



**Discover Corps**

*Unforgettable Vacations With Purpose*



## **ALASKA:** THE GREAT EXPLORATION



### MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- **Get up-close with puffins at the Alaska Sealife Center**
- **Cruise through the Kenai Fjords National Park spotting whales, eagles, otters, and more along the way**
- **Marvel at the stunning wilds of Chugach National Park aboard the Glacier Discovery Train**
- **Visit Seward, Alaska's adventure capital surrounded by serene nature**
- **Hop on a dog sled through the wilderness**

*Learn from the local community as you explore the incredible Alaskan wilderness*



## TRIP AT A GLANCE

7 Days / 6 Nights

**GROUP SIZE** Average 8, Maximum 16

**LODGING** Standard

**PHYSICAL DEMAND** Moderate



## ANCHORAGE

**DAY 1** - Arrive and head to your boutique inn in downtown Anchorage. Dine at a local brewhouse for your welcome dinner.

**DAY 2** - Visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center and enjoy a hike in Chugach National Forest.

## SEWARD

**DAY 3** - Hop aboard a train to visit a remote wilderness boasting glaciers, wildlife and breathtaking views. Continue the journey to Seward.

**DAY 4** - Visit the Alaska Sealife Center for a puffin encounter before a dog sled ride through the wilderness

**DAY 5** - Hop aboard a boat for an epic day of wildlife viewing in Kenai Fjords National Park.

**DAY 6** - Enjoy a free day exploring Seward or opt for one of our optional adventure activities including fishing, kayaking, glacier hiking or ziplining.

## ANCHORAGE

**DAY 7** - Drive back to Anchorage for flights home, with a stop at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center along the way.

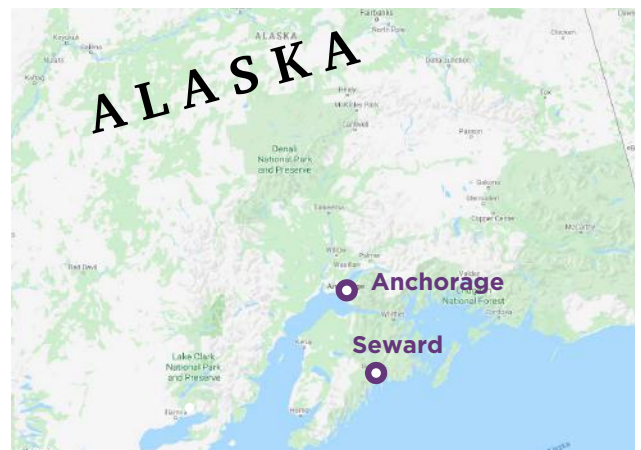
## ALASKA: THE GREAT EXPLORATION

### OUR PURPOSE

As America's last frontier, Alaska boasts a nearly endless amount of natural beauty. From glaciers that rival the size of some states to snow-capped mountains that scrape the sky, the rugged Alaskan landscape is unrivaled. Add to that a litany of land and marine life found nowhere else in the U.S. and you have one of the most awe-inspiring experiences available to travelers today.

But dig below the surface and you will quickly see that there is an overriding sense of concern amongst the local population about the changing climate, rising seas and environmental degradation. Whether it's the rising ocean temperature or the glaciers that continue to recede, the extreme isolation of Alaska also puts it at an even higher risk of eminent change.

On this Discover Corps Vacation with Purpose, we'll venture across the famed Kenai Peninsula to witness the epic beauty of Alaska's coast, mountains and people. Along the way, we'll take you to leading organizations and introduce you to some of the most dedicated individuals working to protect the wildlife and resources of the 49th state. Learn about puffin conservation at the Alaska Sealife Center, make a stop at the Alaska Conservation Center, visit a remote wilderness area by train and get hands-on experience of true Alaskan dog sledding, riding with a local family that has dedicated their life to this tradition. The Great Exploration across this region of Alaska will show you a side of Alaska that few others get to experience and provide you with a deeper sense of what is being done to protect it for future generations.







