

Backpacking Wrangell-St. Elias

12 Day Backpacking Adventure

*Wrangell - St. Elias
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Thank you for considering a trip with Alaska Alpine Adventures! We have spent the past 25 years perfecting the art of guiding expeditions throughout the most remote wilderness regions of Alaska with folks just like you. Included below is much of the information you'll need to prepare & plan for your trip. Of course, never hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

Before booking a trip with Alaska Alpine Adventures, we encourage you to thoroughly read our Reservation & Cancellation Policies below AND make sure you read and understand your personal responsibilities delineated on the [Safety & Responsibility page on our website](#).

Our policies are intended to be fair, both to our guests and to our small business. Ultimately, we are a small adventure travel company operating on public lands in some of the world's most remote and challenging environments. Our groups are intentionally small, our operating season each year is incredibly short, and each spot on a trip represents an irreplaceable opportunity. The closer to a trip's start date that a guest cancels, the more difficult it becomes to fill that spot, and that is what informs our cancellation policy.

It's also the reason that we **STRONGLY RECOMMEND PURCHASING TRIP CANCELLATION & INTERRUPTION INSURANCE.**

Both [TRAVEL GUARD](#) & [RIPCORD](#) are good options. We're excited to share Alaska with you, in the most authentic way we believe possible! Thanks so much for understanding, and for choosing Alaska Alpine Adventures. We'll see you in Alaska soon!



Backpacking the vast landscape in the Wrangell Mountains

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The Curated Experience

Are you looking to test your off-trail backpacking skills in America's largest national park? This rarely seen area of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park is arguably Alaska's most dramatic wilderness and offers one of the few places on earth where you can hike on dry tundra directly beneath a vertical and heavily glaciated north face over 7000' tall. This is truly an off-the-beaten path experience in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park!

Shaped by volcanoes and scoured by ice ages, the north Wrangell's give experienced backpackers the rare opportunity to feel like a mountaineer and travel like an explorer. Our 50-mile route will take you across glaciers, swift creeks, high mountain passes, and wide-open tundra. Combine all of this with exciting bush flights and absolute Alaska solitude, and you have the markings of a true backpacking adventure of a lifetime.

In the document below you'll find information on the following:

- Trip Levels and Description of Physical Abilities
- Sample Day by Day Itinerary
- What is Included & What is Not
- Why Travel with Alaska Alpine Adventures
- Travel Info & Getting To and From Alaska
- Reservation and Cancellation Policies
- Gear Lists, Equipment Lists, Rental information
- FAQs

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Backpacking Wrangell-St. Elias National Park
is rated a **LEVEL 3 Backpacking** trip

Physical conditioning and consistent exercise prior to these trips IS mandatory.

This is an expedition-style backpacking trips and you will be expected carry a backpack weighing roughly one third of your body weight over steep, mountainous, and inconsistent terrain for many days. You may hike up to 10-miles in a day with up to 3000' of elevation gain/ loss. You will likely encounter longer stretches of thick vegetation and may also experience Alaska's diverse selection of insect species. You will be camping in a very remote wilderness, sleeping in tents, relieving yourself in places with a stunning view, and sometimes enjoying all of that in the rain. You will be expected to load and unload your own gear, carry a portion of the group gear, and manage your own physical comfort and well-being. Previous backpacking experience may be required and is certainly recommended for these trips. Pre-trip physical conditioning should begin no later than 3 months prior to departure and must include hiking or walking with at least 45 lbs. in your backpack.



Dwarf fireweed adds that pop of color on an overcast day of hiking

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY *(*Sample)*

Day 1: This morning you'll start the day with an orientation and gear check at our shop in Anchorage. We'll then load into our 15-passenger vans for the six-hour drive to Nabesna, the gateway community to the northern portion of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. Our route will take us north from Anchorage, traveling through the majestic Chugach and Talkeetna Mountain ranges. After a picnic lunch at the Matanuska Glacier, we'll continue east on the scenic Glenn Highway toward Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. By late afternoon, we'll arrive in Nabesna and will check into the Ellis family lodge at Devils Mountain. After settling into our accommodations, we'll enjoy dinner at the lodge, pour over maps, and discuss the days ahead.

