

KENAI EXPLORER

Sea Kayaking, Whitewater Rafting, Day Hiking & Wildlife Viewing
in Kenai Fjords National Park & Resurrection Bay

Alaska Multi-Sport / Hiking Tour
6 Days. Starts and Ends in Anchorage



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'CAMP & CABIN'-based

6-DAY TOUR ITINERARY

1. Seward/Kenai Fjords National Park
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4. Resurrection Bay (rustic resort)
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6. Return to Anchorage via Hope

2024 TOUR DATES

- ♦ June 2-7
- ♦ June 16-21
- ♦ July 14-19
- ♦ July 28-August 2
- ♦ August 18-23

2024 TOUR PRICE

\$1,675

(plus local sales tax; no single supplement)

CLIENT COMMENTS

"I want to tell you how great my trip was. The guide did an awesome job.... We laughed a lot! Everything was well organized and the food was excellent.... The schedule was just perfect: active and relaxing at the same time. I really liked the daily hikes and all the time we had in the evenings to hang out.... The stay at the resort the last two days was a good idea to end the trip. I came (home) refreshed, relaxed and really happy. Thanks!" --Elise Maguire

GET UP & GO! The beautiful Kenai Peninsula, projecting into the Gulf of Alaska between Prince William Sound and Cook Inlet, is Alaska in microcosm. Featuring dramatic mountains and glaciers, rugged, fjordal coastline, lush spruce and hemlock forests, tens of thousands of lakes, bountiful bird and wildlife, and superb hiking and adventure activities, the Kenai is truly an outdoor lover's paradise!

It's only natural then that our six-day *Kenai Explorer* tour is so enticing, highlighted by extended visits to dramatic **Kenai Fjords National Park**, to a remote, rustic resort in wildlife-rich **Resurrection Bay**, as well as to exhilarating Six Mile Creek, in the **Chugach National Forest**, near Hope.

INCLUDED TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ **Hiking, sea kayaking & white water rafting** on the spectacular **Kenai Peninsula**, including three nights at **Kenai Fjords National Park**, and two nights in a cozy bunkhouse at a remote, rustic lodge on **Resurrection Bay**. We also hike in the **Chugach National Forest** and visit the charmingly Alaskan seaside towns of **Seward** and **Hope**
- ♦ Excellent **wildlife viewing** opportunities throughout the tour
- ♦ **R/T Water Taxi** across Resurrection Bay
- ♦ **Quality Leadership: A professional GG!** **guide** leads you throughout the tour
- ♦ **Great Food!** Fresh, homemade, multi-course meals and desserts

A six-hour **glacier, whale and wildlife-viewing cruise** through the stunning fjordlands of **Kenai Fjords National Park** is a highly recommended, optional highlight. Deep-sea salmon and halibut **fishing charters**, and **dogsled mushing** on a helicopter-accessed glacier, are optionally available activities.

You'll be glad you chose the *Kenai Explorer*, a beautiful tour with exhilarating multi-sport adventure activities, hiking, and glacier and wildlife-viewing opportunities, in one of Alaska's most diverse and attractive regions!

GET UP & GO! Dramatic scenery and wildlife are not the tour's only attractions, however, as *Kenai Explorer* also includes fantastic day hiking and multi-sport activities. Multi-sport highlights include a wild and scenic **sea kayaking** day trip in beautiful Resurrection Bay. Bald eagles are common, and lolling sea otters, whales, bears and other mammals and sea birds are also frequently sighted. An exciting **Class IV whitewater rafting** trip is another unforgettable and included tour highlight (or you can add a bigger **Class V** river segment for a ~\$55 fee).

The **hiking** throughout this tour is especially good, with hikes alongside glaciers, through old growth rain forests, up to alpine tundra, and along beautiful beaches all part of the scheduled itinerary.

INCLUDED MULTI-SPORT ACTIVITIES NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

- ♦ **Whitewater Rafting** on the Class IV Six-Mile Creek (or try Class V!)
- ♦ **Sea Kayaking** on the wildlife-rich waters of Resurrection Bay
- ♦ **Hiking:** A variety of exceptional 2-6 hour scenic day hikes over mixed terrain (moderate to strenuous)

KENAI EXPLORER Daily Itinerary & Activities

Notes: Unless identified as optional all mentioned activities are **included**. Specific hikes, days that activities take place on, and campground may vary. This **flexible** tour itinerary may operate in either direction, and is subject to change.

