Discover Denali National Park

A journey into the scenic wilds of America's most northern state
Journey into the scenic wilds of America’s most northern state. Your destination: the magnificent, six-million acre Denali National Park and Reserve. Here in the heart of Alaska’s interior, travelers are delighted by nature, wildlife, native culture, history, and extraordinary scenery.

Your Expedition Leader:
The company and keen eyes of an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader will make all the difference in your educational experience. Enriched by their wealth of expertise, you’ll bring home a deeper understanding of Alaska.
Your Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: Arrive in Fairbanks (D)
Welcome dinner
Overnight: Pike’s Waterfront Lodge

Day 2: Fairbanks / Alaska Railroad / Denali National Park (B,D)
Travel by scenic Alaska Railroad through expanses of boreal forest and tundra of interior Alaska; visit the Denali National Park Visitor Center; enjoy a special dinner event and presentation with Murie Science and Learning Center
Overnight: Grande Denali Lodge

Day 3: Denali National Park
Wilderness Excursion (B,L)
Guided backcountry adventure, evening at leisure
Overnight: Grande Denali Lodge

Day 4: Denali National Park (B,R)
Optional excursions or activities such as self-guided hikes and ranger-led talks; dessert with an Alaskan homesteader
Overnight: Grande Denali Lodge

Day 5: Denali National Park / Talkeetna / Anchorage (B,L)
Anchorage by motor coach, tour Anchorage Museum
Overnight: Hotel Captain Cook

Day 6: Depart Anchorage (B)

Optional Excursions:
DogGoneIt Dog Sled Tour: An intimate visit to an Alaskan frontier home to learn about the lives of the world’s greatest athletes, sled dogs, and racing the Iditarod.

Denali Glacier Landing Flight: A 100-minute plane tour of Denali, viewing the continent’s deepest gorge, glaciers, surrounding peaks and valleys and a landing on one of Denali’s pristine glaciers.

Arctic Circle Flight Tour: This 6.5 hours tour includes a flight crossing into the Arctic Circle, ground tour of the only year-round village in the area, and visit to Coldfoot Camp.
• Be on the lookout for vast wildlife, including moose, Dall sheep, eagles, wolves, migrating caribou, and grizzly bears.

• Familiarize yourself with Denali National Park, walking its trails with naturalists.

• Enjoy a special dinner including a presentation by a Murie Science & Learning Center educator.

• Savor dessert while listening to an Alaskan homesteader’s tale of summiting Denali.

• Admire the rugged forests and wildlife with superior viewing from your upgraded GoldStar glass dome seat aboard the Denali Star, the Alaska Railroad’s flagship train.

What’s Included

• 1 night accommodation in Fairbanks
• 3 nights accommodations in Denali
• 1 night accommodation in Anchorage
• 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, and 1 reception
• Motor coach transportation from Denali to Talkeetna and Anchorage; Anchorage Museum tour; hotel courtesy shuttle between Grande Denali Lodge, the Denali Park Visitor Center, town, and the rail depot
• A full-day wilderness tour into Denali National Park (including a box lunch)
• A lively dinner event with a special presentation from a Murie Science and Learning Center educator, plus an engaging discussion with Jimmie Hendricks, a colorful local who will share his experiences of summiting Denali
• Transport aboard the distinguished Alaska Railroad with upgraded GoldStar Service, including reserved seating in the upper-level glass-dome car, priority seating in the dining room for breakfast (with unlimited non-alcoholic beverages)
• Gratuities for Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, porters, housekeeping, and wait staff for included meals
• Transfers between the airport and hotel for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Not all excursions listed may be available. Availability is also subject to sufficient participation, weather conditions, seasonal suitability and group interests. For flight excursions, weight and minimum age requirements apply.
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Dear Hardin-Simmons Alumni and Friends,

Embark on an extraordinary journey through Alaska’s scenic wilderness, venturing into rugged forests and encountering abundant wildlife as you traverse the incredible six-million-acre Denali National Park and Reserve.

Your adventure begins with an afternoon traveling to the Grande Denali Lodge aboard the historic Alaska Railroad where your upgraded GoldStar glass-dome seat provides superior unparalleled views.

Immerse yourself in the park’s beauty by exploring its trails, accompanied by a knowledgeable guide, and customize your experience with optional excursions. Keep your binoculars within reach! This dazzling and vast wilderness is home to Dall sheep, eagles, wolves, migrating caribou, and grizzly bears—catching sight of them is a thrill not soon forgotten.

Join HSU alumni and friends on this remarkable summertime expedition and discover North America’s highest mountain peak.

Cordially,

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