Every journey tells a storysm

Spectacular Alaska!

Vacation Start: July 7, 2023 Anchorage Vacation End: July 16, 2023 Anchorage



Stefan's 'Join the Fun" #1 Alaska Tour (by Land, Train & Glacier Boat Tours)

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TOUR: AJ 10 Day Tour from Anchorage to Anchorage

From mountains to mammals, everything is bigger in Alaska. In the 20+ hours of summer sunlight a day, even the produce grows to fair-winning proportions. Of course, the 70-pound Matanuska Valley cabbage is just the beginning of the big sights this sun-soaked tour of Alaska has to offer. Just wait until you cruise along the three-mile face of the Columbia Glacier, sail by the calving tidewater glaciers of Kenai Fjords National Park and ascend into Denali National Park – home of North America's highest peak – by way of the world-famous Alaska Railroad. Other big moments include panning for gold at Fairbanks' Gold Dredge #8, seeing a mushing demonstration at the home of an Iditarod champion, and witnessing the grandest of wildlife from Alaska's majestic coasts to its monumental crests. While spotting a giant whale, caribou, moose, or grizzly might be "no biggie" to the locals, we think you'll agree, this Alaska vacation is huge.

SMALL GROUP DISCOVERY

Globus offers Small-Group Discoveries on select North America dates. A Small-Group Discovery is limited to an average of just 24 guests per departure. There's always room to roam with extra space between you and other travelers—while still getting up close and personal to the experiences you've been dreaming of. Small-Group Discoveries include all the features of a traditional Globus escorted tour, complete with expert Tour Director, Driver, and Local Guides who ensure that your health and safety is our top priority. A Small-Group Discovery trip is the perfectly sized tour—without the crowds.



Day 1 ARRIVE IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

WELCOME TO ANCHORAGE!

Meet your Tour Director between 3 pm and 7 pm in the hotel reception area.

Day 2 ANCHORAGE-VALDEZ

SIGHTS & SOUNDS

Meet your fellow travel companions at this morning's welcome orientation. Travel through Palmer in the Matanuska Valley, where cabbages can grow to an amazing 70 pounds in the 24-hour daylight. Venture up over Tahneta Pass for wonderful vistas of Matanuska and Worthington Glaciers. Stop at Bridal Veil Falls before arriving in the seaside port of Valdez.

💣 Breakfast 🔺 Dinner

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

NATURAL WONDERS Located near the head of a deep fjord in Prince William Sound, Valdez is a mix of tidewater glaciers, rainforests, majestic mountains, and wildlife on land and sea. Orcas and humpback whales, otters, sea lions, and birds are among the many animals you might spy from this spectacular seaport.

Day 3

VALDEZ. CRUISE ON PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND

TRUE FISH STORIES

This morning, **@** meet a local Alaskan fishing expert to learn more about the industry, the equipment used, and their daily lives. Then board your boat for a cruise on Prince William Sound. Before returning to Valdez, see the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Terminal, where supertankers are loaded with crude oil from Prudhoe Bay.

👕 Breakfast 🗙 Lunch

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

CULTURE & TRADITIONS Get an inside look at the proud traditions of the Alaskan fishing industry during a fascinating presentation by an industry expert. You'll hear about the daily lives of fishermen who have carried on this way of life for generations. Go further with a scenic cruise on the spectacular Prince William Sound. Cruise along the 3-mile face of Columbia Glacier with a watchful eye out for wildlife, including seals, sea otters, birds, and even whales!

Day 4 VALDEZ-DELTA JUNCTION-FAIRBANKS

ARCTIC ADVENTURE

Enjoy great scenery all the way as you travel along Richardson Highway. Stop at Delta Junction Roadhouse, a living history homestead with a museum, original roadhouse, and farm animals. Then, head west on the Alaska Highway to Fairbanks, the state's second-largest city. Enjoy a free evening.



TOUR HIGHLIGHT

CITY SIGHTS Discover a world of the Northern Lights, the midnight sun, and sunsets and sunrises that seem to never end. Basecamp to Denali National Park, it's no wonder Fairbanks is called the Golden Heart of Alaska.