Lunch & dinner included.

Day 2: After an early breakfast, we'll load packs and prepare for our early morning Piper Super Cub flight into the park. As you and your pilot lift off of the gravel runway, the grand scale of this wonderful wilderness will be immediately apparent. The stunning vastness of nearly 13-million acres is overwhelming, and you'll immediately understand Alaska's sense of scale as the small plane drifts over the landscape. After half an hour, you will begin the descent toward a tundra ridge above the upper reaches of Tumble Creek. After everyone has enjoyed the ride in the cub, the skilled bush pilot will bid us farewell and disappear into the landscape. We'll then shoulder our packs and begin hiking toward the headwaters of Tumble Creek, all along trying to digest the majesty of the surrounding peaks that tower well over 13000'! We'll camp tonight along the Tumble Creek.

All meals included.

Distance: 5 miles, Elevation Gain: 1500'



Coming in for a tundra landing

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Continued DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY *(*Sample)*

Days 3-5: For the next three days, we'll make our way south toward the expansive north face of Mt. Jarvis. The size and scope of Mt. Jarvis is really beyond description and can best be described as incomprehensible. From the verdant tundra mesas to the twin summits, you'll enjoy the rare opportunity to witness seven thousand feet of vertical relief and what is literally one of the most majestic vistas in North America. We'll cross Tumble Creek on the morning of Day 3, move up along a stunning tundra ridge toward Jarvis, and will set up camp next to a small lake beneath a hanging glacier. Day 4 will be spent on a long and amazing day hike where we'll cross an unnamed glacier (no ropes or glacier skills necessary) and ascend onto a large mesa beneath Mt. Jarvis. Scouting the tundra for caribou and sheep, we'll stop for lunch overlooking the Jacksina Glacier and the mighty north face of Jarvis. By day 5, we'll be headed north and onto the second stage of our circuit.

All meals included.

Average Daily Distance: 8-10 miles, Average Daily Elevation Gain: 2000'-4000'

Day 6-10: The character of the country will change as we begin stage two of our journey and head north toward Tanada Peak. Broad singular vistas will be replaced by tight steep valleys and new views around every corner. We'll hop glacier creeks, ascend steep and exposed sheep trails, and cross a 7000' pass along the way. While the weather and the terrain will dictate the exact location of each night's camp, we will have plenty of time to truly explore this amazing and diverse landscape. By the end of Day 10, we'll be camped along a small creek near a gravel airstrip.

All meals included.

Average Daily Distance: 8-10 miles, Average Daily Elevation Gain: 2000'-4000'

Day 11: After a celebratory breakfast in the wilderness, our pilot will begin the process of flying us out of the wilderness one to two at a time. By early afternoon, we'll again be relaxing at the Devil's Mountain Lodge where we'll enjoy hot showers and a celebratory dinner in the lodge dining room.

All meals included.

Day 12: After breakfast at the lodge, we'll pack up and by 10am we'll be headed back to Anchorage where we will conclude our journey and bid one another farewell. If you are leaving Alaska on this day, please schedule your homebound flights for after 9pm. Better still, you can opt to stay in Anchorage overnight.

Breakfast & lunch included.

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*While Alaska Alpine Adventures endeavors to follow our itineraries as written, odds are in fact slim that you actually will during the camping portion of this trip. The expeditionary factors at play quite often compel our guides to deviate from the written itinerary. Guide considerations could include weather conditions, group preference, individual ability, specific safety considerations, or unforeseeable circumstances; collectively what many have called "The Alaska Factor." Flight times into and out of the wilderness may also vary based on any number of similar factors. Therefore, we strongly suggest that you approach any adventure in Alaska with an open mind.

