



AUGUST 9-16, 2014

Alaska: Enlightenment Under the Midnight Sun



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Dear W&L Alumni and Friends,

We invite you to join fellow W&L travelers on a special journey in wild Alaska. We look forward to sharing with you stunning views of Alaska's spectacular mountain ranges, rolling tundra, towering rainforests, and the magnificent beauty of her coastal regions, all in one continuous adventure.

Along the way, we'll search for Alaska's iconic wildlife: grizzly and black bears, caribou, moose, wolves, whales, sea lions, seals, puffins, and more. Guided activities such as hiking, kayaking, and canoeing will invigorate your awareness of Alaska's primeval wilderness, while evening educational programs will enhance your understanding of her unique natural and cultural history. This

tour is limited to 16 travelers to ensure a personalized experience. If you have any questions or wish to make a reservation, please call the W&L Traveller at 540.458.8723 or email spclprog@wlu.edu. We look forward to welcoming you!



Robert Fure, Ph.D
Director of Special Programs

P.S. Please visit our website at <http://www2.wlu.edu/> for details and updates on all of our programs.



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Please join us and explore amazing places in the Last Frontier.

Saturday, August 9

Arrivals to Fairbanks

Independent arrival into Alaska's largest interior city, Fairbanks. Today, explore the Museum of the North, as well as the famed Alaska Pipeline. This evening after a full-trip orientation, enjoy dinner together as a group, and get an overview of the exciting activities and destinations that lie ahead.

Pike's Waterfront Lodge. (D)

Sunday, August 10

Alaska Railroad to Denali

Travel aboard the historic Alaska Railroad to Denali National Park and embark on a narrated Denali wildlife drive. After a stop for lunch, leave the crowds at the park entrance behind and travel deep into the park by a comfortable, private bus (five to six hour drive). Watch for caribou, moose, Dall sheep, grizzly bears, resident and migratory birds, and – if weather permits – gaze upon the splendor of Denali (Mt. McKinley)! Evening lectures on Alaskan Native culture and the areas rich gold mining history will be featured nightly.

Kantishna Roadhouse. (B, L, D)

Monday, August 11

Denali

Enjoy a full day of exploration, including a guided morning hike and afternoon activities featuring a dog sled demonstration and gold panning. Many guests find flakes of gold in Moose Creek! Optional add-on flightseeing tours will be offered during our stay at the lodge.

Kantishna Roadhouse. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, August 12

Denali to Anchorage

Following an early breakfast, embark on a scenic drive through Denali and watch for wildlife while heading for the entrance of the park. Once at the park entrance, continue the journey south to Anchorage, breaking for a delicious picnic lunch and an afternoon nature walk along the way. Tonight, savor dinner at a popular local restaurant.

Clarion Suites Downtown. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, August 13

Kenai Fjords National Park

This morning, travel through the Chugach National Forest to the stunning seacoast town of Seward where we board a small private 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 scenic and spectacular half-day marine wildlife cruise will allow us to explore the rugged coastlines.

Our home for the next two nights is the award-winning Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge, nestled in a protected tidal lagoon area with direct views of Pedersen Glacier. This exclusive property is surrounded by a 1700 acre wildlife sanctuary, and you will enjoy special access as this is the only lodge located inside the 700,000 acre Kenai Fjords National Park! This afternoon, take a group canoe trip to acclimate yourself to the property. Enjoy dinner and evening presentations on coastal Alaskan issues, such as global climate change.

Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge. (B, L, D)

Thursday, August 14

Kenai Fjords National Park

Explore the wild delights of Kenai Fjords National Park for a full day. Amazing kayaking, canoeing, and nature walks will fill our day – no previous experience necessary! Free time late this afternoon will allow you to enjoy the private deck views from your cabin before dinner together in the lodge.

Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge. (B, L, D)

Friday, August 15

Kenai Fjords National Park to Anchorage

This morning allows another opportunity to kayak, canoe, or beach comb for a half-day before boarding our boat for the return wildlife cruise to Seward. Board the historic Alaska Railroad for a scenic backcountry rail tour And enjoy a festive farewell dinner on the train. Arrive Anchorage in the evening.

Clarion Suites Downtown. (B, L, D)

Saturday, August 16

Departures

This morning, visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center, featuring amazing exhibits and local artisans, followed by airport shuttles. (B)

Included meals: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

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What to Expect

Travelers on this journey should be in average physical shape and comfortable walking at least one mile on uneven terrain (unpaved nature paths), at a casual pace, with ample stops for water breaks.

A typical day will include up to four or five hours of outdoor activity. Evenings will feature free time to relax in private guest cabins or enjoy educational lectures and presentations on various topics such as Alaskan natural and cultural history. Activities on this trip are led by expert naturalist guides who hold safety certifications and permits, such as the Wilderness First Aid Responder license. When in “bear country,” guides will provide thorough safety briefings for all travelers.

Please be prepared for any type of weather. Often, temperatures are between the 40s and 60s in the summer, but it could be warmer or cooler (especially in early June and September). Typically the weather during the summer months is surprisingly mild. It rains in every month of the summer. For this week-long program, guests should plan for at least one day of rain.

Lodging

A mix of authentic Alaskan wilderness lodges and comfortable hotels have been selected for this journey. All guest rooms/cabins will feature a minimum of two double beds, private en suite bathroom/shower and on-demand electricity and heat.

Pikes Waterfront Lodge is located on the banks of the Chena River in Fairbanks. Guest rooms feature two double beds, private bath, free cable and wi-fi, hairdryer and heat/air conditioning. There is a large riverside deck for relaxing and two restaurants on the premises. Courtesy shuttles to/from the Fairbanks Airport are provided 24 hours a day.