Day 5

FAIRBANKS

GOLD RUSH & MUSHERS

Visit Gold Dredge #8 and ride the narrow-gauge railroad. Then, try your luck as you pan for gold. Later today, board the Sternwheeler Discovery for a cruise on the Chena River, with a stop at the Chena Village to learn about Athabascan Native culture. You will also have the chance to meet Iditarod mushers and their famed dog teams to learn about breeding, training, and the big race! This evening, enjoy a special Alaska salmon bake.

┢ Breakfast 🔺 Dinner

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

CULTURAL GEMS Experience frontier living in an Athabascan village on the Chena River. Here in the Alaskan forests, cabins are made of spruce logs, and the old ways of living with the land are beautifully preserved in the heritage of the Athabascan Native culture. Learn about traditions and survival in an unforgiving yet beautiful environment, where generations of Athabascans skillfully survived for over 10,000 years, ultimately adapting to village life and Western culture in the past century.

Day 6

FAIRBANKS-ALASKA RAILROAD-DENALI NATIONAL PARK

RIDING THE RAILS

Board the world-famous Alaska Railroad for a journey through untamed wilderness. Today's ride ends at Denali National Park, where North America's highest peak, 20,320-foot Denali, (formerly known as Mount McKinley) majestically dominates the park's 6 million acres. The afternoon is free. This evening, enjoy dinner at the Murie Science & Learning Center followed by an 😗 exclusive presentation on Denali National Park by a local Naturalist.

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

EPIC RIDE Board the Alaska Railroad train for spectacular views through its panoramic windows designed for soaking in the stunning scenery on this full-day journey that truly showcases America's 49th state. Keep an eye out for views of Denali (formerly known as Mount McKinley)—as well as wildlife along the way!

Day 7

DENALI NATIONAL PARK

WILDERNESS WONDERS

Morning at leisure. Consider an optional float trip down the Nenana River or a helicopter ride over the park. Then, prepare for an adventure of a lifetime with a Tundra Wilderness tour into the park with a Naturalist Driver Guide.

🐌 Breakfast 🗙 Lunch

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

NATURAL WONDERS Venture deep into Denali National Park and Preserve with a Naturalist Driver Guide in search of fantastic wildlife and natural wonders. Your guide can help you to spot grizzly bear, caribou, moose, and other wildlife from a safe distance. Named for the highest mountain peak in North America, Denali is a natural treasure of pristine and untamed wilderness at its finest.

Day 8

DENALI NATIONAL PARK-BIG LAKE-ANCHORAGE

A DOG'S LIFE

Travel south toward Anchorage stopping at Happy Trails Kennels, home of four-time Iditarod Champion Martin Buser and his dogs. Continue to Anchorage for a visit to the Alaska Native American Heritage Center. This evening, your Tour Director hosts a special farewell dinner. Over dessert, enjoy a 😗 special presentation by an Alaskan bush pilot.

┢ Breakfast 🔀 Lunch 🔺 Dinner

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

LEGENDARY LIVES Visit Happy Trails Kennels, home of 4-time Iditarod Champion Martin Buser and family. Here, Happy Trails Kennel was established in 1982 with the express purpose to raise and train happy, fast long- distance sled dogs to race and win the Iditarod. Martin's loving care and faith in his hounds was made evident by his Iditarod wins to earn the 9-year record for the fastest Iditarod finish. Meet the Iditarod champions and learn about the care and relationship between musher and dog, how they race, and care for their dogs. Watch a demonstration on mushing, complete with a mock Iditarod checkpoint, and get a chance to play with the sled dogs!

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

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NATURAL WONDERS Spectacular Kenai Fjords National Park covers 600,000 acres of protected and pure wilderness, with more than half of its majestic landscapes covered in ice and snow. From the massive Harding lcefield to the countless tidewater glaciers carving deep fjords, this arctic paradise is a natural wonder to behold. A cruise on the fjords affords an unforgettable opportunity to see glaciers calving into the sea, orcas, humpback whales, sea otters, and more breathtaking sights.

Day 10 ANCHORAGE

SAFE TRAVELS UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

┢ Breakfast

Traveler Notes

We've packed everything you need for the perfect vacation—from hand-selected hotels and dining to the friendly expertise of Globus Tour Directors and Local Guides, to seamless transportation between destinations and VIP access to the world's most iconic sites! Touring by private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach.

Your Train: The historic Alaska Railroad travels through Alaska's spectacular scenery. This upgraded experience in Deluxe Dome Service features confirmed seats in the upper-level dome car, priority seating in the dining room, and a private outdoor viewing deck.

