

*In the Land of the Midnight Sun with The Detroit Anthropology Group*

# Alaska Summer Holiday

*Whales – Glaciers – Cruises – National Parks – Alaskan islands  
and the most spectacular hotel in Alaska!*

## Alaska in the Summer!

*The most beautiful time to be in  
America's most beautiful state!*

**Everything is in bloom, & the weather is best.**

**Join us on the 18th visit to Alaska**, with The Detroit Anthropology Group, in the **Land of the Midnight Sun!**

**You'll enjoy** the timeless beauty and ancient spirit of this vast wonderland.

**Alaska's wonders** cannot be described - they must be *experienced*. Like the whales and glaciers.

**Stand under** the **midnight sun** on the shore of our **2 sea side villages** & enjoy the cascading waterfalls, exciting wildlife with **seals** & **whales** swimming by.

**June 28 – July 6, 2018**

**\$2695.00**

*(The price Includes the expensive air fare to & from Alaska;  
Plus tours, cruises, and transportation between towns; and  
1st-class hotels, including the most spectacular in Alaska).*

## Included Features

**Roundtrip Airfare:** Guaranteed reserved seats, round-trip flights between Detroit and Anchorage, Alaska.

**Hotel:** 1st-Class hotels, and stay in the most spectacular hotel in Alaska. (\$895 extra for a private single room.)

**Cruise:** To the **Native Island of Seldovia:** An all-day adventure with time for lunch & shopping on the island;

**Cruise:** **Wildlife** viewing and **whale watching**.

**Cruise:** **Glacier Cruise** – a spectacular adventure going right up to the Glaciers...almost close enough to touch.

**Orientation Tour:** In **Seward** on the Kenai Peninsula.

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**Scenic Round-the-Peninsula Tour:** Circle-the-Kenai Peninsula tour, by private bus & narrated commentary.

**Tour Leader:** Experienced Tour Leader throughout the trip in Alaska. (*Jim*)

**Pre-trip Newsletters:** To prepare for the tour & cruises.

**Alaska Sea Life Center Aquarium:** Admission & tour.

**Sightseeing Tour of Anchorage:** A private bus and professional driver to see the highlights of Anchorage.

**Transfers:** All transfers between airports and hotels in Alaska, with a private bus and professional driver.

**On-Tour Newsletters:** Daily "Bliss Sheets", on food, restaurant suggestions, sightseeing, & shopping tips.

## Join us on a Glacier Cruise, and see them before they melt away!

**Included in the price** is a thrilling "glacier cruise" narrated by a Federal Park Ranger. The smaller boats allow you to get much closer to the actual glaciers, ice bergs, and sea birds than the big ships.



**Have your camera ready & watch for calving!**

***The glaciers are so close you can almost reach out and touch them!***

## *Alaska in the Summer of 2018: The Day-by-Day Itinerary – Glaciers, Cruises & Whales*

### **June 28 (Thur): Northwest to Anchorage, and Alaska – America’s Most Beautiful State!**

We fly across the U.S.A. today to begin our exciting Summer Alaska holiday. In-flight, you’ll have “**Bliss Sheets**” to read about Alaska - the most beautiful of our 50 states. **Alaska** is the land of gold rush legends; pioneer traditions; spectacular scenery; and the nation’s friendliest people. Alaska is blessed with America’s highest mountains; the most unusual and interesting wildlife; whales and amazing marine life; the most spectacular glaciers; and the best place to shop for Eskimo arts & crafts, and other native cultures.

**We stay in very comfortable, 1st-class hotels**, and they are always in **excellent locations**. In both **sea side villages** where we stay, our hotels are **facing the Sea**.

**The Round-trip air fare IS INCLUDED** in the price of the tour, and today you’ll be flying across parts of both the U.S. and Canada, on your way to Alaska. We arrive at **Anchorage International Airport** later today. We spend the first day & night in **Anchorage** in a **1st-class** hotel to freshen up after the flights from MoTown. This afternoon or tomorrow morning, we will have an **Orientation Tour of Anchorage** by bus.

