

NPCA TRAVEL



THE TRAVEL PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

JULY 12-19, 2025

BEARS, WHALES & GLACIERS
**KENAI FJORDS
& LAKE CLARK**
NATIONAL PARKS

EXPLORE

ON FOOT AND BY KAYAK
OR CANOE

SEEK

ALASKA'S LEGENDARY
WILDLIFE

LEARN

HOW NPCA PROTECTS SALMON
AND BEAR POPULATIONS

Brown Bear, Lake Clark National Park and Preserve

PARK HIGHLIGHTS

- Keep your eyes peeled for **Alaska's extraordinary wildlife**, including puffins, humpback whales and brown bears
- Enjoy a **flightseeing tour** over snow-covered volcanoes and jagged mountains to **Lake Clark National Park and Preserve**, one of the hardest-to-access national parks in the United States
- Stay at the **only wilderness lodge** within Alaska's 700,000-acre **Kenai Fjords National Park** and enjoy walks with a naturalist, sea kayaking and views of nearby **Pedersen Glacier**

NPCA EXCLUSIVES

- Take part in a **one-of-a-kind trip**, custom designed with NPCA's mission, work and partners at its heart
- **Learn about NPCA's role** in protecting Katmai National Park and Lake Clark National Park and Preserve from the destructive Pebble Mine
- Embark on a **guided hike to a massive and otherworldly active glacier** and explore the sharp, rocky landscape its retreat reveals
- Take an **optional flight to see Denali**, flying over the **Alaska Range** and encountering the 40-mile-long **Ruth Glacier** that flows through **Great Gorge**, the world's deepest trench
- Enjoy a **behind-the-scenes** look from NPCA and our partners on how we're **building strong partnerships** to protect the Kenai and its marine and coastal wildlife from climate change



FEATURED STAFF HOST BIO: DAVID LAMFROM

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Bears, Whales and Glaciers Kenai Fjords and Lake Clark National Parks

AVAILABLE DATES: July 12-19, 2025

with optional guided trip extension (July 19-20, 2025) | Min/Max: 8/14

Length of Tour: 8 days/7 nights

NPCA Member Price: \$7,995 per person double occupancy; \$9,995 single occupancy

NPCA Member Price for July 19-20, 2025 Optional Trip Extension: \$1,295 per person double occupancy; \$1,625 single occupancy

Deposit: \$1,000 per person due at registration

Arrive/Depart: Anchorage, AK

Reservations: Please contact NPCA's National Parks Experiences Program at **1.800.628.7275** or email travel@npca.org.

Activity Level: This trip is intended for guests of average physical condition. The group will divide into smaller groups from time to time to match energy levels. As a general guideline, participants should be able to walk at a steady pace for three or four hours without difficulty. Guides will offer active and casual options. By far the most important qualifications are a positive mental attitude, a spirit of adventure, a sense of humor, and a willingness to try new and different experiences. For the bear viewing day trip on Day 7, guests will enjoy excellent aerial views from the small aircraft which will take guests from Anchorage to Lake Clark National Park and Preserve (and back). Once in Lake Clark, guests will access the bear viewing habitat via escorted pontoon boat. Any physical conditions requiring special attention, diet or treatment should be reported when booking to determine what accommodations can be made.

Inclusions: All outlined accommodations, meals as noted in the itinerary (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner) and non-alcoholic beverages (alcoholic beverages will be included for the welcome dinner and farewell dinner), all transportation as noted, park user fees, best of gear and equipment, all guided activities, services of an experienced Trip Leader, all ground shuttle transfers and luggage handling.

Exclusions: Airfare to arrival location and from departure location, additional accommodations or activities outside of program description, alcoholic beverages (alcoholic beverages will be included for the welcome dinner and farewell dinner), local taxes (where applicable), optional guide gratuities and travel insurance.

Explore two of Alaska's most stunning national parks — Kenai Fjords and Lake Clark — and experience some of North America's wildest places.

