SIGNATURE JOURNEY

Discover Corps

Unforgettable Vacations With Purpose

FAMILY TRAVEL ASSOCIATION MEMBER

ALASKA: THE GREAT EXPLORATION

Learn from the local community as you explore the Alaskan wilderness

MOMENTS THAT MATTER:

- 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

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TRIP AT A GLANCE

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.

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 or glacier hiking.

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

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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.

On this Unforgettable Vacation with Purpose, we'll venture across the famed Kenai Peninsula to witness the epic beauty of Alaska's coast, mountains and people. We'll introduce you to some of the most dedicated individuals working to protect wildlife and resources. 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, with 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 IdidaRide 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, an Alaskan way of life that runs deep within this family, has become an integral part of the culture here--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 the charming city of Anchorage. Arrive at 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.

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 Train for Spencer Glacier Views

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. 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,D)*

DAY 4: Alaska Sealife Center Puffin Experience & Dog Sled Tour

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)*

DAY 5: 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!

• **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 the iconic Hotel Captain Cook, a historic hotel in the heart of downtown Anchorage. Enjoy all the comforts of home, within walking distance to local breweries, shops, restaurants, and everything Anchorage has to offer.

In Seward, stay at Harbor 360 Hotel, located directly on the Seward Small Boat Harbor in this small scenic fishing town. Steps from the water, guests can easily access maritime activities and take in the surrounding mountain scenery. Harbor 360 Hotel is also a certified "Green Business" through the Adventure Green Alaska Program, committed to reducing its impact on the environment.

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7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

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PRICING

PWC EMPLOYEE: $5,895
PLUS ONE (17 & Older): $4,716
CHILD (16 & Younger): $2,948

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: $250
• Exit Glacier Ice Hiking: $350
• Full-Day Fishing Charter: $550

SEE PwC PORTAL FOR CURRENT LIST OF DEPARTURE DATES

RECOMMENDED FOR

- Adults & children ages 8+
- Travelers who are comfortable with MODERATE physical activity

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 6 nights lodging
- 14 meals throughout the trip
- Transportation in private vehicles
- An immersive itinerary including behind-the-scenes visits to local organizations
- Discover Corps guide that is there to support, guide, and inform you throughout the trip
- $50,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
- Trip literature and pre-departure support from Discover Corps
- 24-hour Discover Corps emergency hotline

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Two lunches and three dinners
- Tips for Discover Corps guide and driver
- International airfare
- Alcoholic beverages

RESERVE YOUR TRIP TODAY

Trips are limited to 16 travelers and do fill. Reserving a trip with Discover Corps is easy. Simply visit the PwC Portal and fill out the online registration form utilizing your voucher at checkout. If you have any questions or would like to speak to a Travel Specialist, call/text us at (619)-878-3686 or e-mail us at pwc@discovercorps.com

CUSTOM / PRIVATE GROUPS

Have a group of 6 or more? We can operate a trip for your group. We'll make it easy and turnkey for your group to have an incredible experience.

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.

PAYMENT PLANS

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Our Mission

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

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OUR DESTINATIONS

- ALASKA
- AUSTRALIA
- BALI
- BAJA
- COSTA RICA
- GREECE
- GUATEMALA
- KENYA
- MOROCCO
- OAXACA
- PERU
- SOUTH AFRICA
- TANZANIA
- THAILAND
- VIETNAM

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