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Alaska's Untamed Wilderness

July 16-26, 2026

11 days from \$8,497 total price from Seattle
(\$8,295 air & land inclusive plus \$202 airline taxes and fees)



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Vanderbilt Travelers and Friends,

Join other Vanderbilt alumni and friends on an exclusive 11-day small group journey that reveals the breadth and beauty of America's 49th state, as we explore Alaska's varied landscapes and noteworthy cities.

Set out by deluxe railcar to encounter Denali National Park's stunning wilderness during a three-night stay. Experience a full day of touring of Denali National Park and visit an Iditarod sled dog kennel. A breathtaking prop plane flight brings us deep into remote Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, America's largest national park, where we take a singular excursion to walk on Root Glacier and explore the once-booming copper mining town of Kennicott. Tour Anchorage's historic downtown, then visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, home to bears, moose, elk, lynx, and more. In picturesque Seward, embark on a cruise to explore rugged Kenai Fjords National Park. Our adventure concludes back in Anchorage with a dynamic Native Games demonstration and time for independent exploration.

With room for only 24 guests in total, and this superb itinerary, we expect that our limited space will fill up quickly. Call today to reserve your place!

Sincerely,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program
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The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents, and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled educational opportunities, many with Vanderbilt professors, for an exclusive "beyond the classroom" experience.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: ALASKA'S UNTAMED WILDERNESS

To reserve your place on tour, please call the Vanderbilt Travel Program at 1-615-322-3673. You may also call **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 1-888-370-6765**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with a Vanderbilt Travel Program representative or an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor. If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to review the tour information and provide you with a secure link to enter your credit card information.

Please note that your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

If paying your deposit by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the Reservation Form. Send to:

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.
Attn: Special Interest Groups
One Newton Place
275 Washington Street, Suite 300
Newton, MA 02458

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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

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Please book my/our air from _____

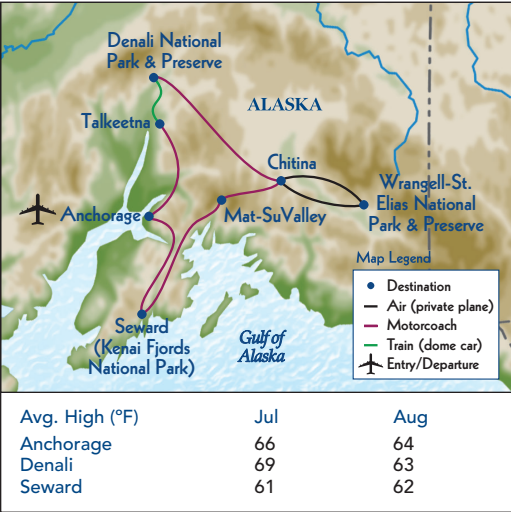
I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability) ☐

Alaska’s Untamed Wilderness

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Awe-inspiring natural beauty and outdoor adventure await as we explore Alaska’s varied landscapes and noteworthy cities. From Denali, Wrangell-St. Elias, and Kenai Fjords national parks to the energy of Anchorage and scenic Seward, our small group encounters the breadth and beauty of America’s 49th state.



Day 1: Depart for Anchorage, Alaska We depart today for Anchorage, Alaska’s largest city. Upon arrival, check in to our centrally located hotel. As guests’ arrival times may vary, we have no group activities or meals planned. Dinner tonight is on our own.

Day 2: Anchorage/Denali National Park This morning we meet our tour director and fellow travelers at a welcome briefing about the journey ahead. Then we depart by motorcoach for Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska’s – and America’s – true unspoiled wilderness. We first travel to Talkeetna, where we board a deluxe domed railcar that provides us with panoramic views on the four-hour journey. Upon arrival in Denali late this afternoon, we enjoy a special interpretive presentation, “Welcome to Denali,” introducing us to the park. *B,D*

Day 3: Denali National Park It’s a day of extreme beauty as we encounter Denali National Park up close. This six-million-acre preserve, larger than the state of New Hampshire, comprises forests, alpine tundra, subarctic taiga, and snow-covered mountains. We begin our full day of touring as we board a Denali bus for the drive along the lone road deep into the park. Weather permitting, we may see dramatic views of grand Denali, North America’s tallest peak standing at more than 20,000 feet. Throughout our journey, a local naturalist and our driver-guide will share stories about the park and the historic characters who found their way to this remote wilderness. Several times during our adventure, we disembark for brief walks or rest stops. We keep our eyes peeled for grizzly bear, moose, caribou, and the iconic Dall sheep known for their white coat and massive curled horns. *B,L*

Day 4: Denali National Park After a free morning at our lodge, perhaps to enjoy an optional rafting, hiking, or fly-fishing excursion, we set out this afternoon for an authentic Alaska experience as we visit a local Iditarod sled dog kennel. Covering 1,000 miles of some of the roughest terrain in the world, Iditarod, “The Last Great Race on Earth,” draws nearly 100 competitive mushers and their dog teams annually. At the kennel, we learn about the history of the race and meet the kennel’s Husky puppies, who will soon start their training to become working sled dogs. We return to the lodge in time for dinner together tonight. *B,D*

Physical Activity Level



Moderate

Walk 2-4 miles per day, including short hikes, often uphill and on uneven terrain in natural settings; six-mile round-trip Root Glacier hike (Kennicott); many stairs during Kennicott copper mine tour; several long days of travel using multiple modes of transportation

Your Tour at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart for Anchorage	Anchorage Marriott Downtown	First Class
2-4	Denali National Park	Denali Park Village Lodge	First Class
5-6	Kennicott (Wrangell-St. Elias Nat’l Park)	Kennicott Glacier Lodge	First Class
7	Mat-Su Valley	Best Western Lake Lucille Inn	First Class
8-9	Seward	Windsong Lodge	First Class
10	Anchorage	Anchorage Marriott Downtown	First Class
11	Depart Anchorage		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.



