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# ALASKA EXPEDITION

SUMMER 2022



Step into the Last Frontier, a wild region surrounded by turquoise fjords and blanketed in lush forests and massive glaciers. Explore the Chugach Mountains' mossy alpine meadows and spruce and birch forests. Learn to ice climb on the Matanuska Glacier's sparkling blue walls. Discover where the Lions Head River got its name as you negotiate its continuous whitewater. Navigate rounded green ridges and ancient volcanic flows in the Talkeetna Mountains, and then paddle through the bluest-green water you've ever laid eyes on while sea kayaking in the Prince William Sound. Finish your trip with a backpack in Denali National Park, home to North America's highest peak and one of the most diverse landscapes in the world.

Instructors will hand over many responsibilities to students to give them continuous leadership opportunities throughout the trip. Students are actively involved in planning and logistics, from cooking and cleaning to organizing gear.



2021–2022  
GRADES  
11<sup>TH</sup>–12<sup>TH</sup>

LENGTH  
30 DAYS

“I come back to Adventure Treks for the community. The people at AT are funny, caring, and down for everything, and I always meet the best people. Thank you for a great three years—I’ll miss AT. I appreciate all I’ve learned about myself and nature. I love y’all!”  
*Mattes, student from Potomac, MD*

#### ACTIVITIES



**Backpacking**



**Ice climbing**

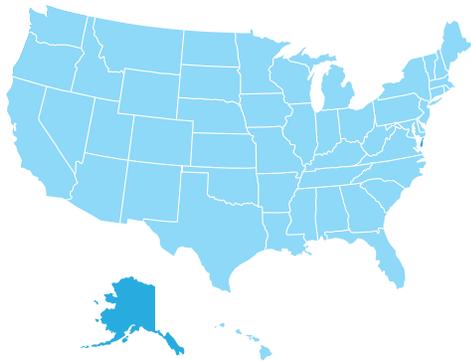


**Sea kayaking**



**Whitewater rafting**

# ITINERARY



*\*This is a sample itinerary; each Alaska trip's actual order of activities will vary.*

*Due to the backcountry and challenging nature of this trip, returning students must be invited to join Alaska Expedition, and preference is given to those who have successfully completed California Challenge and Ultimate Northwest. All new students applying to attend Alaska Expedition must have previous backcountry experience (e.g., multi-day backpacking trips) and attend an interview with an Adventure Treks director to ensure a mutually good fit.*

## **DAYS 1-2** **ARRIVAL**

Fly into Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC) and meet your group and instructors! Once all students and their luggage have arrived, we'll begin refreshing our knowledge of tent, camp, and tarp setup and learn new skills like river crossings and other Alaska-specific protocols. Then we'll have our delicious, traditional "Yahoo!" dinner and spend our first night catching up with old friends and making new ones.

## **DAY 3** **DAY HIKE**

Students will split up into smaller groups to hike to the 4,271-foot Mt. Eklutna in Chugach State Park. A steep yet rewarding hike, you'll pass over tundra and atop green ridges to reach a summit with miles-long views of the surrounding peaks and rivers.

## **DAYS 4-7** **BACKPACK IN CHUGACH STATE PARK**

For four days, set out on perhaps the most scenic hike in the entire range: Crow Pass (which follows the original Iditarod Trail). You and your group will pass over glaciers, through mine ruins and wildflower fields, and beside waterfalls. You may see moose, caribou, goats, and other wildlife native only to this subarctic region. You may get to glissade down a snowfield!



**DAYS 8–10**

**ICE CLIMB ON MATANUSKA  
GLACIER**

One of our students' favorite activities: Spend three days ice climbing on this massive glacier. Learn how to ascend sparkling blue walls with ice tools and crampons, and pose for a photo op at the top of each climb. You may even get up close and personal with a crevasse!

**DAY 11**

**LOGISTICS AND WHITEWATER  
RAFT THE LIONSHEAD RIVER**

Explore another side of the Matanuska Glacier, this time from moving water! Steady class III and IV rapids keep you and your crew working together for about five miles. Keep your eyes open for the river's namesake, a huge basalt column formation.

