 TOUR DATES & PRICES

KENAI FJORDS HIKE & CRUISE (OR FISH!) Lodge-based tours (in Yurts!)

Tour Dates: July 7-9; July 31-August 2; August 16-18; August 30-September 1

Introductory Tour Price: \$750 +local sales tax. **All meals included***. **Single Supplement:** \$150. **Fishing Supplement:** +\$50

3 days* / 2 nights. Three nights in twin-share Yurts (see Accommodations section, below)

TOUR INTRODUCTION: NEW for 2025! After many years of putting together private, post-tour extensions to **Kenai Fjords National Park** for clients participating in our other trips, and also being unable to accommodate people who don't have as much time and are just interested in a shorter tour, we've finally added this new, 3-day "mini-tour" to stunning and inspirational **Kenai Fjords National Park!**

This new **Kenai Fjords Hike & Cruise (or Fish!)** tour can be done on its own, in 3 days/2 nights, or *added on to our 10-day **Alaska Explorer** or 6-day **Mountains & Glaciers** tours as a 2 ½-day/2-night extension (it meets up with those tours in Portage, following their final-day Alaska state ferry trips across Prince William Sound, and then carries on to Seward; this means those **Alaska Explorer** and **Mountains & Glaciers** clients don't need to return to and overnight in Anchorage before visiting Kenai Fjords National Park). Occasionally, depending on the specific dates, it can also be added on to our 6-day **Alaska Ranger**.

This active 'Multi-Activity/Hiking' tour is highlighted by one of Alaska's premier day hikes: up alongside **Exit Glacier** to the **800-square mile Harding Ice Field**, one of the best hikes in the entire National Park system!

The tour climaxes with an absolute Alaska must-see: The definitive and sensational 6-hour **Kenai Fjords National Park Glacier, Whale & Wildlife-Viewing Cruise** in the dramatic fjordlands of this truly beautiful, mostly marine national park. Watch in awe as Pleistocene-era ice sloughs off the tidewater glacier faces, crashing into fjordal bays. Orcas, humpbacks, and/or other species of migratory or year 'round whales are usually seen up close, often bubble feeding in large pods for extended periods of time: a sight to behold! Sea otters, sea lions, playful porpoises, and a wonderful variety of birds, including bald eagles, puffins, oyster catchers, murrelets, cormorants, auklets, and many others are usually seen, and bears and mountain goats are also often sighted.

Alternative to the cruise, fisher folk can go out on a **half-day fishing charter** with a local captain for salmon, rockfish, cod and more, at the same time and mostly in the same waters as the cruise (\$50 upgrade supplement required, plus the purchase of a one-day fishing license; subject to availability; please let us know if you prefer the fishing charter when you register for the trip).

On this tour, we stay in heated, twin-share yurts at a charming and unique, locally owned boutique lodge, some with queen beds and some with two or four twin beds (when four beds, it's two on each floor of a larger yurt). The yurts have comfortable beds, attractive furnishings, electricity, and wifi. (They are not plumbed however, although the clean and private flush toilets and reservable hot showers are just a few steps away). The Yurt Village includes a kitchen where our guide is able to prepare our **famous 'camp-style gourmet' meals**, multi-course affairs featuring grilled salmon or other proteins, along with delicious salads, side dishes and desserts: the food is a highlight! Vegetarian and vegan fare and most special diets can also be accommodated.

GET UP & GO! Either as a shorter, standalone adventure for those with limited time, or as an add-on to one or more of our longer tours, **Kenai Fjords Hike & Cruise (or Fish!)** is a beautiful and '**Active, Informative, Fun!**' adventure in one of Alaska's most iconic and beautiful national parks. Please join us and see for yourself!

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DAILY ITINERARY & ACTIVITIES

Notes: Unless identified as optional, all mentioned activities are included.

Specific hikes may sometimes vary, depending on conditions.

This **flexible** tour itinerary is (rarely) subject to change. BLD below indicates included meals.

DAY 1: FROM ANCHORAGE TO SEWARD & KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK

We'll meet in the morning at our Anchorage departure hotel/s (see our *Alaska Tour Pre-Departure Packet* for location/s and time/s), introduce ourselves, and after a brief overview of the tour, head south to the beautiful Kenai Peninsula. On the way we'll parallel scenic Turnagain Arm. This mountain-lined and glacier-carved fjord, the ultimate extension of the Cook Inlet, Gulf of Alaska and Pacific Ocean, was named by a frustrated Captain Cook, during his 1778 search for the legendary Northwest Passage. Along the way, we'll stop for our first hike, typically a 3-4 trek in the stunning Chugach Mountains (the specific hike will be determined by a number of factors, primarily current conditions and the day's weather: there's lots of great options!).

[Those of you who will be joining this tour as an extension of either your *Alaska Explorer* or *Mountains & Glaciers* tour with us will usually be picked up in Portage on the final days of those other tours, following your trip across Prince William Sound on the Alaska state ferry and a post-ferry hike.]