## HIGHLIGHTS



### PUFFIN EXPERIENCE

While you will surely see puffins in their natural habitat throughout your time in Alaska, the Alaska Sealife Center is one of the few places in the world where you can get an up-close experience. Meet the resident puffins at the center as you venture inside their habitat. Learn more about how the extreme seasons in Alaska influence their behavior and appearance throughout the year, as well as the many conservation efforts in place to protect these vulnerable birds.



### KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK

Kenai Fjords National Park is one of the most spectacular places in the state of Alaska. The fjords, or glacial valleys, offer breathtaking views of nature inhabited by brown and black bears, moose, sea otters, harbor seals, bald eagles, and humpback and killer whales. Enjoy a tour of the park by boat, fully narrated by a National Park Ranger, as you cruise through Aialik Bay towards the mighty Holgate Glacier -- an actively calving tidewater glacier. We will spend time in front of the glacier to watch for calving, where giant chunks of glacial ice break off and crash into the water.



### GLACIER DISCOVERY EXPERIENCE

The Glacier Discovery Train is an icon of Alaska. Prepare for an epic afternoon through Alaska's backcountry to witness glaciers, wildlife and breathtaking views. Wind along the passages of Chugach State Park to the Spencer Glacier Whistle Stop, a backcountry paradise developed in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service in a remote part of the Chugach National Forest. Embark on a short hike to the edge of Spencer Lake for a spectacular view of massive Spencer Glacier. This is a unique opportunity to see a glacier up-close while experiencing the best of Alaska's backcountry!



### DOG SLEDDING ON THE TRAIL

Seavey's Iditaride dog sledding is a local homestead kennel where guests get to know their beloved team of huskies living in a tether-free environment. Learn how mushing runs deep within the family line, an Alaskan way of life and then, you're off!

Feel the power, excitement, and energy of the experience on a 2-mile dog sled ride through the forest at the base of Resurrection Mountain and along Box Canyon Creek.





# ITINERARY

## DAY 1: Arrive in Anchorage

Our Alaskan adventure begins in its charming city of Anchorage. Arrive into Ted Stevens International Airport (ANC) and meet your local Alaskan guide. We'll get a brief introduction to the area before settling into our accommodations at a boutique inn in downtown Anchorage. Dine alongside locals at a brewhouse and get to know one another as we gear up for the week ahead. (D)

## DAY 2: Learn about Alaska's History and Hike Chugach State Park

Today's adventure takes us to the Alaska Native Heritage Center, a living cultural center that promotes the observance of Alaska Native culture and traditions. Explore the authentic life-sized native dwellings in a wooded area around Lake Tiulana. After lunch, you'll take a guided hike\* into the snow capped mountains of the Chugach State Park. The local non-profit, Alaska Trails, will accompany us for an interactive hike to share about trail safety, education, and how to identify and remove invasive plant species along the way.

Explore Anchorage on your own this evening exploring the city's unique restaurant scene. (B,L)

*\*This hike is all abilities level and will be based on group pace with 3 different routes to choose between.*

## DAY 3: Board the Glacier Discovery Train for a spectacular view of Spencer Glacier

Rise early for an adventure down the Alaskan coast. We'll begin our journey south to the Portage Rail Depot. Board the iconic Glacier Discovery train and prepare for an epic afternoon through Alaska's backcountry to witness glaciers, wildlife and breathtaking views. Wind along the passages of Chugach State Park to the Spencer Glacier Whistle Stop, a backcountry paradise developed in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service in a remote part of the Chugach National Forest. Upon arrival, embark on the well-maintained 1.3-mile gravel path which leads to the edge of Spencer Lake and a spectacular view of massive Spencer Glacier. We'll be joined by a member of Alaska Trails, a pioneering non-profit working to preserve Alaska's trail systems and remove invasive species. This is a unique opportunity to see a glacier up-close while experiencing the best of Alaska's backcountry.

Later in the afternoon, we'll board the train and return to Portage where we'll continue our journey to the next stop of the adventure, charming Seward. (B,L,D)







## DAY 4: Join the Alaska Sealife Center for a Puffin Experience before a Dog Sled Tour Through the Wilderness

Wake to the sounds of fishing boats departing for the day and views of towering Mt. Marathon and Mt. Alice outside your window. Today we will head to Alaska's only marine rescue and research facility, The Alaska Sealife Center. You'll have the opportunity to learn about how the center is protecting marine wildlife through rescue and rehabilitation. Enjoy a deep dive with researchers to learn about a range of animals from stellar sea lions, ringed & spotted seals as well as the giant pacific octopus. Learn about the characteristics and traits of a puffin and why their bright orange beaks change colors during the year which is how they've earned their nickname, clowns of the sea!