What is Included

- **All Group Gear:** Expedition quality tents, group tarp, all cooking equipment & eating vessels and utensils.
- **All Safety Equipment:** Satellite phone, Garmin In-Reach, maps, and medical kit.
- **Water Treatment:** Aquamira (a 2-part) liquid chlorine dioxide system.
- **Trekking Poles**
- **Toilet Supplies:** Toilet paper, trowel, and hand sanitizer.
- **Roundtrip Van Transportation:** Between Anchorage and Nabeena Alaska.
- **Roundtrip Air Transportation:** From Nabeena into the Wilderness.
- **Lodging:** On the first & final night at Devil's Mountain Lodge.
- **All Meals:** From lunch on night 1 through lunch on day 12 (final day of itinerary).
- **Professional Guide Service:** Maximum of a 4:1 guest to guide ratio.

What is Not Included

- **Airfare to Anchorage Alaska:** From your home city.
- **Pre or Post Lodging:** In Anchorage prior to & after your adventure.
- **Personal Gear:** Sleeping bag, sleeping pad, backpacks, rain gear, etc.
See equipment Lists and available rental items below.
- **Trip Cancellation/Interruption Insurance:** HIGHLY SUGGESTED!
- **Additional Lodging:** Any additional lodging in Anchorage or Nabeena due to weather delays.
- **Alcoholic Beverages**
- **Guide Gratuities:** See below.

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Traveling with Alaska Alpine Adventures

GUIDES: It takes a talented individual to be able to lead an Alaska expedition, and our Alaska guides are true outdoor multi-sport professionals. We hand-select each guide based on their ability to deliver an unparalleled level of customer service, a strong wilderness skill set and background and an insatiable passion for Alaska's wild spaces. Each guide is medically certified as a Wilderness First Responder and carries the necessary qualifications to competently backpack, hike, kayak, canoe and climb throughout Alaska's vast wilderness. When you choose to travel with us, you can rest assured that your trip has been meticulously planned and executed by real Alaskans with authentic Alaska know-how, skill, and ability.

FOOD: Our food is excellent – in fact it is something that clearly differentiates us from our competition. We have spent the past twenty-five years fine-tuning our backcountry menu. Breakfasts on our trips could include steel cut oats, egg scrambles, house-made granola and cereal, locally roasted coffee, assorted tea, and cocoa. In order to keep our food as light and compact as possible on our backpacking-specific itineraries, we don't pack full lunches. Instead, we take frequent breaks and snack throughout the day. Our "snack pack lunches" include a combination of energy bars, chocolate, meat, and cheese, and total just over 1000 calories. Dinners could include pasta carbonara, Alaska reindeer rotini, chicken and chipotle enchilada bowls, and more. And a delicious desert experience is always included after dinner.

CAMPING: Alaska Alpine Adventures has camped in some of Alaska's most remote and wild places; from the remote beaches of the Alaska Peninsula, the rugged glaciers of the Neacola Mountains, to the open tundra expanses of the Brooks Range. With literally thousands of nights camped in the Alaska wilderness in all seasons, we have refined camp craft to a science. Expedition quality tents, included trekking poles, group-size tarp shelters, and only the best cooking equipment accompany each and every one of our wilderness trips. Not only does including the finest equipment make camp life more comfortable, but it also adds a level of safety to trips that could otherwise be relentlessly unforgiving to the unprepared. In other words, we take our camping very seriously!

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SMALL GROUPS: Small groups are the best way to witness the Last Frontier! This wilderness trip is limited to 8 guests. And with a guest to guide ratio of 4:1 you are assured of our commitment to risk management and safe operations. Furthermore, it is a best practice to keep groups exceptionally small to minimize our impact on the Alaskan backcountry by following [Leave No Trace](#) principles.

