



## “Midnight Sun”2024 Alaska Summer Season Anchorage: 4 Days 3 Nights Essentials Tour

Whittier, Hatcher Pass, Talkeetna, check the essential sights of Alaska off your bucket list

| Product information      |                                  |                |           |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Tour No.                 | SAA4                             |                |           |
| Departure city           | Anchorage                        |                |           |
| Destination              | Anchorage                        | Way location   | Anchorage |
| Travel days              | 4 Day 3 Night                    | Transportation | Vehicle   |
| Airport pick-up/drop-off | Airport pick-up Airport drop-off | Currency       | USD       |

| Product price                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Single occupancy:</b> \$1539 / Person<br>Including balance: Total amount for all people 1559<br>Number of rooms:1;The number of tourist:1;<br>Basic price:1 x 1539 = 1539<br>Transportation Surcharge:1 x 20 = 20 | <b>Double occupancy:</b> \$1069 / Person<br>Including balance: Total amount for all people 2178<br>Number of rooms:1;The number of tourist:2;<br>Basic price:2 x 1069 = 2138<br>Transportation Surcharge:2 x 20 = 40  |
| <b>Triple occupancy:</b> \$929 / Person<br>Including balance: Total amount for all people 2847<br>Number of rooms:1;The number of tourist:3;<br>Basic price:3 x 929 = 2787<br>Transportation Surcharge:3 x 20 = 60   | <b>Quadruple occupancy:</b> \$859 / Person<br>Including balance: Total amount for all people 3516<br>Number of rooms:1;The number of tourist:4;<br>Basic price:4 x 859 = 3436<br>Transportation Surcharge:4 x 20 = 80 |

| Departure date                                      |
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| 05/23/2024-08/30/2024: Thursday, Friday, and Sunday |

## Join / leave point

### Boarding location

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Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC);

Detailed information refers to the first-day itinerary.

### Drop-off location

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Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC); Address: 5000 W International Airport Rd, Anchorage, AK 99502;

Detailed information refers to the last-day itinerary.

## Tour introduction

### Day 1

#### Arrive in Anchorage (Airport code: ANC)

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All day

Today you will arrive in Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. This is the economic center and transportation hub of "The Last Frontier." After arriving, check into your hotel to rest (check-in is available after 3pm at all local hotels).

#### Notes on Transportation from Airport:

※24-hour free hotel shuttle:

The Information Center next to the baggage claim area in the Anchorage airport provides free calls to hotels. After you arrive, please contact your hotel to arrange to be picked up by the shuttle. The hotels only accept shuttle bookings from guests that have already arrived at the airport. There is no way to make an advance reservation.

When you book the hotel shuttle, please provide the hotel with your personal information: full name (in pinyin), number of people, etc.

After you make the booking, the hotel shuttle will take around 30 minutes to arrive at the airport

Hotel shuttle pick-up location: Anchorage International Airport, outside the arrivals area, designated hotel shuttle pick-up area.

T-Mobile cell service cannot be used in some part of Alaska. If your cell service provider is T-Mobile, please contact T-Mobile customer service in advance, or provide an alternate contact number.

※Anchorage taxi information:

Taxi pick-up location: Anchorage International Airport, outside the arrivals area, designated taxi pick-up area.

From the airport to most Anchorage hotels, the cost is about \$15-30 per taxi.

Night

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Anchorage; Alex Hotel & Suites Anchorage Airport; similar

## Day 2

### Anchorage - Vehicle - Whittier - Vehicle - Anchorage

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All day

#### Details:

Leave from the hotel around 9:30 in the morning, and travel to the **old naval port town of Whittier**. On the way you can enjoy the picturesque scenery of lofty mountains, icy glaciers, crystal clear lakes, and the twisting ocean shoreline of Turnagain Arm. Just before arriving in Whittier, you'll pass through the **Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel**, the longest double-use highway and railroad tunnel in the U.S. at 4.05 km. Once in Whittier, visit the famous **Begich Towers** residential building (outside only) and take in the naval port town scenery (about 20 min. total). While in Whittier you have the opportunity to go on a **Glacier & Marine Life Cruise\*** (at additional expense, it is suggested that you book in advance). Estimated return to Anchorage is between 8:00-8:30pm.