Incredible scenery abounds, from Alaska's rugged coastline and tidewater glaciers to lush mountain valleys blanketed in colorful wildflowers. This trip is a wildlife lover's delight — we'll visit prime habitats to seek whales and bears, among other Alaskan icons. Your NPCA expert guides will lead

you through hard-to-access and lesser-known areas of the parks, offering insights on the important role of NPCA and key local partners in the ongoing efforts to preserve Alaska's Bear Coast. We'll have the opportunity to witness the incredible results of these efforts, which continue to keep the parks unhindered and wild. For those wishing to add a Denali National Park and Preserve experience, join the optional Denali Extension, including a special tour of Denali and the Alaska Range by plane.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Moderate





Exit Glacier, Kenai Fjords National Park

ITINERARY

DAY JULY 12: Arrivals into Anchorage

1 Plan to arrive in Alaska no later than 2:00 p.m. and make your way to **The Lakefront Anchorage hotel**. Courtesy shuttles from the airport are provided. At 4:00 p.m., we'll meet our NPCA staff host and fellow travelers in the hotel lobby for introductions, followed by a visit to the **Anchorage Museum** to get an overview of this incredible destination. After the museum tour, we'll gather for a special reception and dinner at a well-known local restaurant for Alaskan-infused cuisine and enjoy an orientation of the days ahead. [*The Lakefront Anchorage \(D\)*](#)

DAY JULY 13: Anchorage to Seward and Exit Glacier

2 Today, we'll enjoy a scenic drive south through Anchorage and along **Turnagain Arm** and the Chugach National Forest to the stunning seacoast town of **Seward**. Our destination will be **Exit Glacier**, the only section of the Harding Icefield that is accessible by road. We'll make a stop at the **Exit Glacier Nature Center** before embarking on a guided hike of the area to learn more about Alaska's fascinating glaciers. In the afternoon, we'll learn about Alaska's coastal environment with a special visit to the **Alaska SeaLife Center**, a marine wildlife and maritime museum. The center's spectacular two-story aquarium allows visitors to watch playful and charismatic puffins dive and "fly" underwater with grace and ease. We'll recap the day's activities during dinner at **Resurrection Roadhouse**. [*Seward Windsong Lodge \(B, L, D\)*](#)

DAY JULY 14: Kenai Fjords National Park and Glacier Lodge

3 We'll bid farewell to Seward and board a small boat bound for **Kenai Fjords National Park** — home to an array of glaciers and marine wildlife, including whales, Steller sea lions, sea otters, puffins and more! A half-day **marine wildlife cruise** will allow us to explore the rugged coastlines. We'll enjoy lunch in front of a calving glacier before arriving at our exclusive lodge destination: **Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge**. Nestled in a protected tidal lagoon area, the Glacier Lodge offers miles of expansive beachfront and views of the stunning **Pedersen Glacier**. In the afternoon, we'll meet our guides for a lodge orientation and settle into our private cabins. This evening, we'll enjoy dinner and evening presentations. [*Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge \(B, L, D\)*](#)

DAY JULY 15-16: Kenai Fjords National Park

4-5 For two full days, we'll explore the wild delights of **Kenai Fjords National Park**. After breakfast in the main lodge, choose from a variety of activities best suited to your energy level and interest. Guided options include **walks with a naturalist, sea kayaking, group canoe paddles** and more. In the spirit of adventure and to take advantage of tidal and weather patterns, guides will discuss specific nature outings and options with our group this morning. All activities are suitable for beginners and require no previous experience. For those seeking a more relaxed approach, the **main lodge** offers ideal comfort with direct views of nature. Curious sea otters and seals frequent the lagoon, just steps from the main lodge deck. In a nearby meadow, we can sometimes glimpse bears and other wildlife from a safe distance. The **natural history library** offers amazing resources and interesting reads. Upon return to the main lodge, we'll share stories from our day's adventure with other guests and join local expert guides or guest speakers for a **natural history presentation** in the evening. [*Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge \(B, L, D\)*](#)