GRATUITIES: Tips to guides are left entirely to your discretion. While any amount is greatly appreciated, tips often range from 5-10% of the trip cost per person and are split among the guides.

Additionally, the staff at Devil's Mountain works very hard to make your stay fulfilling and comfortable. Generally, a tip of \$10-\$20 is appreciated and is split among the entire lodge staff.



The Wrangell Mountains are volcanic in origin

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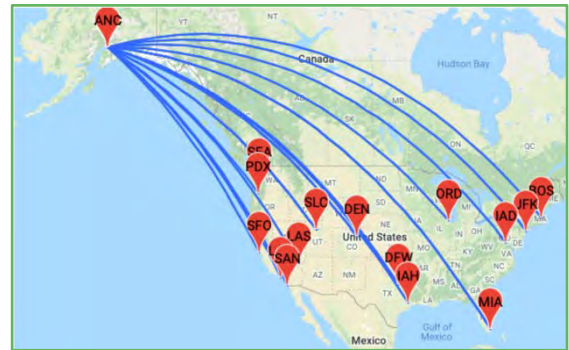
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Travel Information

GETTING TO ALASKA

This trip begins and ends in Anchorage, Alaska. Getting to Anchorage is easy. Alaska Airlines, your travel agent, online travel sources, or the carrier of your choice are options to easily arrange roundtrip airfare from international cities or the lower 48.



BUSH FLIGHTS



Access to the North Wrangells is limited to air travel in a small airplane flown by an experienced bush pilot. This adventure includes the bush flights between Nabesna, Alaska and a remote landing strip deep in the heart of the Wrangell-St. Elias wilderness. Have your camera at the ready, because your expedition really begins here! In all likelihood, this will be your first experience in a small aircraft, and a memorable one to be sure. The 30+ minute flight from Nabesna, the north Wrangell's gateway community on the edge of the

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, takes you through the northern portion of the Wrangell Mountains with towering peaks and tumbling glaciers right off the wing tips.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Lodging on nights one and eleven is included in your package (See our Roommate Policy below). The group will be staying in Nabesna at Devil's Mountain Lodge, located at the end of the Nabesna road. The lodge, an inholding located within Wrangell-St. Elias National preserve, is owned, and operated by the Ellis', whose family homesteaded the land over 50 years ago. Prices are double occupancy. The remaining nights will be spent camping in the wilderness!



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LUGGAGE

If you chose to pack and check your backpack, make sure all the straps are cinched and buckled. The baggage conveyors have been known to eat these things! Please keep your luggage tagged, with your name easy to read. Due to limited weight restrictions for the bush flights, we suggest you pack as lightly as possible. If you follow the gear list, you'll be spot-on!

ROOMMATE POLICY

Our trip rates are based on double occupancy in each room. If you request your own room or we are unable to find a roommate of the same gender, a single supplement of \$310 will be applied to your trip rate before your final balance is due (45 days prior to your trip start date). If we find you a roommate prior to your final payment being due, the single supplement will be removed from your balance due.

- Due to limited inventory with our accommodation vendors, a single room cannot always be guaranteed.
- If we find you a roommate after you have submitted your final payment, your single supplement will be refunded.
- If you register 45 days or fewer prior to your trip start date, your single supplement will be due at the time of your registration unless a roommate is available. If a roommate is found prior to your trip, your single supplement will be refunded.
- Please be sure to confirm your rooming arrangements by emailing us or calling 1-907-351-4193

RESERVATION AND CANCELLATION POLICY



The trip prices listed on our website and in our literature are per person, based on double occupancy and subject to a 3% Land & Water Access Fee. A deposit of \$1,000.00 per person is required to reserve a trip with Alaska Alpine Adventures. The remaining balance is due 45 days prior to the start of the trip. Reservations made within 45 days of the trip starting date require payment in full. Alaska Alpine Adventures strongly recommends trip cancellation insurance available through Ripcord, Travel Guard, or your preferred insurer.