**DAYS 12–17**

**BACKPACK IN THE TALKEETNA MOUNTAINS**

Take on more leadership responsibilities as you walk through this range of long-extinct volcanoes for six days. You and your friends will stand beneath and marvel at the surrounding sawtooth peaks and hang on to each other for support while you learn how to ford rivers and creeks. Make memories that last a lifetime on this incredibly varied terrain: You'll cross remnant ice fields, traverse ridges, stomp through bogs, and travel across tundra. Keep your eyes peeled for herds of caribou passing through.



**DAYS 18–23**

**SEA KAYAK IN PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND**

A logistics and travel day will follow our Talkeetna backpack. Then it's off to Prince William Sound, where five days on these turquoise waters will heighten your appreciation for Alaska's wild nature even more. Glide through calm waters in the Harriman Fjord, right next to waterfalls, calving glaciers, and peaks soaring up to 9,000 feet. The wildlife is abundant; you may see bald eagles, otters, porpoises, and maybe even an Orca! At night, surround yourself with your best friends while camping on black sand beaches.

**DAYS 24–28**

**BACKPACK IN DENALI STATE PARK**

Finish your trip with four days in the rugged territory that houses North America's tallest and most awe-inspiring mountain. Hike along the Kesugi Ridge through lush forests, vast tundra, and past an alpine lake. You'll definitely want to do a "clear day dance," as the view of the 20,308-foot Denali is jaw-dropping on a bluebird day!

**DAYS 29–30**

**DEPARTURE**

We promise you this: You won't want to leave! But it'll be time for our adventure to come to an end. Relive every memory the night before with a celebratory dinner, and exchange contact info with all of your new best friends so you can stay in touch.

“Adventure Treks has taught me so much about myself and who I want to become as a person. It's also taught me what a true friendship is and how important it is to have a support system in your life. AT is such a life-changing experience that you'll never forget because of the opportunity to live with 19 other students similar to you, but so different because they each bring something special to the trip. I couldn't be more grateful, and if I had the choice, I'd probably stay another month!”  
*Leah, student from Denver, CO*

# TRAVEL INFO

**Arrive and depart  
from  
Anchorage, AK**



—○— **ANC** —→

\*Please do not book flights until your child has been officially accepted and enrolled on the Alaska Expedition. However, if you'd like to look up flight options, please call us for specific arrival and departure windows.

“Adventure Treks provides a judgment-free climate where everyone can be themselves. The physical and emotional challenges they overcome in the wilderness provide a sense of self-confidence and gratitude that is hard to find elsewhere. Grace has enjoyed the instructors and students and wilderness over the past five years. She finds getting away from the stress of normal life invigorating. *Kristin Casale, parent from Greenwich, CT*



## **TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE ADVENTURE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FAMILY.**

Our instructors will be eagerly awaiting each of our students' arrivals in Anchorage. Students call home as soon as they meet with our instructors and gather their baggage.



## **WEATHER INFO**

Alaska weather can change in an instant. You'll likely experience sunny weather and warm temps, chilly rain, and everything in between. One ill-prepared person can negatively affect the safety and fun of the whole group, so please come prepared.

# LOGISTICS



## DATES

6/25/22 – 7/24/22

7/9/22 – 8/7/22

## PRICE

**\$6,495**

## INCLUDED IN TUITION:

- » All food and lodging
- » All group and technical equipment (tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, backpacking pack, mess kit, etc.)
- » Guided activities

## NOT INCLUDED IN TUITION:

- » Trip insurance
- » Airfare to and from
- » Personal clothing and items

“AT has been the best thing my kids have ever done over summer break. They can’t wait to go back every year. They come home with such a great positive attitude, ready to tackle anything. The confidence they gain is incredible. The friendships they make will last a lifetime. Memories they will cherish forever! Thank you AT!”

*Carrie Ganzhorn, parent from Apex, NC*



## READY TO SIGN UP? THERE ARE THREE WAYS:

- » APPLY ONLINE AT [ADVENTURETREKS.COM/ENROLL](https://adventuretreks.com/enroll)
- » CALL US AT 888-954-5555
- » OR EMAIL US AT [INFO@ADVENTUROUSNESS](mailto:info@adventurousness)



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