We'll then carry on to the beautiful Kenai Peninsula and to the seaside town of **Seward**, gateway to **Kenai Fjords National Park**, for two-night stay at the charming Yurt Village. LD

DAY 2: SEWARD & KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK

One of our favorite hikes anywhere and certainly one of the best hikes in the entire National Park system is today's highlight! Up we'll go alongside the very blue Exit Glacier to an overlook of the 800-square mile Harding Ice Field, focal point of **Kenai Fjords National Park** and the source of its many glaciers. Moose, bears, mountain goats, porcupines, and marmots are all commonly seen on this hike, and the glacier and ice field are dramatically beautiful; this inspirational hike will stay with you long after you've left Alaska! BLD

DAY 3: CRUISE OR FISH, AND THEN BACK TO ANCHORAGE

This morning you can choose between either the previously described **6-hour whale and wildlife viewing cruise to an active tidewater glacier** in stunning **Kenai Fjords National Park**; or to go out on a **half-day fishing charter** for salmon, rock fish, and cod with a local captain (\$50 upgrade fee and fishing license required, subject to availability). The day cruise is spectacular, as multiple whale species, porpoises, sea lions, sea otters, seals, bald eagles, puffins, oyster catchers, and an interesting variety of other sea birds are all commonly seen, and the close-up view of the calving tidewater glacier is truly spectacular.

If you can't imagine coming to Alaska and not going fishing, well, that's a great option as well. It's also possible to have your catch filleted, flash-frozen, and Fed-Ex'ed home to share with your friends and family, and to initiate a great story (additional fees required).

Afterwards, we'll wave goodbye to Seward and Kenai Fjords and drive back to **Anchorage**, where the tour ends by 5 pm (airport or hotel drop-offs are no problem). BL

***KENAI FJORDS HIKE & CRUISE (OR FISH!)* ACCOMMODATIONS**

3 days* /23 nights. We stay in comfortable and heated twin-share yurts with electricity and wifi at a charming, boutique "yurt village" lodge in Seward for three nights. Private yurts may be available for singles, with single supplement, or we can usually either pair you with another same-sex single, or put you in the four-bed, two-floor yurt to avoid this charge.

MEALS

All meals are included (except breakfast on the first morning, before meeting the group, and dinner on the last day), and are prepared by your guide. We feature fresh, nutritious, and tasty foods, multi-course meals and large portions, often including barbecues, fresh fish and meat, salads, and more. **Dinner is a highlight!** Vegetarians, vegans, and most special diets can be catered to **with advance notice**, please list any dietary restrictions or preferences on your *Tour Reservation Form*.

LOOK AT ALL THAT'S INCLUDED

- **6-hour Kenai Fjords National Park Glacier, Whale & Wildlife-Viewing Day Cruise**
 - **OR Deep-Sea Salmon or Halibut Fishing Charter** (~\$50 per person upgrade fee required, plus you must purchase a one-day non-resident fishing license; subject to availability, these charters fill fast)
 - **Day Hiking:** A variety of wonderful 2 to 6-hour scenic day hikes over mixed terrain (moderate to strenuous)
 - **Alaska Sea Life Center** entrance
 - **Professional Guide:** The friendly and capable services of a professional *Get Up & Go! Tours'* guide
 - **All Ground Transport**, Anchorage to Anchorage (or Portage to Anchorage)
 - **All Lodging Fees** throughout the tour, as specified in the "Accommodations" section of this document
 - **All Meals**, except breakfast on the first morning and dinner on the last day
 - **Entrance and User Fees** to all national and state parks visited en route
 - **Alaska Tour Pre-Departure Packet**, including a packing list, Anchorage lodging and arrival information, and more
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NOT INCLUDED

- **Transport to and from Anchorage** (where the trip starts & ends)
 - **Anchorage Lodging**, before or after the tour; we can help. See our *Alaska Tour Pre-Departure Packet* for details
 - **Non-Included Meals** (breakfast on the first morning and dinner on the last day), or **alcoholic beverages**
 - **Optional Activities** (see below)
 - **Personal Expenses**
 - **Gratuities** for your hard-working guides; please see page 5 of our *Alaska Tour Pre-Departure Packet* for general tipping guidelines
 - **Personal Travel Insurance:** highly recommended. See our *Tour Reservation Form* for details
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OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES & PRICES

- **½-Day Fishing Charter Upgrade Fee:** \$50 (plus required one-day, non-resident fishing license)
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TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE on this or any of our tours simply give us a call at **1.907.245.0795**, or email us at alaska@getupandgotours.com. Assuming availability, all you'll need to do to confirm your reservation is to complete our *Tour Reservation Form* and scan and email, or mail it back to us with your \$300 per person, per tour deposit. We accept personal checks, money orders, bank wire transfers, Visa, Master Card, and American Express.

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