



Alaska – Anchorage area, Seward, Denali and the Glenn Highway

Depart August 30, 2022, return September 12

- 8/30 arrive in Anchorage
- 8/31 We'll photograph in the Turnagain Arm area south of Anchorage (overnight Anchorage)
- 9/1 7:30 departure to fly to Redoubt Mountain Lodge on Lake Clark (1 hr 10 min flight on a float plane). Morning and afternoon photographing bears around the lake from a pontoon boat. Lunch provided. Fly back very late afternoon.
- 9/2 Drive to Seward with photo stops and a possible glacier cruise along the way. (overnight Seward)
- 9/3 We'll spend the day on a small boat cruise on Resurrection Bay and to one of the nearby coastal glaciers (return to Anchorage for overnight)
- 9/4 Drive north to Denali National Park. It's a long drive of 5 hr. We'll stop in the throwback town of Talkeetna as well as other points along the way. (overnight Denali area)
- 9/5 We have a full day of photographing in Denali National Park and the nearby area.
- 9/6 We have an opportunity to take the park transit bus further into Denali National Park. This will take much of the day and we'll use what remains for other photo opportunities.
- 9/7 We'll stay in the Denali area, but drive south and begin to explore the original Denali Highway which offers more views of the rivers and mountains. (change lodges, still in the Denali area)
- 9/8 We have a full day on the Denali Highway and nearby area.
- 9/9 In the morning we can be on the Denali Highway and surrounding area and then a drive south to Wasilla to be positioned for the next day. (overnight Wasilla)
- 9/10 First we have a drive to Hatcher Pass and to the Independence Mine, one of the last gold mines to operate in Alaska. Then we'll drive along the Glenn Highway where we should find colorful aspens and other interesting opportunities in the Chugach mountains. (overnight on the Glenn Highway)

9/11 return along the Glenn Highway to Anchorage. Flights depart in the late evening.

9/12 red eye flights arrive

Alaska is a scenic wonderland. There are so many dramatic vistas and beautiful locations. Combined with the Fall season as the colors on the tundra begin to turn it's a painter's palette of vivid warm colors. We'll be able to explore quite a bit of this as well as spend time on the waters of Resurrection Bay out of Seward. There we'll have a chance to photograph marine mammals, glaciers, and interesting coastal landscape formations.

We'll begin with Anchorage as our base, exploring the Turnagain Arm area to the south. It's a tidal area surrounded by the Chugach mountains. After a day there we'll do a fly in by float plane to a lodge on Lake Clark where we'll spend the day photographing coastal brown bears. The next day we'll drive to Seward with a possible stop for a cruise to the Portage glacier if the weather is favorable. We'll overnight in Seward and then do a cruise searching out marine mammals and glaciers on Resurrection Bay. We return to Anchorage in the evening.

Denali National Park awaits and we'll make the 5-hour drive from Anchorage with stops along the way. One will be in the charming little town of Talkeetna, and we'll see what the weather and light offer as we drive further north. We'll have five nights in the Denali area. Three nights are north of the park in Healy and 2 nights are south. There will be a morning set aside for a drive on the Denali transit bus to go further into the park than we can go with our vehicles. It's on a school bus that makes stops and may offer views of wildlife and "the mountain".

South of Denali is the old route to the park known as the Denali Highway. "Highway" is a charitable description for this road. It's a bumpy dirt track, but quite navigable in 4 x 4's and it offers some beautiful tundra and river views.

From Denali we'll make our way south eventually traveling along the Glenn Highway where the aspens should be in full color and the Matanuska River flows out of the Matanuska Glacier. There are numerous vistas along the way. On our way we'll also visit the site of the Independence Mine, one of the last gold mines to operate in the state (no samples available on my recent visit...)

We'll plan to arrive back in Anchorage in time to make our return flight departures which are typically in the mid-late evening for a red eye return.

The cost of the workshop is \$7620 based on single accommodations. It's \$6420 for shared. It includes our hotels, breakfasts, and cruises. Additional costs include airfare, travel insurance, meals, shared car rental, Denali Park transit bus (est. \$40), things of a personal nature, as well as any individual transportation other than that with the group.

To reserve a place in the workshop a deposit of \$3620 (\$3220 shared) is requested, with the balance due March 1, 2022. Please send an email to info@eliotcohen.com to confirm availability, and then mail your check to:

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Please check with me prior to making flight reservations to confirm that the workshop is running as planned and that your arrival/departure will coordinate with our group travel schedule.

Cancellations/refunds:

Until Feb 28, 2022: The deposit will be refunded less a cancellation fee of \$1250.

March 1, 2022 or later: the workshop fee will be refunded only if another participant can take your place, in which case, a \$450 cancellation fee will be deducted.

I would strongly suggest trip insurance to cover anything unforeseen.

By submitting your deposit, you acknowledge reading and agreeing to these terms.