



EXPOSURE
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**Extreme PLUS
Adventure Details**



The Extreme PLUS includes all of our most popular activities PLUS Denali National Park. This is the most challenging and adventurous trip that we've seen that includes Denali, unless you're going to climb the mountain that is! Real expedition sea kayaking (not just a day trip), glacier trekking AND Ice Climbing, some cool day hikes, a short trip looking for wildlife on the Denali bus, whitewater rafting and an overnight backpacking trip to really get away from it all.

Day 1 – We'll meet you in Anchorage, and after a gear check and orientation, you'll look for Beluga Whales, bald eagles, and mountain goats as we take one of the most scenic drives in the world. We'll drive *through* a mountain to the unique small town of Whittier, the gateway to Prince William Sound. The afternoon will be spent paddling past waterfalls and bird rookeries, a short hike and then on to our campsite in the rainforest.

Day 2 - We head into Blackstone Bay where you'll paddle close to several huge tidewater glaciers. It's a full day paddling but we still have time to enjoy ourselves and look for wildlife.

Day 3 – Finally we'll reach our goal. Blackstone Glacier is an actively calving glacier and if you're lucky while we're watching for falling ice, we might see some seals playing in the icebergs. We'll be picked up at a nearby beach by water taxi to take us on a quick ride back to town.

Now we'll head north toward the Matanuska Valley. On the way we'll stop in Anchorage for dinner at one of our favorite spots. You'll get a shower and a night in a bed at an historic inn in Palmer, about an hour north of Anchorage.

Day 4 – We'll drive further up the valley to the huge Matanuska Glacier where you'll don mountaineering crampons to explore and try out the exciting sport of ice climbing. Our step-by-step approach will have you scaling vertical walls of ice by the end of the day. Bottomless crevasses and towering seracs make for impressive photos. That evening it's back to our homestead for a big Alaskan barbecue.

Our homestead and Base Camp is about halfway between the Matanuska glacier and Anchorage. It's nothing too elaborate but you can sample a little of our "off the grid" lifestyle. We have comfortable cabin tents equipped with cots and foam mattresses and a wood-fired hot tub for relaxing after a hard day on the ice. Our other guests sometimes include moose and bear wandering through our "yard".

Day 5 – An early start and we'll head up into the alpine areas of scenic Hatcher Pass for a challenging day hike high above tree line. Light and fast will get us to some awesome views.

After the hike we'll put in some road miles to get to the campground just outside Denali National Park. Hot showers await at this deluxe private campground.

Day 6 – The bus is far and away the most reliable way to see wildlife in Denali, there is no other vehicular traffic and animals are accustomed to these non-threatening daily visitors. During the ride we'll be looking for bear, moose, caribou, fox and everything else.

If you've signed up for this trip, you're probably not the kind of person that wants to sit on a bus all day though. We'll bail early and hit the Nenana River for some whitewater rafting action before returning to the campground for the night.

Day 7 – Another early start because today we head out into the backcountry with all that we need on our backs. We'll teach you how to go "fast and light" so we can cover some ground and really get away from it all, leaving the tourists behind!

Day 8 - Wake up to great views and fresh coffee. "Fast and Light" doesn't mean we left the french press behind! Maybe pick some blueberries to go with the pancakes for breakfast before hiking back out to civilization.

You'll be feeling a little hard-core as we roll into Talkeetna. This quirky little town is what many people think of when they envision Alaska and was reportedly the inspiration for "Northern Exposure". Join the list of famous expeditioners who've enjoyed the pleasures of this town after a big trip in the mountains. You'll stay at an inn or cabin for the night and enjoy a hot shower, comfy bed, dinner out and some Talkeetna nightlife.

Day 9 – A famous Roadhouse breakfast and a leisurely morning for you to explore the town, maybe even do a flight seeing trip before we head south to Anchorage.

Although the trip officially ends when we drop you at your hotel, good restaurants and nightlife are easy to find in "the big city" for those who still have a little energy!

Challenge Level: 4 - 5; Day hiking and scrambling. Backpacking on and off trail. Trekking and climbing on glacier ice. Primitive camping while sea kayaking and backpacking.

No experience required but you must be over 18 and in good physical condition.

Accommodation: 3 nights at developed campgrounds. 3 nights primitive camping, 2 nights in an inn, cabin or B&B.

Included: all related local transportation. All meals from lunch on day of pick-up to lunch on last day. Accommodation as listed in the itinerary. All guides and instruction. Group and specialized equipment (tents, kayaks, rafts, safety equipment etc.).

Not included: Anchorage accommodation before and after the trip. Personal expenses such as beverages, etc. Personal gear and clothing (sleeping bag, pad, backpack, boots, outerwear, all other clothing).

Cost: \$2470

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