



Alaska Wildland Adventures

ALASKA WILDLAND ADVENTURES THREE LODGE TOUR

Description: Stay three nights at Kenai Riverside Lodge, AWA's original Lodge, and also experience boating adventures that include day tours of AWA's two wilderness and eco-friendly lodges that are only accessed by boat: Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge and Kenai Backcountry Lodge. Explore Chugach State Park, Chugach National Forest, Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, and Kenai Fjords National Park.

Arrival: Plan to arrive in Alaska at least the day before your trip begins and overnight in Anchorage. On the first day of your trip, your Trip Leader will meet you at either the Anchorage International Airport at 8:30 a.m. or at the downtown Anchorage hotel of your choice at 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 15

Day 1: Meet your Alaska Wildland Adventures driver at either the Anchorage International Airport or downtown Anchorage hotel between 8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m. this morning. Your adventure will begin by visiting Alaska Wildland Adventures' original property – Kenai Riverside Lodge.

Kenai Riverside Lodge is a scenic 2.5-hour drive south from Anchorage.

The drive begins along Turnagain Arm and then winds through the beautiful snow-capped mountains of Chugach State Park and Chugach National Forest. Take in dramatic views of mountain scenery and the inlet, and watch for Dall sheep, the elusive beluga whale and an eagle or two. There's the possibility of seeing the tide come in: Turnagain Arm's bore tide is the second highest in North America.

Upon arrival at the lodge, enjoy a tour of the grounds followed by a delicious lunch. Afterward, gear up for an afternoon of hiking local trails to learn about native flora and fauna.

At dinner, learn more about our lodge operations and the specific details of tomorrow's activities. Overnight at Kenai Riverside Lodge. **(D)** *(Included meals are noted: B=breakfast; L=lunch; D=dinner; complimentary snacks & non-alcoholic beverages included each day).*

Friday, September 16

Day 2: From our launch site on the Kenai River, gear up for a scenic raft trip into the heart of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. On this class II, casual stretch of river, we'll be able to access stunning backcountry sights and protected wilderness areas.

Along the river, scan for moose, bald eagles and other bird species, and salmon. The Kenai River is famous for its salmon and, depending on the

time of your visit, you may witness their incredible spawning runs. A delicious picnic lunch will be served along the way.

In the afternoon, arrive at our boat-in only Kenai Backcountry Lodge, a unique, historic inholding, for a behind-the-scenes walking tour of the property. The Lodge, originally built in the 1930's as a hunting lodge, utilizes a simple but effective hydroelectric power system to provide water and electricity, reducing the need for fossil fueled power. After the site visit, return to Kenai Riverside Lodge for dinner and overnight. **(B, L, D)**

Saturday, September 17

Day 3: After breakfast, travel by van to the seacoast town of Seward. Board our company's customized small ship landing craft bound for Kenai Fjords National Park – home to an array of glaciers and marine wildlife like whales, Steller sea lions, sea otters, puffins and more! A full-day marine wildlife and glacier cruise will allow us to explore the rugged coastlines. Visit a tidewater 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 pristine beachfront for combing and views of the stunning Pedersen Glacier. A short walking tour of the main lodge, guest cabins, and behind the scenes facilities will introduce you to this award winning property.

Return to Seward with the chance for more sightseeing and wildlife viewing, followed by a transfer to Kenai Riverside Lodge for dinner and your final evening of lodging. **(B, L, D)**

Sunday, September 18

Day 4: Breakfast at Kenai Riverside Lodge and late morning scenic drive to Anchorage. **(B)**

Special Note

In the spirit of adventure, the above itinerary activities may be altered to take advantage of best weather conditions and other factors. Kenai Backcountry Lodge and Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge are in remote wilderness locations and will be closed for the season to regular guests. Private tours of the Lodges will be made available. Access to these Lodges are subject to weather interruption in September. Alternate activities will be provided on a day when unsafe conditions result in cancellation of a lodge visit.

"Since 1977, Alaska Wildland Adventures (AWA) is the leader in small group, natural history tours. AWA owns and operates three wilderness lodges on the Kenai Peninsula, including the renowned Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge - the only lodge inside Kenai Fjords National Park. Travelers choose AWA to explore Alaska's backcountry by guided hike, raft or kayak, with great wildlife viewing opportunities along the way."