DAY JULY 17: Kenai Fjords National Park to Anchorage

6 We'll savor another morning in the wilds of **Kenai Fjords National Park**. A morning outing allows for another opportunity to kayak, canoe, hike or explore the beach for a half-day before boarding our boat for the **return wildlife cruise to Seward**. Along the way, there will be ample opportunity to photograph the sheer cliff walls teeming with birds, plants and other vegetation and scan for more marine wildlife. As we try to spot feeding humpback whales or harbor seals sunning themselves on ice chunks, we'll



learn how NPCA is building strong partnerships to protect the park and its marine and coastal animals from climate change. We'll return to **Anchorage** this evening aboard the historic **Alaska Railroad** and enjoy the spectacular scenery on our rail journey, with Gold Star seating in domed viewing cars and a delicious dinner served on board. We'll arrive at the downtown **Anchorage** depot by 10:15 p.m. and overnight in Anchorage. [*The Lakefront Anchorage \(B, L, D\)*](#)



Puffin, Kenai Fjords National Park



Stellar Sea Lion, Kenai Fjords National Park

DAY 7 JULY 18: Bear Viewing in Lake Clark

National Park and Preserve
Starting from the Lake Hood Seaplane Base in Anchorage, we'll prepare for an exciting day of adventure to **Lake Clark National Park and Preserve** to view bears in this incredible habitat. Situated at the headwaters of **Bristol Bay**, Lake Clark National Park and Preserve is an epitome of the Alaskan wilderness landscape. At 4 million acres, the park encompasses volcanoes, jagged mountains, glaciers, wild rivers, waterfalls and diverse Alaska wildlife populations. Our scenic 1-hour, 10-minute **flightseeing tour** via floatplane will end at **Redoubt Mountain Lodge on Crescent Lake**, where we will spend our day. Upon arrival, we'll meet our knowledgeable **bear viewing guide** who will escort us by covered pontoon boat to lakeside areas where bears feed on spawning wild Alaska salmon. Here, we'll have an opportunity to hear about NPCA's role in safeguarding this area from the proposed Pebble Mine. We'll return to **Anchorage** for our final evening of the tour. *[The Lakefront Anchorage \(B, L, D\)](#)*

DAY 8 JULY 19: Departure for home

After breakfast, we will conclude our adventure with a visit to the renowned **Alaska Native Heritage Center**, featuring amazing exhibits and an opportunity to meet local artisans from Bush Alaska, a remote region of Alaska where Indigenous populations and local communities mostly rely on subsistence hunting and fishing. Shuttles to **Anchorage International Airport** will start at noon; earlier or later departures can be accommodated through the hotel's 24/7 shuttle service. **(B)**

OPTIONAL TRIP EXTENSION

DAY 8 JULY 19: Denali Flight Tour

This morning after breakfast, those who select the **Denali Extension** will gear up for a **special flight** to see Denali – the Great One. Formerly known as Mt. McKinley, Denali stands at 20,310 feet above sea level and is North America's tallest peak. We'll fly over the **Alaska Range** and enjoy views of alpine tundra, unhindered, glacier-fed rivers and the **Ruth Glacier**, a 40-mile-long glacier that flows through the world's deepest trench, known as the **Great Gorge**. Finally, we'll enjoy a remote lake landing on our plane's floats with an opportunity to take extraordinary photos. After the 3-hour Denali experience by air, we'll return to Anchorage where our guide and driver will escort us to the **Alaska Native Heritage Center** for a picnic lunch, followed by a tour of the authentically-crafted Alaska Native exhibits. This is an excellent opportunity to pick out a special memento or piece of art before our travels home. We'll end the day with a farewell dinner in Anchorage. *[The Lakefront Anchorage \(B, L, D\)](#)*

DAY 9 JULY 20: Departure for home

Enjoy a complimentary hotel breakfast at your leisure before boarding the shuttle to the airport. **(B)**

Accommodations and activities are subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond NPCA's control.



Grizzly Bear, Lake Clark National Park and Preserve

Travel Insurance: NPCA strongly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. Information on a recommended comprehensive travel insurance coverage plan will be provided. However, travelers may purchase any travel insurance of their choosing provided it meets any applicable tour operator minimum requirements. NPCA's tour operator partners may require travel insurance for certain trips as a condition of participation; all travelers must adhere to any such requirements. Should you need assistance, NPCA recommends contacting Travel Insurance Services through USI Affinity at 1-800-937-1387 or at <http://my.travelinsure.com/npc>.