### **JUNE 29 (FRI.): HIGHLIGHTS OF ANCHORAGE – A SCENIC DRIVE TO THE KENAI PENINSULA.**

We spend part of today in **Anchorage**, the biggest city in Alaska, enjoying its highlights. We’ll be picked up this morning by our private bus and professional driver, first, for the **sightseeing tour** of Anchorage.

**Then** later today our private **1st-class** motorcoach and professional driver take us on one of the **most scenic beautiful** drives of your life, to the **Kenai Peninsula**, what



many people consider as the “**real Alaska**”. The 1-hour & 45-minute drive from Anchorage to the beautiful town of **Seward** on the **Kenai Peninsula** will pass by stunning sights, including glaciers, **mountain goats** clinging to the cliff sides, cascading waterfalls, deep gorges, and possibly even **Beluga whales & sea otters** floating along the water.



**We arrive** later at our **1st-class** hotel in the colorful **sea side town** of **Seward**, our home for the next 4 days.

**Our hotel is located right on the Harbor**, facing the **sea** on one side and scenic mountains on the back side. Next to the hotel, there are shops, cafes, & restaurants on each side of us. And salmon eateries, chowder houses, and fish & chip joints. You’ll love the smiling **sea otters**.

**It will still be light at 1:00am** tonight, here in the **Land of the Midnight Sun**. If you look on the poles behind our hotel, you’ll probably see an **American bald eagle** perched on top of each one. After Check-in this afternoon, you can try a stack of delicious “**Moose Pass**” pancakes, or the **Alaskan clam chowder**. Later we will take a bus to an unusual **Glacier**, that you **can actually walk up to**.

### **JUNE 30 (SAT.): ORIENTATION TOUR – VISIT TO THE ALASKAN SEA LIFE CENTER IN SEWARD.**

You’ll wake to the beauty of our superb location today, here on the Kenai Peninsula, the **real Alaska**. Our hotel is located right on the Harbor, & you’ll see otters & **sea lions** floating by. The fishermen are bringing in the **fresh catch** of the day, which might be on your dinner plate tonight. I’ll show you where you can get a delicious salmon omelet or **lobster/crab omelet**, & “Moose pancakes” for breakfast. Then, I’ll take you on an Orientation stroll & walking tour in this breath-taking setting, with the sea in front, and the mountains & glaciers in the background.

**Afterward**, I’ll take you to the fabulous **Alaskan Sea Life Center**, a **living** museum/aquarium where you’ll view a variety of sea mammals in a **natural underwater habitat**. You’ll see **porpoises**, sharks, **small whales**, sea lions, giant **sea turtles**, dolphins, **sea birds** and **sea otters**...close up! The expensive **\$25** admission is already **included** in the price of our trip, & we have the whole afternoon to explore



## *The Day-by-Day Itinerary: Exciting Glacier Cruise - Most Spectacular Hotel in Alaska!*

### **JULY 1 (SUN.): OUR ALASKA GLACIER CRUISE.**

**One of the highlights** of our trip will be our tour to the most visited glacier in Alaska, **Portage Glacier**, which is also one of the “**7 Wonders of Alaska**”. You’ll marvel at this spectacular sight, a virtual “**moving river of ice**”. We stop at the **Begich-Boggs Visitors Center** for maps & brochures, and then we board the **Glacier Cruise boat**. We cruise up to the very face of Portage Glacier. You will have awesome **close-up views** of this **still-active glacier**, with **ice bergs** floating along side the boat. This **tour, cruise, and transportation** to & from the Glacier are all **included in the price** of our trip.

