

Alaska's Untamed Wilderness

11 days for \$9,697 total price from Detroit

(\$9,495 air & land inclusive plus \$202 airline taxes and fees)

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.



A highlight of our journey to Alaska: Denali, North America's highest peak



Avg. High (°F)	Jun	Jul
Anchorage	63	66
Denali	68	69
Seward	59	61

Physical Activity Level



Moderate

Refer to page 5 for more information.

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.

Day 1: Depart for Anchorage, Alaska We depart today for Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. Upon arrival, we 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 Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome briefing about the journey ahead. Then we depart for Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska's – and America's – true unspoiled wilderness. We first travel to Talkeetna by motorcoach, where we board a deluxe domed railcar that provides us with panoramic views of the passing landscape 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, sub-arctic 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, the grueling 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*

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*



We may see bears in Alaska.

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 that became a ghost town after

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

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

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
- \$100 frequent traveler credit towards your next U-M/Odysseys Unlimited tour (\$200 after 3 tours; \$300 after 10 tours)



Colorful buildings overlook Seward's harbor.

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

Tour Departs: June 29, 2027

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

Seattle	\$8,897
Chicago, Los Angeles, Portland (OR), San Francisco	\$9,197
Denver, Houston, Miami, Minneapolis, Phoenix	\$9,397
Atlanta, Cincinnati, Dallas, Washington, DC	\$9,497
Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Cleveland, Detroit, New York, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa	\$9,697
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$8,295

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 has been made.

Single travelers please add \$1,895. 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.



THE SMALL GROUP TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Important Information About Your Tour General Terms and Conditions

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

Tour Prices

Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2027, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your departure city; airline taxes, surcharges, and fees which are subject to change until final payment has been made; internal air, rail, and motorcoach transportation; meals, sightseeing, and transfers as described; hotel taxes; entrance fees for included sightseeing; the services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director; luggage handling for one bag per person; and all gratuities as described below. Please note that the cost of air upgrades is subject to change.

Gratuities

Tour prices include all gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers on base tours and on optional pre- and post-tour extensions when accompanied by an Odysseys Unlimited representative. Please note that gratuities for the Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour), and housekeeping staff are not included. These tips are optional and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Gratuities are not included on "On Your Own" optional extensions.

Not Included in Your Tour Price

Airfare from your hometown to your departure city; costs of passports and entry requirements; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; immunizations and inoculations; medical equipment and related supplies such as distilled water, and personal care or dietary items; communications charges; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package or when selecting alternate tour arrival and/or departure dates; and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Registration and Payment

A deposit of \$650 per person confirms your reservation. Full payment is due at least 125 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full and/or where the Terms and Conditions have not been acknowledged by the final payment date. In these cases, standard penalties will apply. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.

Cancellations and Refunds

If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges (exceptions not allowed):

For all tours:

<u>Prior to departure</u>	<u>Charge</u>
125 days or more:	\$200
124-95 days:	25% of tour price
94-65 days:	50% of tour price
64-30 days:	75% of tour price
29-0 days:	No refund

Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package, including for no shows, late arrivals, cancellations after departure, issues with passports or visas, or early departure from a tour. If because of low participation Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

Pre-Departure

Upon reservation, you will be able to access all information regarding your tour in My Odyssey, our secure on-line portal. This material includes your invoice, a detailed day-by-day itinerary, visa

requirements (if applicable), and more. Your final tour documents, including airline itineraries (with e-ticket numbers), will be available in the portal two to three weeks before departure.

Single Travelers

We welcome single travelers, and offer a limited number of single accommodations on each tour. Because hotel and cruise rates are priced by the room or cabin, the per person cost for accommodations occupied by one person is higher than that shared by two people. Please note that single rooms in many foreign hotels may be smaller than those to which you are accustomed.

Changes to Your Reservation

A fee of \$50 per person will apply to all air-inclusive guests who have chosen an alternate arrival or departure date. Once inside the final payment date for your tour, additional hotel night(s) and/or transfer(s) that you may have added to your reservation are non-refundable.

From final payment date to 30 days before departure, an administrative fee of \$100 per person will apply to any changes you make to your reservation, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason or at any time, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes to your name(s) or departure date are allowed after final payment date. Traveler substitutions are considered reservation cancellation and are subject to cancellations charges. No changes to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure.**

Required Information

Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you the following, in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight program (for details, please visit www.tsa.gov), as well as for our travel partners: **for international tours – your full name as it appears on your passport, date of birth, and gender; for domestic tours – your full name as it appears on the accepted form of government-issued photo identification that you plan to use, date of birth, and gender.** In addition, airlines may require that we provide them with your contact information prior to departure. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport (international tours) or other form of government-issued photo identification (domestic tours) than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Travel Documents

A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens on all of our international tours. For domestic tours, you must present a valid U.S. government-issued photo identification. If your tour requires a visa(s), we strongly recommend that you have at least six blank visa pages available; otherwise, we recommend that your passport have at least three blank visa pages. We will send you specific visa and entry requirements after you make a reservation. **You are solely responsible for obtaining all required passports, visas, documents, and immunizations, and costs thereof for entry into each destination.** Issuance of travel documentation is at the discretion of individual countries. Failure to secure or denial of proper travel documents may prevent travel or entry, with no refunds provided. If you need to obtain a visa, we recommend our preferred provider G3 Global Services. If you are traveling with a minor, please contact us for special entry requirements. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.