In the afternoon, enjoy some free time in Seward before a visit to a local homestead kennel for a look into Alaska's Iditarod dog sledding family, The Seaveys. Get to know their beloved team of huskies, a tether-free environment, and how mushing runs deep within the family line and their way of life. Your adventure begins with a 2-mile dog sled ride. Feel the power, excitement, and energy of these amazing sled dogs as they are harnessed to comfortable wheeled sleds on this hour and a half dog sled tour. Mush through the Seward Alaska wilderness to the base of Resurrection Mountain and along Box Canyon Creek. (B,L,D)

## DAY 5: An Epic Day in Kenai Fjords National Park

Enjoy a relaxing morning exploring Seward's quaint boutiques and cafes. Later in the morning, board our boat for an afternoon of wildlife and glacier viewing in the remarkable Kenai Fjords National Park. This will be a true marine safari. Keep an eye out for whales, porpoises, puffins, sea otters, the stellar sea lion, and more as we cruise through Aialik Bay towards the mighty Holgate Glacier, an actively calving tidewater glacier. We will spend time in front of the glacier to watch for calving, where giant chunks of glacial ice break off and crash into the water. The tour is fully narrated by National Park Ranger.

Later in the afternoon, we'll return to Seward for a free evening dinner in town. (B,L)

## DAY 6: Choose your own Adventure in Seward

Rise for a delicious breakfast followed by a free day in Seward, the adventure capital of Alaska where mountains, ice and ocean meet. Today's itinerary is up to you - take some time to explore Seward's







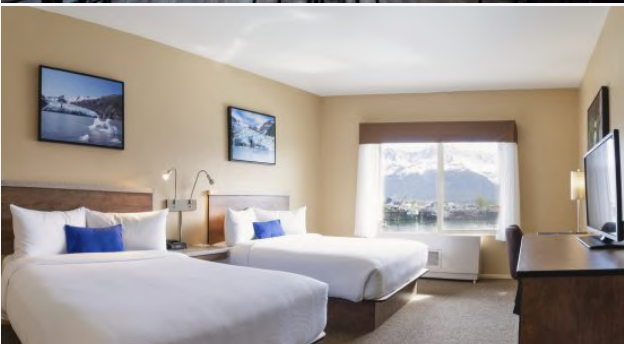
quaint downtown or add-on one of the following supplemental activities (additional costs noted on next page):

- **Kayaking in Resurrection Bay (8+ years):** A sea kayaking & rainforest exploration that will take you past waterfalls, beautiful mountain views and glacial vistas. Be on the lookout for sea otters as well!
- **Zipline Canopy Tour (10+ years):** A zip-lining adventure through the temperate rainforest where you'll zipline, rappel and walk on suspended sky bridges from tree to tree high above the forest floor.
- **Exit Glacier Ice Hiking (13+ years):** A day designed for active outdoor enthusiasts who want to experience a more rugged Alaska, hike along back-country trails up 1400 ft of elevation to a glacier where we'll don crampons, harnesses and helmets to walk along the surface of the glacier and see absolutely stunning scenery.
- **Full-Day Fishing Charter (5+ years):** Experience the excitement of Seward, Alaska with a deep-sea fishing charter to reel in halibut and, depending on the season, silver salmon.

In the evening, enjoy a memorable Farewell Dinner together. (B,D)

## DAY 7: Visit a Wildlife Conservation Center before Returning Home

After breakfast, we'll make the scenic drive back to Anchorage stopping along the way for a visit to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, a 200-acre natural habitat that provides wildlife education and rehabilitation for some of Alaska's favorite animals. Be on the lookout for bears, moose, elk, lynx, bison, and reindeer. Stop in the mountain town of Girdwood for lunch and a scenic ride on Mt. Alyeska's aerial tram to take in views of hanging glaciers and endless peaks deep into the Chugach Mountain range. Upon arrival in Anchorage, we'll bid the group farewell. (B,L)



## Distinctive Accommodations

Start your trip at a boutique hotel in the heart of Anchorage. Enjoy all the comforts of home, walking distance to local breweries, shops, restaurants, and everything Anchorage has to offer.