Traveler Responsibility: Travelers are responsible for selecting an NPCA trip consistent with their ability, fitness and overall health. Before joining a trip, all travelers must commit to adhering to the tour operator's Terms and Conditions; completing and submitting all required documentation provided by the tour operator; conducting themselves safely and appropriately; following instructions from the tour operator and NPCA staff; and adhering to the laws of the destination(s) visited on the trip. Additionally, travelers are expected to familiarize themselves with all pre-departure materials and ensure appropriate clothing and gear for the journey. Travelers should report any conditions or limitations requiring special attention, diet or treatment to the tour operator when booking to determine what accommodations can be made.

Trip Cancellation Policy: Written cancellations must be received in the Alaska Wildland Adventures' office for a cancellation to be valid. NPCA strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance.

Cancellation charges will be as follows:

121+ days prior to departure	120-91 days prior	April 14, 2025	90-46 days prior	45-0 days prior
<i>Deposit is 100% refundable</i>	<i>Deposit is refundable minus a \$600 fee</i>	<i>Final payment is due</i>	<i>50% of trip cost is refundable</i>	<i>No refund</i>

TRAVEL SAFELY WITH NPCA

NPCA is committed to ensuring the well-being and safety of our travelers. NPCA's tour operator partners institute emergency policies and procedures and any specific measures, such as health screenings, as necessary and appropriate, for each trip departure.



Ruth Glacier, Denali National Park and Preserve



Why Travel with NPCA?

Our goal is to offer premium itineraries in educational travel in the places we know best: America's national parks.

NPCA has worked for over 100 years to protect places of unparalleled natural wonder, historical significance and cultural value. Now we want you to experience them firsthand. Our curated itineraries are crafted to showcase the very best of our national parks and NPCA's collaborative endeavors to protect them. Join us for an unforgettable adventure.

EXPERTISE

Embark on extraordinary adventures with our knowledgeable staff who represent a wide and diverse range of backgrounds. With expertise spanning environmental conservation, cultural heritage, wildlife biology and more, NPCA staff bring a wealth of experience to each journey. Delve into engaging discussions and gain unique insight into the issues that shape our parks, including land preservation, wildlife protection, climate change and Indigenous perspectives.

STEWARDSHIP

When you choose to travel with NPCA, you're not just embarking on an incredible journey — you're making a meaningful impact. We are proud to share that a portion of every trip's fees directly supports NPCA's vital work. Your choice to travel with us helps protect and preserve our national parks for generations to come.

CONNECTIONS

Our curated itineraries offer more than just sightseeing. With NPCA, you'll delve into the cultural and natural history of each destination, guided by passionate experts who bring these stories to life. Engage with park rangers, NPCA partners and local community members as they share their invaluable insights into the challenges and triumphs of park preservation. Leave with a deeper understanding of the critical role we all play in the future of our parks.

RESPONSIBILITY

Embracing the principles of responsible travel, NPCA prioritizes minimizing our environmental footprint while maximizing our contributions to local communities. Partnering with like-minded tour operators, we source locally whenever possible, abide by Leave No Trace principles, and emphasize wildlife protection, responsible waste management and the respect of local cultures.

SMALL GROUPS

Escape the crowds and embrace the advantages of small-group travel, where personal connections and tailored experiences take center stage. The intimate size of our trips enables you to forge meaningful connections with like-minded travelers and readily engage with trip staff, partners and guides. Recognizing that each traveler is unique, our small group sizes also allow us to provide personalized attention and accommodate individual needs and interests.

Lake Clark National Park and Preserve

NPCA is the only independent, nonpartisan organization dedicated to advocacy on behalf of the National Park System. Over 70% of our funding comes from donations from individuals like you. NPCA trips are an exclusive NPCA member benefit. One traveler per group must be an active NPCA member to participate in an NPCA trip. An annual membership starts at \$15 per person. Please make dues payable to NPCA by check or credit card at npca.org.