

THE ALASKAN WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE

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Katmai, Alaska

Alaska, often referred to as the “last frontier”, has captivated travelers and photographers alike. While still part of the United States, it can often feel like a foreign land. Alaska is so large you could fit the state of Texas in it twice! Alaska is also home to some amazing wildlife.

The Alaskan Brown Bear is our focus of this safari adventure. From our camp in the Katmai region we will fly out each day in search of grizzlies feeding on the salmon run. Experiencing these animals up close and personal is an experience you'll never forget.



ABOUT KATMAI AND BRISTOL BAY

The area around Katmai National Park and Preserve is on a peninsula in southern Alaska. Its landscapes span tundra, forests, lakes and mountains. The park is home to the Alaska Brown



Bear that are drawn to the abundant salmon in Brooks Falls and surrounding rivers and is one of the premier brown bear viewing areas in the world. It is estimated that about 2,200 bears call the park their home, and more bears than people are estimated to live on the Alaska Peninsula.

In addition to the park, the bears can be found throughout the backcountry where bears feed on sedges, clams and salmon.

ABOUT THE SAFARI

This trip is for the person who wants to experience some of the many things the Alaskan outdoors has to offer.

Our “safari vehicle” will be a 6 passenger float plane that will take us to the bears or fish. This time of year is prime rainbow trout and salmon fishing.



The key to our adventure will be flexibility. We will set our schedule each morning depending on the weather and reports of where the animals are located. We will have a varied list of activities to choose from:

- Bear viewing
- Fly fishing lessons
- Salmon and trout fishing
- Hiking
- Overnight campout
- Whitewater rafting trip.

Our small group has the additional advantage of a flexible schedule which means we can stay with a particular animal as long as we like or go back and visit an area again. We have the opportunity to spend more time with each animal and observe it in its natural environment.

ITINERARY

Flights from the United States typically depart in the afternoon for arrival late evening the following day. Most guests will depart on Friday, but some may choose to depart Thursday to allow for an extra day (additional hotel stay not included). The following is our typical schedule, subject to change:

Day 1, Tuesday

Arrive in Anchorage and meet for group dinner

Day 2, Wednesday

Depart Anchorage for Katmai lodge arriving in time for lunch. We will review cabin assignments, try on our waders and boots and settle into the lodge.

Day 3, 4, 5, 6 Thursday thru Sunday

Breakfast at the lodge and plan out activity for the day. Lunch will be in the bush. Dinner back at the lodge.

Day 7, Monday

Breakfast at the lodge followed by an activity. We return to Anchorage on an afternoon flight. Most flights to the lower 48 depart late in the evening.

OUR ACCOMMODATIONS

Our lodge is nestled on a private peninsula on the shore of Lake Iliamna in the heart of Alaska's finest fishing region. The lodge has a cozy atmosphere with spectacular mountain and lake views.

COST

The cost of the trip includes:

- ✓ Pre-trip planning meeting
- ✓ One night at Anchorage hotel
- ✓ Welcome dinner in Anchorage
- ✓ Daily bush flights, boat trips, raft trips
- ✓ Flights to and from Bristol Bay
- ✓ Six nights accommodation at camp
- ✓ Waders, fishing rods, reels, tackle
- ✓ Fly fishing lessons
- ✓ All meals and beverages (including alcohol) at camp
- ✓ Private guide and aircraft
- ✓ Park Fees
- ✓ Photobook of your safari experience

The cost of the trip excludes:

- ✓ Flights to/from Anchorage
- ✓ Travel insurance. Emergency medical and evacuation coverage is mandatory. Trip cancellation is optional.
- ✓ Tips for camp staff and guides.
- ✓ Fishing license (can be purchased on-line or at camp)

The cost of this safari is \$7,900 per person. Your reservation is secured by a \$500 deposit.

PETER'S WILDLIFE SAFARIS + CONSERVATION

Peter's Wildlife Safaris supports community conservation efforts through the [Satao Wildlife Foundation](#).

ABOUT PETER BALUNEK



Peter Balunek is an avid conservationist and professional wildlife photographer. He strives to capture the emotions and family dynamics of the animals. His passion led him to establish Peter's Wildlife Safaris, built upon his mission to create awareness about the threats facing the world's wildlife from the illegal wildlife trade and poaching, loss of habitat and human/animal conflict. As a Wildlife Ambassador, he leads small group, private and conservation safaris to Africa and other parts of the world so others can witness and experience these animals in their natural habitat.

He is a frequent speaker to community groups, schools and universities to educate and increase awareness of these threats. In 2015, he established the Satao Wildlife Foundation, a 501c3 public charity, whose mission is to "Improve the lives of wildlife" by improving the lives of people. The foundation focuses on community conservation projects in Africa which improve and mitigate the human animal conflict in the areas around the wildlife's traditional range.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

The physical activity required for this trip is moderate with some outings that may require hiking approximately 3-4 miles over uneven terrain.