DAY 1: FROM ANCHORAGE TO SEWARD & KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK

We'll meet in the morning at our Anchorage departure hotel/s (see our *Alaska Tour Pre-Departure Packet* for locations and times), introduce ourselves, and after a brief overview of the tour, head south to the beautiful Kenai Peninsula. On the way we'll parallel scenic Turnagain Arm. This mountain-lined and glacier-carved fjord, the ultimate extension of the Cook Inlet, Gulf of Alaska, and Pacific Ocean, was named by an obviously frustrated Captain James Cook during his 1778 search for the legendary Northwest Passage. We quickly arrive in **Seward**, gateway to **Kenai Fjords National Park**, for a three-night stay. A beautiful hike through the old growth **Chugach National Forest** to a salmon stream and a beautiful, remote beach kicks off the tour's activities. Camping LD

DAY 2: SEWARD & KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK

One of our favorite hikes anywhere is today's highlight: Up we'll go alongside the very blue Exit Glacier to an overlook of the 800-square mile Harding Ice Field, focal point of **Kenai Fjords National Park**, and the source of its many glaciers. Moose, bears, mountain goats, porcupines, and marmots are all commonly seen on this hike, and the glacier and ice field are dramatically beautiful; this inspirational hike will stay with you long after you've left Alaska! Camping. BLD

DAY 3: SEWARD & KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK

This morning you can choose between an **optional 6-hour whale and wildlife-viewing cruise** to an **active tidewater glacier** in stunning **Kenai Fjords National Park**; a hike; free time in the charming town of Seward; or a variety of other optional activities. The day cruise is highly recommended: whales, porpoises, sea lions, sea otters, seals, bald eagles, puffins and an interesting variety of other sea birds are all commonly seen, and the close-up view of the calving tidewater glacier is truly spectacular. Salmon or halibut fishing charters, a visit to the Alaska Sea Life Center, and even a dogsled mushing trip on a helicopter-accessed glacier are all also optionally available (see "Optional Activities" below). Camping. BLD

DAY 4: A BOAT TRIP ACROSS RESURRECTION BAY TO OUR PRIVATE, RUSTIC LODGE

This morning we'll take a water taxi to our **private, rustic resort** on the remote eastern shore of beautiful **Resurrection Bay**. The beautiful old growth forest wilderness fronts the rugged beach, with the main lodge perched just above the shore. A fantastic private retreat just for our group! There's a great hike on a private trail out the back door, as well as a wood-fired sauna. Bunkhouse. BLD

DAY 5: RESURRECTION BAY SEA KAYAKING

A full day for sea kayaking and exploring in the fjordal bay, through the narrows, to coves, and to a beautiful island with spectacular beaches, forests and lagoons. Marine wildlife and seabirds are abundant, and there is no better way to view it than from the seat of a stable sea kayak! You're not going to want to leave our remote sanctuary in beautiful Resurrection Bay! Bunkhouse. BLD

DAY 6: TO SIX MILE CREEK & BACK TO ANCHORAGE

This morning we'll water taxi back to Seward, and then carry on to the small gold rush community of **Hope**, where we'll cap the tour off with an exciting Class IV whitewater rafting trip through two canyons of famous **Six-Mile Creek**. For a supplemental payment of ~\$55 you can upgrade to a three-canyon Class V trip, some of the most exhilarating whitewater available anywhere! If the rafting doesn't sound like your thing you can instead enjoy a beautiful hike, and/or explore the charming and scenic seaside town and beach. Afterwards we'll make the short drive back to Anchorage, where the tour ends between 7 and 8:30 pm. Please do not schedule return flights that depart prior to 10 pm. BL

"I took the Kenai multi-sport trip with you and LOVED it! Really the best tour I've ever taken. Your guides were the best! Thank you so much for introducing me to Alaska. I am hooked.... It was the most beautiful place I've ever been. All the best," **Laura Romanoff**, Chicago

