

Spencer Glacier Hike from Anchorage: DOA

Are you ready for an amazing trip?!

Morning Coastal Classic at 6:45am, returning to Portage at 5:15pm

An AP representative will meet you at the Denaina Center at 6am sharp.

We need to arrive at 6:15am to the downtown Anchorage train depot for the Coastal Classic train. The train leaves Anchorage at 6:45am from 411 W 1st Ave.

Be sure to bring your Driver's License or Passport as well as all gear from our clothing list and below.

The Coastal Classic stops in Girdwood, then will make a special stop at the Spencer Whistle Stop. On the train, guests will fill out waivers be given lunch. We arrive at the Spencer Whistle stop at 830am. For the return trip, we will catch the Glacier Discovery Train at 4:40pm, which takes us back to Portage. A motor coach will return you to Anchorage.

This trip will be approaching the glacier via sea kayak on Spencer lake. 3 miles of round trip paddling. Previous paddling experience is highly recommended. At the Glacier's edge we gear up with helmets and crampons. We should have about 3 hours to explore the glacier.

Trip includes: RT train ticket from Anchorage, private RT car shuttle at Spencer Whistle Stop, 5:1 client to guide ratio, helmet, crampons, sea kayaks and all kayaking gear, bear safety, friendly skilled naturalist glacier/kayaking guides and interpretive natural history, ecology and glaciology discussions.

A gourmet deli lunch, granola bars and water are provided (additional meals can be purchased on the trains). We provide dry bags for the group to share. (Additional rain gear & backpacks are available, if needed.)

The following gear is required for participation: Please wear comfortable warm clothes and dress in layers (no cotton): fleece jacket, rain jacket, rain pants, long underwear top & bottoms, thin gloves, wool/fleece winter hat, sunglasses and ball cap. Be sure to wear long wool socks, hiking boots or running shoes. You may also bring: a small backpack, binoculars and a camera. Ziplock bags and/or waterproof cases are handy to bring for keeping phones, cameras and/or spare clothing dry in the rain and in the kayaks.

This trip operates in most weather conditions, but we recommend travel insurance if lake winds shut us down. Please refer to our website for more information and our cancellation policy.

Gratuities for guides are not included. Call or email with any questions.

We look forward to hiking with you!

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