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RESERVATION & CANCELLATION POLICY CONTINUED - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Alaska Alpine Adventures reserves the right to cancel any trip because of internal reasons including but not limited to inadequate signups, loss of staff due to injury or illness and significant damage/loss of inventory. If Alaska Alpine Adventures cancels a trip due to internal reasons, a refund of the total amount paid will be given. Refunds are limited to the amount actually paid to Alaska Alpine Adventures.

Should your trip departure have to be cancelled or postponed by a force majeure (including but not limited to: weather causing delays or cancelled charter flights, fire, flood, volcanic eruption, pandemic, ongoing or newly introduced travel ban or government statement) Alaska Alpine Adventures and its partner operators are not obligated to provide a refund or offer alternative travel services. Thus, we strongly encourage you to purchase Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance so that you are covered in the event of an unexpected change of plans.

If the participant cancels a reservation earlier than 45 days prior to the starting date, the deposit will be refunded, minus a \$500.00/participant administration fee OR the participant can elect to keep the entire deposit on account to be used on a future trip prior to September 20, 2025. If the participant cancels within 45-30 days of the trip starting date, there will be no refund of any costs OR the participant can elect to keep 75% of any payments on account to be used on a future trip prior to September 20, 2025. If the participant cancels within 30-days, there will be no refund of any costs.

ITINERARY CHANGES OR DELAYS

Alaska Alpine Adventures reserves the right to change the itinerary of a trip. Occasionally, weather or other factors may cause delays, destination changes, or make completing a trip impossible. In these circumstances, there will be no refund of fees. Alaska Alpine Adventures is not responsible for any additional costs (e.g., airline flight changes, additional hotel nights, etc.) associated with trip delays or itinerary changes due to weather or other factors.

TRIP MINIMUMS

To assure any Alaska Alpine Adventures departure, a minimum number of participants must sign up. This trip requires a minimum of 4 guests to guarantee departure. However, in the event your departure doesn't meet the minimum we will still operate the trip at below the minimum required for a modest surcharge. Please see our Reservations Page for more information regarding trip minimums.

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EQUIPMENT INFORMATION – BACKPACKING WRANGELL ST. ELIAS

This document lists ALL clothing, equipment and other gear needed for your Alaska Alpine Adventure.

Please note that some items will be supplied by Alaska Alpine Adventures; other items you will need to provide yourself. The checklist below contains all of the clothing and gear required for this trip offered by Alaska Alpine Adventures. By following them, you should find yourself well equipped for your adventure. We are always happy to discuss equipment needs with you, so please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

TRUST YOURSELF, NOT THE WEATHER!

We travel light, yet spare few comforts, and the following checklists reflect this dogma. Our lists are based on typical seasonal and environmental conditions you are likely to encounter. Please refer to your particular adventure's itinerary for specific weather conditions you can expect at your destination. Living by the tenant of "hope for the best, plan for worst, and probably get something right in between" has served us quite well and often seems to sum up the Alaska experience. Environmental comfort levels will vary from person to person, so please select your clothing and equipment accordingly and use the following checklists as a guide. It must be stressed that the items listed (or your own favorite substitution) are **MANDATORY** and must be in your possession when you head into the field.

OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS

Over the course of many years spent in the most rugged environments, your Alaska Alpine Adventures guides have had the opportunity to put their gear and clothing to the ultimate test - daily use. Our guides have repeatedly found that certain companies produce consistently tough, durable products that stand up to both time and the elements. You can find most of these brands at your local outdoor retailer or online. The Alaska Alpine Adventures website also contains links to suppliers, printable gear lists, and helpful videos. We've also included the gear list below.

AVAILABLE RENTAL ITEMS

Alaska Alpine Adventures rents quality down and synthetic sleeping bags, inflatable air mattresses and Crazy Creek chairs for this trip. Please visit our rental page on our website by clicking [THIS LINK](#) for more info.