### **JULY 2 (MON.): CRUISING THE KENAI FOR WHALES, SEALS, PUFFINS, & SEA LIONS.**

Our final day in the quaint **sea side village of Seward**, and you may want to join us for the **only optional** cruise & tour on the trip. And it is a very special one! We begin the day with a **cruise** on Resurrection Bay and into the **Kenai National Wildlife Refuge**, for **whale-watching**, and taking photos of the **sea lions & otters**. With the smaller boat we can get into the **intimate coves & fjords** where the big cruise ships **cannot** go. That will give us much closer views of the **puffins**, colorful **sea birds**, **whales**, and **sea otters** floating on their backs & **clapping** their hands while smiling at you.

This is the **only optional** cruise on our tour, and **all other cruises & tours are included in the price** of the trip. There are many cruises & boats to choose from in the Harbor next to our hotel, from a 2-hour cruise for about \$50 to an 8-hour cruise with lunch & dinner included on board. (That’s way too much for us – so we’ll get a big **discount** on whatever rate you choose!) A pre-trip Newsletter will explain your options, if you are interested in going **whale & sea life watching** with us.



### **JULY 3 (TUE.): COSMIC SIDE OF THE KENAI - HOMER AND THE TIP OF THE BLISSFUL SPIT.**

We begin a new adventure today as we take a very scenic bus ride from Seward, around to the other side of the Kenai Peninsula. We end up in the most colorful of all the **sea side villages**, cosmic **Homer**. We stay for **3 nights in the most spectacular hotel in Alaska!**

Homer is set at the **tip** of the Peninsula, on **Kachemak Bay**, & surrounded by snow-capped mountain peaks. The most stunning part of Homer is the very narrow strip of land (the **Spit**) that stretches several miles into the **Sea of Alaska**. It’s a **peninsula on a peninsula**. At the very tip, out in the **middle of the sea**, is our spectacular hotel with the **best views in Alaska**. It’s a stunning **1st-class deluxe hotel**, with **whales & sea lions** swimming by. **The Spit**, on the way to the hotel, is **lined with shops, cafes, restaurants, & fishing boats**. Take an AM or PM stroll along the sea, in the **Land of the Midnight Sun**.

### **JULY 4 (WED.): CRUISE TO A NATIVE ISLAND AND A WHALING BOARDWALK COMMUNITY.**

We take a very colorful cruise today to the peninsula “island” of Seldovia, and a Native community with Indian shopping, and a **boardwalk neighborhood** where the local Natives live in **wooden houses on stilts** in the sea water. This will remind you



of the **houses on stilts** we saw on our **anthropology** tours in **Thailand, Hong Kong, and Kukup, Malaysia**.

Before & after the Seldovia visit, we will **cruise** for more **whale-watching**, and also to **Gull Island**, filled with thousands of unusual birds. And **American bald eagles!** This cruise **IS INCLUDED** in the price of our trip. Back at the hotel tonight, it’s **July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks**, over the sea.

### **JULY 5: FREE FOR BEARS? – OUTDOOR SPA!**

This is our group’s traditional “free day” to do what you have **not** had a chance to do yet. Some members like to take a tour to see **bears catching salmon** at the falls in the river; **Or** try the **out-door spa** facing the Sea at our hotel; **Or shopping** on the Spit for **Eskimo specialties**; **Or** a fishing charter to **catch your own salmon or halibut**; **Or** taking **photos** of the fishermen bringing in a 300-pound halibut; **Or** a stroll along the Sea, for **photos** of the **American bald eagles** near our hotel.

### **JULY 6 (FRI): VERY SCENIC ALASKAN DRIVE.**

**Another** exciting day: we see more of the **real Alaska**, on this trip *where everything is arranged for you, & an experienced Tour Leader with you to make sure things are going well*. Today, we see more **spectacular scenery & wildlife** as we make our way back to Anchorage. We board our flight to fly back home tonight, with visions of Alaska & its beauty dancing in your mind. Meanwhile, **The Experience is Ended. Long Live the Experience.**