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LOOK AT ALL THAT'S INCLUDED

- ♦ **Sea Kayaking** on the scenic waters of Resurrection Bay: lots of wildlife and an interesting remote beach hike.
- ♦ **Whitewater Rafting** on Six-Mile Creek (Class IV; or for an additional ~\$55 you can add a Class V segment to the trip)
- ♦ **Day Hiking:** A variety of exceptional 2 to 6-hour scenic day hikes over mixed terrain (moderate to strenuous)
- ♦ **Water Taxi:** Scenic r/t boat trip across Resurrection Bay
- ♦ **All Ground Transport,** Anchorage to Anchorage
- ♦ **All Camping and included lodging fees,** as specified in the "Accommodations" section of this document
- ♦ **All Meals,** except breakfast the first morning and dinner on the last day
- ♦ **Entrance & User Fees** to all national and state parks visited
- ♦ **All Necessary Camping Gear,** *except* your personal sleeping bag and ground pad; these are available for rent *with advance notice*: bags \$25/tour, and/or pads \$10/pad/tour
- ♦ **Professional Guide:** The friendly and capable services of a professional **Get Up & Go! Tours'** guide throughout the tour
- ♦ **Alaska Tour Pre-Departure Packet,** including a packing list.

NOT INCLUDED

- ♦ **Transport to and from Anchorage** (where the trip starts & ends)
- ♦ **Anchorage Lodging,** before or after the tour; we can help
- ♦ **Non-Included Meals** (see "Meals"), or **Alcoholic Beverages**
- ♦ **Optional activities** (see below)
- ♦ **Personal expenses**
- ♦ **Gratuities** for your hard-working guide; see page 5 of our **Tour Pre-Departure Packet** for general tipping guidelines
- ♦ **Personal travel insurance;** highly recommended. See our **Tour Reservation Form** for details

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES & PRICES*

- ♦ **Kenai Fjords National Park Glacier, Whale & Wildlife-Viewing Day Cruise:** ~\$178
- ♦ **Dog Sled Mushing on a Helicopter-Accessed Glacier:** ~\$599
- ♦ **Deep-Sea Salmon or Halibut Fishing Charter:** ~\$200-\$525+
- ♦ **Alaska Sea Life Center entrance:** ~\$30

*Plus tax a/o fees. These options are payable locally, credit cards accepted

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ACCOMMODATIONS

'CAMP & CABIN'-BASED TOURS: 6 days / 5 nights. We tent camp in a beautiful, organized campground three nights, and stay in a cozy bunkhouse at a remote and rustic, seaside lodge on Resurrection Bay for two nights. While camping, we supply roomy, easy-to-erect, four-person Eureka tents, which are perfect for two people and your luggage. Be sure to bring your own sleeping bag and insulated sleeping pad, or, *with advance notice*, you can rent these from us for only \$25 per bag/tour, and/or \$10 per sleeping pad/tour.

MEALS

Note: Vegetarians, vegans, gluten-free, lactose-free, and some other special diets can be catered to *with advance notice*, please list any dietary restrictions or preferences on your **Tour Reservation Form**.

'CAMP & CABIN'-BASED TOURS: All meals are included on this tour (except breakfast on the first morning and dinner on the last day), and are prepared by your guide in camp. We feature fresh, nutritious, and tasty foods, multi-course meals and large portions, including homemade dutch oven desert, barbecues, fresh fish and meat, salads, and more. **Dinner is a highlight!** Lunches are generally picnics or brown bag meals that we carry with us on our hikes or other activities.

COMBINATION TOURS

If you have more than six days, **Kenai Explorer** can be combined with our 6-day **Alaska Ranger** and/or 7-day **Mountains & Glaciers**, or with our 10-day **Alaska Explorer** tours, to make a more wide-ranging Alaskan adventure of up to three weeks. When you sign up for any of our combination tours you'll receive a \$50 per person two-tour credit.

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TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE on this or any of our tours simply give us a call at **1.888.868.4147** or **1.907.245.0795**, or email us at **alaska@getupandgotours.com**. Assuming availability, all you'll need to do to confirm your reservation is to complete our **Tour Reservation Form** and fax, scan and email, or mail it back to us with your \$300 (per person, per tour) tour deposit (\$500 for private tours). We accept **personal checks**, money orders, international bank wire transfers (EFT), **Visa**, **Master Card** and **American Express**.

Many tours fill fast, please reserve as early as possible to avoid being disappointed.

Thank you for your interest in **Get Up & Go! Tours**, we are happy to answer any questions you may have, and look forward to your visit!