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Packing & Gear Lists

- **Backpack - Men's minimum size is 70L / Women's minimum size is 60L**

The group gear that Alaska Alpine Adventures provides (bear barrel, food, tent pieces, etc.) will occupy a minimum of 18L of your pack! Keep that in mind when purchasing a backpack. If in doubt, err on the side of a larger pack; it will make packing and unpacking much easier each day. We also recommend a professional pack fitting if you are purchasing a new backpack for your trip.

Guides Choice: The one that fits your body best!

- **Waterproof pack cover:** Large enough to fit your pack when it's full
- **1L water bottle:** Hydration bladders are acceptable in addition to one wide-mouth, hard-sided bottle.

Guides Choice: Wide-mouth Nalgene water bottle

- **Hiking boots for backpacking: Quality medium/heavy-duty hiking boots**

It is very critical that you break in your boots BEFORE you arrive, as traveling with blisters is a painful way to enjoy Alaska!

Guides Choice: Salomon Quest 4D 3 GTX

- **Waterproof/breathable rain jacket AND rain pants - ***BOTH Pieces are mandatory*****
Gore-Tex or similar quality waterproof/breathable GOOD rain gear is essential on any wilderness outing and is probably the most important piece of gear that you have on your trip.

Guides Choice: Outdoor Research Foray Jacket AND Pants

Hiking Layers - Synthetic or wool, no cotton

- **Lightweight wind shirt**

Guides Choice: Patagonia Houdini Jacket

- **1 mid-weight long sleeve synthetic top:** Daily use as a base layer shirt that you'll wear all day.

Guides Choice: Patagonia Capilene Lightweight Crew

- **1 mid-weight synthetic bottom:** To be worn under your hiking pant or rain pant on a cold/wet days

Guides Choice: Patagonia Capilene Lightweight Bottoms

- **1 pair synthetic hiking pants:** Daily use hiking pant that you'll wear all day
- **1 pair lightweight synthetic shorts:** Convertible hiking pant/shorts are OK

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- **1 lightweight T-shirt:** Synthetic
- **4 pair of hiking socks:** Synthetic or wool mid-weight hiking socks.
- **1 warm beanie hat:** Synthetic or wool
- **1 billed hat:** Keeps your face protected from the sun
- **1 mosquito head net**
- **1 pair of gloves:** Synthetic or wool.

Camp Life

- **Sleeping bag:** Synthetic or down sleeping bag rated to a minimum of 30 F°
 - Available for rent, includes a waterproof compression stuff sack
- **2 waterproof compression stuff sacks:** One large enough to fit your sleeping bag & One large enough to fit your extra layers.
Guides Choice: Sea to Summit eVent Compression Dry Sacks
- **Sleeping pad:** Closed-cell foam pad or inflatable air mattress
 - Inflatable air mattress available for rent
- **Headlamp:** For trips departing after August 1st
- **Camp chair:** Crazy-Creek style, soft, folding camp chair or Therm-a-Rest conversion chair kit to fit inflatable mattress.
Guides Choice: Crazy Creek Hex 2.0 Original chair
 - Crazy-Creeks is available for rent.
- **Insulated mug:** Save weight and the bulk & use your wide mouth water bottle for both hot and cold drinks. We recommend wide mouth, as it's easier to pour hot water into for hot drinks.
- **Synthetic underwear:** 3 to 4 pair should suffice
- **1 heavyweight synthetic top**
Guides Choice: Patagonia Capilene Thermal Weight Crew
- **1 heavyweight synthetic or fleece bottoms**
Guides Choice: Patagonia Capilene Thermal Weight Bottoms
- **1 synthetic or down lightweight puffy jacket**
Guides Choice: Outdoor Research Transcendent Down Pullover
- **Camp shoes:** Light-weight Crocs or sport sandals. Used for getting out of your hiking/paddling shoes around camp and crossing streams and rivers.
Guides choice: Crocs Original Classic Clogs

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- **Sacred socks:** Heavy, warm pair of socks to put on at night.