#### Whittier:

One of the most interesting towns in Alaska, Whittier was a naval port during the Cold War. After the naval facilities were abandoned, they were converted into Begich Towers, the most unique residential building in America. Most of the 200-some residents of the town live in the building, and there is also a school, post office, and supermarket inside. Whittier is also the gateway to access many famous glaciers, and is surrounded by 3,500 ft. (1,067 m) tall mountains. It was first chosen as the site for a military base in World War 2, and today has evolved into a world-class cruise ship port, attracting visitors from all over the world.

**Clothing suggestions:** Outdoor sports shoes and a lightweight warm coat.

#### **Optional Activity: Glacier & Marine Life Cruise\* (about 5 hours total, includes western-style box lunch, narration in English)**

Board the boat around noon, and start soaking up the magnificent snow-capped mountains and glaciers of Prince William Sound. The glaciers end in steep cliffs of ice, and when sunlight hits the ice, it seems to glow from within. When you hear a glacier let out a deep rumble, you may witness pieces of the glacier falling off into the water. You'll be able to observe up-close floating icebergs and where the glaciers meet the sea, and have the opportunity to see all types of marine animals (such as sea lions, sea otters, and seals) as well as birds. It is suggested that you bring a warm jacket, hat, etc.

**Meals:** Breakfast: at hotel; Lunch & Dinner: on your own

Night

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Anchorage; Alex Hotel & Suites Anchorage Airport; similar

## Day 3

**Anchorage** - Vehicle - **Hatcher Pass** - Vehicle - **Anchorage**

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All day

### Details:

Leave from the hotel around 9:30 in the morning, and travel to the scenic **Hatcher Pass**, between the towns of Willow and Palmer, the Hatcher Pass area is extremely rich in plant resources, and is a paradise for locals and self-driving enthusiasts, with alpine glacial lakes and beautiful wildflowers dotted between the mountains, without losing the grandeur of Alaska. Along the way, head to **Independence Mine State Historical Park**, the abandoned gold mine is no longer the grand event of the past, and now it welcomes tourists with its unique retro style. Then we'll visit a small local brewery, and in the American beer industry, Alaska is a place that can't be ignored, the local brewery brands have their own characteristics. Not only can we learn a little about Alaska's local beer making, but we can also sample fresh craft beers (tasting is at your own expense, only 21 years old can drink alcohol, please show ID at that time). Estimated return to Anchorage is between 17:00-17:30.

**Clothing advice:** Outdoor sneakers and a lightweight warm coat.

**Meals:** Breakfast: at hotel; Lunch & Dinner: on your own

Night

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Anchorage; Alex Hotel & Suites Anchorage Airport; similar

## Day 4

**Anchorage** - Vehicle - **Talkeetna** - Vehicle - **Anchorage** - Vehicle - **Home**

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All day

### Details:

Leave from the hotel at around 9:00 in the morning, and travel to the **gold rush town of Talkeetna**, at the foot of Denali. Once you've arrived, head to the **Denali National Park Talkeetna Ranger Station** to get your official park stamp (about 15 min.), then get a look at Denali from a viewing platform (about 15 min.). You'll also have time to freely explore the unique restaurants, art galleries, cafes, and antique-themed shops. If you want to get a close look at Denali, you can choose to do an optional **Denali Flightseeing Tour\*** (at additional expense, can be booked in advance) or **Talkeetna Speedboat Tour\*** (at additional expense, can be booked in advance). Due to time constraints, it is only possible to choose one of these two activities. Estimated return to Anchorage is between 7:00-7:30pm. At additional expense, you can upgrade to the **Alaska Glass Dome Sightseeing Train\*** for the return journey. If you choose this option, you'll arrive at the Anchorage train station at around 8pm, and your guide will pick you up and return you to the hotel.

Today your tour ends, and it is time to say goodbye to beautiful Alaska.