Minors

When traveling with a minor, the parent(s) or guardian(s) are fully responsible for the minor's supervision and safety. Travelers should carry a letter of authorization from both parents permitting emergency medical treatment. Each minor must share accommodations with an adult, and some countries require special documentation for minors traveling without both parents. Odysseys Unlimited is not responsible for disruptions due to incomplete or incorrect paperwork.

Merchants

Some tours may include the opportunity to visit local shops and merchants. Odysseys Unlimited is not responsible for any individual purchases made while on tour.

Health and Medical Issues

We welcome all travelers, but you should be in relatively good health to participate in activities as outlined in the Physical Activity Levels for each tour. **You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance if you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs or motorized scooters.

We ask that all guests review our guidelines for health on tour, which can be found on our website: www.odysseys-unlimited.com/travel-health.

We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, Michigan Alumni Travel and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any additional costs nor the unused portion of the tour. While we do our best to accommodate food allergy concerns, we cannot guarantee zero cross-contamination. Additionally, depending on the location, dietary requests may not be easily accommodated: therefore, we cannot guarantee that all dietary requests can be met. Also, please note that where requests can be accommodated, choices may be limited.

You acknowledge, understand, and accept that during a tour, you or other guests may be exposed to communicable or foodborne illnesses. You further recognize that the risk of such exposure is inherent in activities involving interaction or shared facilities, and is beyond the control of the Company or its suppliers and cannot be completely eliminated.

Odysseys Unlimited has a No Smoking policy (including e-cigarettes and vaping) on all tour buses and motorcoaches.

Air Transportation

Your tour package includes round-trip economy airfare (except for *National Parks of the Southwest*) from designated departure cities. Airfares from other U.S. cities are available upon request. Airline upgrades at additional cost may be available on request; these apply to the round-trip trans-Atlantic or trans-Pacific flights only and do not apply to domestic or internal flights. Scheduling may differ for upgraded travel and may require additional connections.

Flight schedules are subject to change at any time. If arranging your own flights, we recommend waiting until final payment is due and avoiding non-refundable or high-penalty fares. Odysseys Unlimited Inc. and Michigan Alumni Travel are not liable for any loss due to tour cancellations, changes in gateways, travel dates, or airline schedule changes.

If a flight schedule requires an overnight, that cost is your responsibility. **Airline seat assignments are usually done at check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.**

We reserve the right to select air carriers and routing. When planning our tours, we contract with those airlines that we feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer more direct service, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates that enable us to offer you the best possible travel value.

By using our air services, you acknowledge that Odysseys Unlimited acts solely as your agent in arranging air

transportation with independent carriers. We are not responsible for accidents, delays, cancellations, missed connections, schedule or name changes, or any related losses. If you miss a flight, you must work directly with the airline to continue your travel; no refunds or reimbursements will be provided for missed trip portions.

Airline loyalty program mileage credits are issued at the discretion of the airline(s) and may not be available for the flights on your tour. If you prefer to make your own airline reservations, ask about the “land only” pricing.

Responsibility

The liability of Michigan Alumni Travel, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under its control. It serves only as an agent 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, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. Michigan Alumni Travel and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within its 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, 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. Cruise itineraries may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions.

Association Disclaimer

The Association is not the Tour Operator. • The Association is not responsible for changes of flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline, hotel, or car-rental reservations, delays, losses, injuries, inconveniences, cessation of operations, airline or tour operator bankruptcies, acts of God, or any other event beyond our control. • The Association acts only as an independent contractor and not as a principal, agent, or joint venture for the airline, hotel, car-rental company, cruise line, and/or tour operator named in the catalog. As a result, the Association is not responsible for their acts or omissions. • The Association acts only as agent for the participants with respect to travel services, and it shall not be responsible for changes of flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline, hotel, or other reservations, injury, damage, loss of baggage, accidents, or for the acts or defaults of any person or entity engaged

in conveying participants or in carrying out other arrangements of the tour. Further, the Association shall not be responsible for losses or additional expenses of the participant due to sickness, weather, strike, civil unrest, acts of terrorism, quarantine, acts of God, or other causes beyond its control. • The Association shall not be responsible for alteration in the itinerary as deemed necessary for carrying out the tour and the right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality. The right is further reserved to cancel the tour prior

to departure, in which case the entire payment may be refunded without further obligation on its part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of the tour should such person's health, actions, or general deportment impede the operation of the tour or the rights or welfare of the other participants. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour. • Applicants for participation on this tour accept in full all of the conditions set forth above.

MICHIGAN ALUMNI TRAVEL RESERVATION FORM

To reserve your place on tour, **please call Odysseys Unlimited at (toll-free) 888-370-6765**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited's office. Upon receiving your request, 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. 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. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due 125 days prior to departure.

For more information, please call the Alumni Travel team at 855-764-0064.

Send to: **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**

Attn: Special Interest Groups

One Newton Place

275 Washington Street, Suite 300

Newton, MA 02458

Tour Name _____

Departure Date _____

Pre- or Post-Tour Extension (as described on tour page): Please sign me/us up

I/we would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$650 per person.)

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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

E-mail(s) _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to _____

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

I/We request an upgrade to a Highland Villa (*Machu Picchu to the Galapagos only*)