We see glaciers, wildlife, and marine life on a cruise to explore Kenai Fjords National Park.

Day 5: Denali National Park/Wrangell-St. Elias National Park We depart Denali by motorcoach this morning for the day-long journey to remote Chitina (pop. 126!). Here we board a prop plane for the scenic flight deep into Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, at 13.2 million acres the largest national park in the United States. Our destination: the historic copper mining towns of Kennicott/McCarthy, sitting deep within the park. During our 30-minute flight, we get our first views of the park's rugged wilderness, including 5,000 square miles of pristine glaciers, volcanoes, and mountain after mountain. Upon landing, we transfer to our lodge in the heart of Wrangell-St. Elias, overlooking 25 miles of glacier and surrounded by nine of the 16 highest mountain peaks in North America. We dine tonight at our lodge, the only one in Kennicott. *B,L,D*

Day 6: Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Home to more than 150 glaciers, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park contains the largest collection of these ice masses in North America. We see one of these glaciers up close today on our singular half-day hike to Root Glacier. After being fitted with crampons – steel shoe spikes created to traverse ice – we begin our three-mile excursion to the glacier and behold the natural beauty before us: unspoiled icefields, blue pools, cascading waterfalls, deep canyons, narrow crevasses. We eat a sack lunch in the wild then return to our lodge for an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, we enjoy dinner together at our lodge. *B,L,D*

Day 7: Wrangell-St. Elias National Park/Mat-Su Valley This morning, we explore Kennicott, a National Historic Landmark District. Established in 1903, Kennicott was once a bustling mining camp until the ore was depleted in 1938. The town is now

considered one of the best remaining examples of 20th-century copper mining. We see this firsthand on our tour of the 14-story concentration mill and other historic mining buildings. This afternoon we board a prop plane for the return flight to Chitina, where we then board a motorcoach for the drive to the agricultural community of the Mat-Su Valley and our hotel located on the banks of Lake Lucille. Tonight, we reach our hotel, where we dine together. *B,L,D*

Day 8: Mat-Su Valley/Anchorage/Seward This morning we journey by coach to the coastal town of Seward. En route, we enjoy a panoramic tour of Anchorage, beginning at Lake Hood, the largest and busiest seaplane base in the world with more than 190 float planes taking off and landing daily. We also pass through the city's historic downtown, featuring Old City Hall; the Wendler Building, a popular women's-only bar from the 1940s and '50s; and 4th Avenue Market Place, filled with local artisan shops. After time for lunch on our own in this city known for its fresh local salmon, halibut, and snow crab, we visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center, which represents 11 of Alaska's major Indigenous cultural groups and where we enjoy a tour of the center and watch a dynamic Native Games demonstration. We then continue on to Seward and our hotel, nestled in the Exit Glacier Valley. *B,D*

Day 9: Seward One of Alaska's most scenic communities, Seward features a bustling harbor, inviting shops, and plenty of outdoor activities. The city also serves as the gateway to Kenai Fjords National Park, a 600,000-acre preserve comprising long fjords, primeval glaciers, and tranquil bays and coves. We explore this rugged park today on a glacier and wildlife cruise. On board, we get up close to one of Kenai's

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– JOHN MUIR

many glaciers and keep an eye out for some of the park's diverse array of bird and marine life we may encounter: several species of whales (including orca and humpback), sea lions, otters, porpoises, harbor seals, puffins, black oystercatchers, bald eagles, and peregrine falcons. We enjoy lunch aboard before returning to Seward late afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

Day 10: Seward/Anchorage Today we return to Anchorage, stopping for lunch on our own on the way. Upon arrival in Anchorage, we visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality animal care and preserving Alaska's wildlife. With 200 acres of spacious enclosures, the center offers an opportunity to see injured or orphaned bears, moose, elk, wolves, caribou, and more display their natural behavior in a



Colorful buildings overlook Seward's harbor.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 10 nights' accommodations in First Class hotels
- 22 meals: 10 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



Colorful buildings overlook Seward's harbor.

safe environment. Tonight, we celebrate our journey through Alaska at a farewell dinner. *B,D*

Day 11: Depart Anchorage We transfer this morning to the Anchorage airport for our flights home. *B*

Tour Departs: July 16, 2026

Prices include airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Seattle	\$8,497
Chicago, Los Angeles, Portland (OR), San Francisco	\$8,797
Denver, Houston, Miami, Minnesota, Phoenix	\$8,997
Atlanta, Cincinnati, Dallas, Washington, DC	\$9,097
Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Cleveland, Detroit, New York, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa	\$9,297
Nashville	\$9,397
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$7,795

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$202, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,795. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Depending on flight schedules, certain cities may require an overnight flight on the return, with the arrival home the following day.

Please contact Odysseys Unlimited for information on our new Flexible Travel program, which allows you to arrive on tour up to three days before your tour begins and/or extend your stay after touring ends.

For reservations and information, please call the Vanderbilt Travel Program Office at 1-615-322-3673

Or call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 1-888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following is intended to provide you with a description of what to expect when you reserve this tour. Upon booking, you will be asked to acknowledge your acceptance of the full Terms and Conditions on the secure on-line portal, My Odyssey.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, immunizations and inoculations; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**


Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Responsibility: The liability of Vanderbilt University Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. Vanderbilt University Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line(s), and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own as well as keep pace with the tour group.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Vanderbilt University Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of our operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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