### Talkeetna:

This town was once an extremely lively center of gold rush activity, and today continues to showcase the spirit and style

of pioneer Alaska. The main street is lined with small log cabins and antique storefronts. Talkeetna is not only the gateway to Denali and the setting-out point for mountaineers, it's also a nature lover's paradise.

#### **Optional Activities:**

##### **1. Denali Flightseeing Tour\*** (About 1 to 1.5 hours roundtrip, English narration)

Ride in a small flightseeing plane and get a bird's-eye view of snow-covered Denali and the majestic Alaska Range. If weather conditions permit, you will have the opportunity to land on a glacier and personally experience being surrounded by the snowy mountains.

##### **2. Talkeetna Speedboat Tour\*** (About 2 hours roundtrip, English narration)

Your boat captain will take you on a river-based tour, with views of the wilderness scenery on each bank. Here you are less than 100 km (about 60 miles) from Denali, the highest peak in North America. As you travel through the forests surrounding the Susitna River, immerse yourself in the wonders of nature and gaze at the high peak reaching into the sky. When the weather is clear, you'll be blown away by the view. The tour includes a visit to an Alaska Native hunting camp.

##### **3. Alaska Glass Dome Sightseeing Train\*** (Talkeetna – Anchorage, 5 - 8pm, no accompanying guide)

The train is equipped with comfortable seats and a glass dome ceiling that allows for 180° views. You'll personally experience the scenic Alaska rail route first established during the gold rush era over a hundred years ago and have plenty of opportunity to photograph the beautiful scenery you pass.

**Meals:** Breakfast: at hotel; Lunch & Dinner: on your own

**Hotel:** None

#### **Departure notes:**

1. At most local hotels check-out time is 12:00pm. Please confirm the check-out time with your hotel.
2. On the last day of your itinerary, please check out of your hotel and store your luggage before your tour that day begins.
3. If you wish to remain in Anchorage after your tour ends, you can book an extended hotel stay in advance.
4. If you are leaving on the last day of your itinerary, please book a flight leaving after 11pm, in order to ensure ample time to complete your tour that day.
5. For domestic flights, please arrive at the airport at least 2 hours in advance.
6. All booking include one free transfer to the airport on your hotel's 24-hour airport shuttle. Please arrange this in advance with the hotel staff. Information needed for shuttle booking: room number, full name (in pinyin), number of people, and departure time.

## Cost Description

### Cost includes

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1. Hotels described in the itinerary, or equivalent hotels.
2. Local driver and guide (or driver-guide) service.
3. Tour bus service, with the specific vehicle type determined by the size of the group.
4. Attraction entrance fees noted in the itinerary.
5. Hotel breakfasts and meals listed as included in the itinerary.

### Cost excludes

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1. Transportation to/from Alaska, and transportation within Alaska that is not included in the itinerary.
2. Optional activities and entrance fees not included in the itinerary (Prices are subject to change without prior notice; Tickets should be purchased from the tour guide).
3. Lunch, dinner, and other meals noted in the itinerary as not included.
4. In accordance with local standards, you may tip your guide based on the quality of their service. Tipping standard is \$20/person/day. Please pay tips to your guide on the day of your tour, to express your respect and gratitude for their work.
5. Other expenses not mentioned in the itinerary or agreement.

### Extra expense

| Item name                                              | Price description                            | Description                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Glacier & Marine Life Cruise                           | Adult: \$215.00;<br>Child (2-11): \$150.00;  | About 5 hours roundtrip. Includes western-style box lunch. English narration.                                                                     |
| Denali Flightseeing Tour including glacier landing     | Adult: \$388.00;<br>Child (0-10): \$272.00;  | About 1.5 hours roundtrip. English narration. After successfully landing on the glacier, you must pay the \$15/person national park entrance fee. |
| Denali Flightseeing Tour not including glacier landing | Adult: \$270.00;<br>Child (0-10) : \$189.00; | About 1 hour roundtrip. English narration.                                                                                                        |
| Talkeetna Speedboat Tour                               | Adult: \$98.00;<br>Child (2-12) : \$72.00;   | About 2 hours roundtrip. English narration.                                                                                                       |
| Alaska Glass Dome Sightseeing Train                    | Adult: \$155.00;<br>Child (2-11) : \$85.00;  | Approximately 3 hours in total, no guide on train. Talkeetna to Anchorage 17:00-20:00.                                                            |

### Travel tips

#### Optional activity notes:

1. Price does not include guide tips.
2. Price already includes local taxes.
3. The dates for each activity are subject to change. Please confirm the date when booking the activity.
4. Most of these activities are greatly affected by the weather. If the activity is canceled for this reason, the fee will be refunded through the original payment channel.