The name says it all – they're sacred –we keep ours IN our sleeping bag until bedtime. Different than what you'll wear while in camp in your camp shoes, we usually wear a neoprene sock with the crocs or something that can still get wet while walking around camp, if the tundra/ground is wet, or its raining.

PERSONAL EFFECTS

- Sunglasses with case
- Toiletries
- Personal medications
- Sunscreen/lip protection
- Pack towel
- Book/reading materials
- Camera
- Journal and pen
- Binoculars
- Insect repellent



Capturing the landscape

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ITEMS

- Bandana
- 2 accessory carabiners
- 2 pair synthetic liner socks
- Waterproof gaiters
Guides Choice: Outdoor Research Verglas Gaiter
- Small personal drybag to protect your camera and electronics

PACKING AND GEAR VIDEOS

For more information on gear, clothing & packing for your trip. click [THIS LINK](#) to check out Alaska Alpine Adventure's YouTube channel for helpful and informative packing and gear videos.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will I be kept safe on the trip?

Because our trips take place in remote & wild environments, there are inherent risk factors that can't be entirely avoided without compromising the unique character of the activities associated with adventure travel. Obviously, it's not our intention to reduce your enthusiasm for outdoor adventure activities, but we believe it is important for everyone to know in advance that real adventure involves real risk, much of which simply cannot be controlled Alaska Alpine Adventures or Alaska Alpine Adventures' employees. By joining one of our trips, you are representing that you understand, and are accepting of, the risks described in the acknowledgment/release document that all participants are required to sign. You are also representing that you will accept the degree of personal responsibility necessary to participate in adventure travel activities.

What about the mosquitoes?

In case you've heard horror stories... the number of mosquitoes is greatly dependent on hatching season, annual weather conditions, specific locations, and time of year. While you are bound to encounter some mosquitoes during the course of your summer adventure, their numbers rarely present major problems. That said, please arrive prepared with insect repellent and a head net to fend off any bugs that are present.

Will bears be a problem?

Alaska is bear country! There are both grizzly and black bears in most of the wilderness areas of Alaska we visit. We love seeing bears in the wild and consider bear sightings one of the most thrilling privileges common in Alaska's backcountry. That said, traveling safely and taking precautions to minimize a negative encounter are considerations we take very seriously. In addition to conducting a thorough pre-trip bear safety orientation, your guides also take many precautions on all of our trips including: 1) all of our food is packaged to minimize odors – we vacuum seal most of our fresh ingredients and sauces, we pack our food in bear resistant food canisters, and we store our food well away from camp. 2) We make noise when we're hiking in thick brush or when we're hiking in windy conditions to minimize surprise encounters. 3) We keep an exceptionally clean camp and 4) as a last resort guides travel armed carrying pepper spray.

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Will I see wildlife on my trip?

It's important to keep in mind that while we do have abundant wildlife populations in Alaska, animals are often obscured by the vastness of the landscape, subject to imprecise migration routes and often affected by Alaska's dynamic weather patterns.

While wildlife viewing on our trips has been historically reliable, and we schedule our trips to maximize the chances of seeing wildlife, there are simply too many factors to make any guarantees.

What will the weather be like on my trip?

Alaska has some of the most dynamic and dramatic weather on the planet. During the summer months in Alaska, average daytime temperatures range from 60° to 80°F. Nighttime and morning temperatures are cooler, but rarely dip below 40°F. Fall arrives early at these latitudes and you'll experience cooler temperatures and fewer hours of daylight in late August and early September. Throughout the summer season, you may experience rain, sun, wind, clouds, and fog on your adventure. We live by the adage "prepare for the worst, hope for the best, and you'll likely end up with some of both".



Camp set up next to kettle ponds with snowcapped peaks in the background

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