In Seward, stay at Harbor 360 - a waterfront hotel in this small, scenic fishing town. Located directly in the Seward Small Boat Harbor, enjoy stunning 360 degree views of Resurrection Bay and the surrounding Mountains, and views of the harbor while soaking in the hot tub or swimming in Seward's only hotel pool. Harbor 360 Hotel is also a certified "Green Business" through the Adventure Green Alaska Program, committed to reducing their impact on the environment by using biodegradable service items, eliminating as much single-use plastic as possible, reducing energy use, and participating in local environmental sustainability programs.

*Please note: Lodging for this trip will vary based on the size of the group and types of rooms needed.*





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DATE	ADULT	CHILD
June 28-July 4, 2025	<b>\$5,695</b>	<b>\$5,395</b>
July 12-18, 2025	<b>\$5,695</b>	<b>\$5,395</b>
August 2-8, 2025	<b>\$5,695</b>	<b>\$5,395</b>

*The above prices reflect the price of double occupancy. Single Room Supplement = \$1395. This will guarantee you your own, single occupancy room for the entirety of the trip. If you are a solo traveler and would like us to match you with a roommate of the same gender, please book as double occupancy. See full details on the website page for the trip.*

*Supplemental Activity Add-ons for Day 6 (Optional):*

- Kayaking in Resurrection Bay: \$175
- Zipline Canopy Tour: \$185
- Exit Glacier Ice Hiking: \$250
- Full-Day Fishing Charter: \$500

*All activity fees are per person and will be join-in day tours.*

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Double-occupancy lodging for 6 nights
- 15 meals throughout the trip, including one soft drink, local beer, or local wine with dinner
- Expert guide there to support, guide, and inform you throughout the trip
- All reliable land and water transportation with experienced drivers, including public transportation
- Admissions and entrance fees to national parks and other scheduled events throughout the trip
- Discover Corps pre-departure support
- \$50,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
- Turnkey customer support from preparing for your trip to arrival back home

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare
- Alcoholic beverages beyond one per dinner
- One lunch and three dinners
- Tips for Discover Corps guide and driver
- Laundry services, phone, and Internet services

## RESERVE YOUR TRIP TODAY

Trips are limited to 16 travelers and do fill. Reserving a trip with Discover Corps is easy. Simply visit our website and fill out the online registration form and pay a \$365 deposit and \$30 non-refundable booking fee per person. If you have any questions or would like to speak to a Travel Specialist, call/text us at (619) 758-3030 or e-mail us at [info@discovercorps.com](mailto:info@discovercorps.com)

## RETURNING ALUMNI?

We like to reward those who travel with us again and again. Enjoy a \$250 discount off our trip if you are a returning Discover Corps traveler.

## CUSTOM GROUPS?

Have a group of 6 or more? We can operate a trip for your group. Whether it's a family reunion, corporate group, alumni association or a professional or student organization, we'll make it easy and turnkey for your group to have an incredible experience.

## MONTHLY PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE

Discover Corps offers monthly payment plan options for all of our trips. Contact us anytime, before or after booking, to sign up for a monthly payment plan or with any questions:

Call/Text: 619-758-3030 Email: [info@discovercorps.com](mailto:info@discovercorps.com)

## THE FINE PRINT

Child prices apply to those 16 years younger sharing a room with an adult.

Although unlikely, prices, dates, and accommodations subject to change with a 60 day notice from Discover Corps.

*(B, L, D): Breakfast, Lunch Dinner*

**Dates don't work? Contact us about adding a new date for the trip.**



# Our Mission

The mission of Discover Corps is to inspire travelers to become advocates for our planet's natural wonders, cultural treasures, and local communities through immersive and sustainable travel experiences.

## OUR DESTINATIONS

ALASKA	JAPAN
AUSTRALIA	KENYA
BELIZE	MEXICO
BHUTAN	PERU
COSTA RICA	SOUTH AFRICA
CUBA	TANZANIA
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	THAILAND
EGYPT	UGANDA
GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS	



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