### Know Before You Book

#### Essential Information About Booking:

1. This tour is led by a local Chinese-speaking guide (except where otherwise noted). The minimum number of people for each tour is four; please check in advance about whether the minimum has been reached.
2. We strongly suggest that you wait to buy plane tickets until after you receive your confirmation from us.
3. Please provide us with your flight information and phone number at least 10 days ahead of your tour departure. Otherwise, we will be unable to send you the final confirmation.
4. If you do not provide our company with your correct flight information in time, and as a result we do not have a car and staff member available, we reserve the right to refuse any free airport pick-up or drop-off service originally offered. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
5. Alaska fire code does not permit adding extra beds in hotel rooms. All hotel rooms have either one or two beds.
6. This product is priced as a package tour. If you are unable to participate in some of the tour activities or unable to use any part of the itinerary or included services, we are unable to give any refunds.
7. Due to the oil price soar and the cost of vehicle greatly increased, starting April 1, 2022, please be advised that all bus tours will be subject to an additional fuel surcharge of \$5 per person per day, which will be paid together with the tour fees when you place the order.

#### **Essential Information About the Tour:**

1. This tour requires you to bring a photo ID, such as a foreign passport with an American visa, or an American driver's license.
2. The sequence of activities in this tour itinerary is subject to change based on the tour departure date, weather conditions, etc., but the content of the tour will not change. The sequence in the above itinerary is provided for reference only, may not match your final itinerary.
3. Different guides are assigned to each day tour, so each day you will have a different guide leading your tour.
4. If there are discrepancies between any time stated in the itinerary and the time given by your guide, please meet at the time your guide has informed you of.
5. Some places in Alaska can be relatively cold in summer. Please bring warm clothes, such as a wind and water-proof jacket, fleece jacket, hat, scarf, etc.
6. Summer tours in Alaska primarily involve outdoor natural attractions. During your tour please follow the instructions of your guide in order to stay safe and protect the natural environment.
7. Alaska has many scenic views that can be seen from the road. When stopping by the side of the road to take in the scenery, do not linger or take pictures in the middle of the road. Guests must take responsibility for any accidents caused by such behavior.
8. Minors under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult or provide a waiver signed by a legal guardian.
9. If you didn't book any optional activities available on the tour in advance, you can talk with your guide about booking these activities. In this case payment must be made in cash.
10. Please be aware, if you are not able to meet your guide at the appointed time and place due to personal reasons (including but not limited to illness, accidents, running late, etc.), and thus miss the chance to board the bus and cannot participate in the tour, we are afraid we cannot refund your fee for that day.

**Please arrive at the pick-up location least 10 to 15 minutes early.**

You may call us within 1 to 2 days of your tour to confirm the pick-up time and location.

11. If, due to unpreventable circumstances (including but not limited to: natural disasters, political and social situations,

accidents and malfunctions, road closures, etc.), adjustments must be made to the tour in order to protect the safety and welfare of all guests in the tour group, our company reserves the right to take measures including changing the time or content of the tour or even canceling some or all tour activities. The related tour fees cannot be refunded, and any additional costs incurred (i.e. extended hotel stay, transportation, meals, plane ticket changes) must be borne by the guests.

Natural disasters: flood, earthquake, hail, snowstorm, tsunami, etc.

Political & social situations: war, shutdown, protest, regime change, policy change, terrorist attack, etc.

Accidents and malfunctions: tour bus or other transportation equipment malfunction, sudden damage to recreational equipment, traffic accident or other blockage of roads, etc.

Road closures: roads impassable due to weather conditions, traffic accidents, etc.