Kantishna Roadhouse is located deep inside Denali National Park; the property is owned by a Native Alaskan Corporation. Guest cabins are well-appointed in nature settings near Moose Creek in the Kantishna Valley, with mountain views. Each cabin features two double-beds and private bath. The main lodge area features dining and places to relax, including Smokey Joe's Saloon, with a deck overlooking the creek.

Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge is the only lodge inside the 700,000 acre Kenai Fjords National Park. Private guest cabins are situated in nature settings with views of Pedersen Glacier and Lagoon. Each cabin features a minimum of two double beds and private bath. There are areas in the main lodge for dining and relaxing, including a large deck overlooking the lagoon.

Clarion Suites Downtown Anchorage is located in the heart of Anchorage near the park strip. Guest suites feature a sitting area with TV/mini-fridge, two double beds in a separate sleeping area and a private bath. Workout room and pool. Complimentary breakfast available starting at 6:00a.m. on main floor. Courtesy shuttles to/from Anchorage airport and local Anchorage destinations provided 24 hours a day.



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Tour Details

Tour Cost – \$4995 per person, plus tax, based on double occupancy. \$6195 plus tax for single occupancy. *\$100 per person can be deducted for triple and quad occupancy (generally in two double beds), if available.*

Includes – All accommodations, meals as indicated unless otherwise noted, non-alcoholic drinks including potable or bottled water, all transportation as noted, hotel/airport transfers (provided by the hotels in Fairbanks and Anchorage at beginning and end of program), park user fees, best of gear and equipment, all guided activities, services of a professional Trip Leader, evening discussions and lectures, all transfers and luggage handling.

Not Included – Airfare, beer, wine, liquor, local taxes, gratuities to guides (approximately \$15 to \$20 per traveler, per day), flightseeing tour, additional accommodations or activities outside of program description, travel insurance.

Air Arrangements – Guests are responsible for arranging their airfare to and from Alaska. For assistance in arranging flights, feel free to contact your travel agent or Alaska Travel Source at 907-562-2213 or

info@alaskatravelsource.com. (Alaska Travel Source is a recommended travel agency of the tour company Alaska Wildland Adventures (AWA).)

Arrival: Guests should schedule inbound flights to the Fairbanks International Airport to arrive before 2:30 pm on August 9, 2014.

Departure: Guests should schedule return flights home departing the Anchorage International Airport on August 16, 2014 after noontime.

CANCELLATION POLICY – Written cancellations must be received in writing by the W&L Traveller office in order to be valid. Non-appearance for the program will result in no refund. Advance purchase of travel insurance is highly recommended.

More than 120 days prior to departure.....	\$300 per person
120 to 91 days prior to departure	\$600 per person
90 to 36 days prior to departure	50% of per person trip cost
Within 35 days prior to departure.....	100% of per person trip cost

Important Disclosures

W&L Traveller (W&L) and Alaska Wildland Adventures (AWA) reserve the right to withdraw any tour described herein at any time and to make changes and alterations as may be found necessary for safety and proper handling of said tours. Safety is a primary goal, however, outdoor activities of this nature are not entirely risk free. W&L and AWA cannot assume responsibility for injury to participants or personal belongings or for time or expense incurred. Guests will be required to sign a Participant Agreement Form (which includes a Release of Liability, Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks).

Alaska Wildland Adventures does not own or operate any entity that is to provide or does provide goods and services for your trip, including, for example, lodging facilities other than Kenai Backcountry Lodge, Kenai Riverside Lodge, Kenai River Sportfishing Lodge, and Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge, air or other transportation companies, food service providers, equipment suppliers, etc. As a result, AWA is not liable for

any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or any other third party.

Guests are responsible for making Alaska Wildland Adventures aware of any health limitations and any dietary restrictions in writing 60 days prior to departure date. A guest information form will be provided to you.

Costs of accommodations and associated services for delays or other alterations en route, caused by weather, flight schedules, and other events beyond our control are the responsibility of our guests. Alaska Wildland Adventures will not assume any additional costs.

On advancement of deposit to Alaska Wildland Adventures, the depositor agrees to be bound by all the above stated terms, conditions, and cancellation policies whether through an agency or directly with our office. Trip dates and costs, including taxes and applicable fuel surcharges, are subject to change without notice.





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Reservation Form

To reserve a space on this tour, please send your registration form and deposit check for \$1000 per person, payable to **Alaska Wildland Adventures**, to the Office of Special Programs, Washington and Lee University, 204 West Washington St., Lexington, VA 24450. If paying your deposit by credit card, you may also register over the phone by calling the W&L Traveller at 540.458.8723. Final Payment is due by 90 days prior to departure, payable by personal check, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.

Please reserve place(s) on Alaska: Enlightenment Under the Midnight Sun tour, August 9–16, 2014

Name(s) W&L Affiliation

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Address Email

City State Zip

Telephone (evening) (day)

Enclosed is a deposit of US\$ (\$1000 per person; check payable to Alaska Wildland Adventures)

Or, charge my deposit on ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover Credit card number

Expiration Date 3-Digit Verification No.

Name on card Signature of cardholder

A Participant Agreement Form (which includes a Release of Liability, Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks) will be forwarded to each applicant upon receipt of deposit and will need to be signed by each participant prior to departure.

I/We have read and agree to the **Important Disclosures** for this tour (included in this brochure).

Signature(s) Date