YOUR LOCAL EXPERT

Tour Director

With GLOBUS, there's no better way to get to know your destination than through the eyes of a Tour Director. We'd like you to meet one of our Tour Directors, who average over a decade of experience and are representative of the type of expert that will be with you on your vacation.



TODD DIETSCH

Escorting tours for more than 20 years

Born and raised in Anchorage, I love Alaska and cannot imagine living anywhere else. I grew up camping, fishing, and hiking and still enjoy spending time outdoors. I have led tours in Alaska for over 20 years and still enjoy sharing the history, culture, and economics of my home state. I am a teacher during the school year and apply similar lesson plans and organization to each tour. My goal is to share Alaska with every guest as I would share it with a relative. Above all else I want my guests to have fun, but that does not mean that they won't learn a lot about Alaska and being an Alaskan while they are enjoying The Land of the Midnight Sun!

HAND-PICKED

Hotels



We've vetted and hand-selected the best hotels around the world with location, comfort, and style in mind. Enjoy first-class hotels in each destination, and check in with the confidence that we've already checked everything out for your comfort and convenience.

Sheraton Anchorage Hotel & Spa

The hotel is located in the heart of Anchorage and just moments from Anchorage's best restaurants, museums and attractions. The hotel has a fitness center, hot tub, business center, concierge service, gift shop, lounge, and 24 hour room service. 401 East 6th Avenue Anchorage

SuperiorFirst-Class







VALDEZ Totem Hotel & Suites

Pike's Waterfront Lodge

The newest hotel in Valdez blends modern accommodation and style with Alaskan hospitality. Guests will enjoy rooms with premium linens, fluffy towels, TV, coffee maker, microwave, and mini-fridge. Hotel facilities include a lobby area market, fitness center, indoor pool, and Wi-Fi access. The hotel is within walking distance of local restaurants, shops and attractions.

Along the banks of the impressive Chena River sits Pike's Waterfront Lodge.

You'll rest easily in comfortable rooms, all with Aveda aromatherapy room

amenities and many featuring scenic views, a steam room & sauna, riverside

deck, restaurant, and a cozy lounge. The hotel is minutes from the Fairbanks

Alaska airport and next door to famous Pike's Landing restaurant. It's a

convenient and stunning spot for your time in Fairbanks.

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Denali National Park

FAIRBANKS

Approximately seven miles south of Denali National Park & Preserve sits the Denali Park Village Lodge. Positioned along the banks of the Nenana River, and spread over 20 acres, the lodge offers hiking trails throughout the facility from lighter trails to the more rugged. You'll be close to the action of Denali, yet enjoy the evening solitude as you relax to the sound of the river sweeping by. The new Summit Lodge is eco-friendly and features a high-timber lodge look and feel and is home to the Gold Rush Dining Room, Lucky Miss Saloon, Quigley's Coffee Station, Summit Gift Shop and 24-hour concierge desk. 240 George Parks Hwy Denali National Park

ModerateFirst-Class



We've Spent Over 90 Years Planning your Vacation.

When you select a Globus vacation, you're choosing experience, passion, and perfection. Our dedication began over nine decades ago when a young Antonio Mantegazza became inspired to share the stories of his home while using his family's rowboat to transport lumber across beautiful Lake Lugano in Switzerland. He soon began transporting tourists instead, and what began on a spring day in 1928 blossomed into the worldwide name in travel.



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Alaska By Land Group Package Presented by Stefan's "Join the Fun" & Odyssey Travel

Package with Airfare Includes:

- ✓ Overnight Car Parking (10) days in Ormond & Viera
- ✓ Shuttle Transportation to Orlando International Airport r/t
- ✓ Airfare with (1) Suitcase and (1) carry on per person r/t
- ✓ (9) Night Land Tour with GLOBUS Small Group, only 24 Guest
- ✓ (17) Meals
- ✓ Gratuity to your GLOBUS Escorted Tour Guide and Professional Driver
- ✓ Admission to sightseeing and Attractions for (10) Days, see above-
- ✓ Guest in The Villages or Jacksonville- Parking & Shuttle from your City
- \$5,907 per person Bason on a Double
- \$7,276 SOLO Traveler
- \$2000 Non Refundable Deposit to Secure your space

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