



Kenai Fjords Family Vacation ★ 4.86 116 Reviews

## Kenai Fjords Family Vacation

6 Days

18 People Max



*Embark on your dream Alaska family vacation for fun in the "land of the midnight sun". Experience calving glaciers, wildlife, kayaking, rafting, and more.*

Epic Hikes. Creaking icebergs. Breaching orcas. Alaska's endless offerings of breathtaking beauty and outdoor adventures are yours to discover on this action-packed Alaska family vacation. Answer the call of the wild as your family kayaks Peterson Bay, rafts the Kenai River, and gets close to orcas and humpback whales, while navigating Kenai Fjords on a boat cruise. Discover what Alaska has to offer you and your family on one of our most popular family vacations.

Austin Adventures operates in part under a special use permit with the Chugach National Forest and is an equal opportunity provider.

### Trip Highlights

Cruise - Cruise Kenai Fjords National Park

Plus ... - Scenic train journey to Seward

Plus ... - Float Raft Kenai River

Hiking - Harding Icefield

Hiking - Grewingk Glacier

Kayaking - Peterson Bay

### Our Active Adventures Assurance

We value loyalty, and appreciate that it goes both ways. So when you book with us we'll make a few assurances to you so you can book with complete confidence, no matter what's happening in your life (or the world).



### COVID-Ready Certified: Safe Travel for our Guests Travelling Overseas

Active Adventures has received the World Travel and Tourism Council's Safe Travels stamp, which guarantees you that we'll follow all ATTA and WTTC health and safety guidelines on all our trips. See how our small group, off-the-beaten-track adventures are perfect to start exploring again.

## Kenai Fjords Family Vacation ~ Itinerary

### DAY 1

#### Train to Seward, Resurrection River Trail hike

Your Alaska adventure starts early in Anchorage with a four-hour scenic train ride on the famous Alaska Railroad, heading south to historic Seward on the Coastal Classic route. We'll hug the coastline along the Turnagain Arm, then south of Portage the train separates from the highway and enters a truly remote and rugged section of track. Here, you'll head through Placer River Valley and pass by the impressive ice wall of Spencer Glacier and over the 1,063-foot pass of the Kenai Mountains. Upon arrival in Seward, you'll head out for a hike on the Resurrection River trail, walking through dense spruce and hemlock forest with only occasional views of the river valley and mountains. After exploring the trail, we'll check into our hotel for the next 3 nights. Harbor 360 Hotel is the premier waterfront hotel in the scenic harbor town of Seward with spacious, comfortable guest rooms, and harborside or mountainside views. Tonight, we'll enjoy dinner as we toast to a great trip to come!

#### **Harbor 360 Hotel (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

**Hiking:** 4 miles (6.4 kilometers)

### DAY 2

#### Hike Harding Icefield

After a hearty breakfast for the big day ahead, we'll make our way to the Harding Icefield where we'll hike along the Exit Glacier Overlook Trail. It's a well maintained, moderately strenuous trail providing expansive views of Exit Glacier in its own glacially carved valley. From there, you can opt for a more challenging hike to view the 700-square-mile Harding Icefield. The trail meanders through alder and cottonwood forest and heather-filled meadows, rising through the forest and ultimately ending up well above the tree line to an awe-inspiring vantage point of the icefield. The peak of the trail is a peephole to ice ages past - a horizon of snow and ice stretches as far as the eye can see, broken only by an occasional lonely peak, known as a nunatak. We'll head back to Seward after our day's hike and enjoy some time to relax, followed by dining on local Alaskan cuisine.

#### **Harbor 360 Hotel (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

**Hiking:** Up to 8 miles (13 kilometers)

### DAY 3

#### Kenai Fjords National Park Wilderness Cruise

Today we'll get to explore Kenai Fjords National Park by boat! We'll board a small ship, meeting the captain and crew, and depart for the wilderness of Kenai Fjords National Park. The park is inhabited by a variety of terrestrial and marine mammals, including brown and black bears, moose, sea otters, harbor seals, humpback and killer whales. Checking out tidal glaciers and abundant sea life from the ship's deck, our naturalist guide will share their expertise on the region as we explore coastal rainforests, tidewater glaciers and remote Alaskan islands. Lunch will be provided on board. Upon arrival back on shore in the afternoon, we'll have time to relax, or you can visit the Alaska SeaLife Center. Then you can explore the local restaurants and enjoy a meal of your choice!

#### **Harbor 360 Hotel (Breakfast, Lunch)**

**Cruise:** 6 hours

### DAY 4

## Float/Raft the Kenai River, Visit Kenai National Park Wildlife Refuge

Your day begins with a float rafting trip on the Kenai River. We'll have opportunities to see incredible wildlife with bears, moose, beavers and forest birds (including bald eagles!) frequenting the river banks, and be immersed in the spectacular scenery! After lunch, we'll transfer to our accommodations for the next two nights in the quaint town of Homer situated in Kachemak Bay. Homer is quintessential Alaska - and we'll enjoy a delicious meal at one of our favorite local restaurants.

### **Land's End Resort, Homer (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

**Rafting:** 2 hours

## DAY 5

### Kayaking Peterson Bay, Hiking to Grewingk Glacier

This morning, you'll water taxi to beautiful protected Peterson Bay to go kayaking for the morning! Keep an eye out for the local wildlife as we paddle our way to the trailhead of this afternoon's hike! We'll have a delicious sack lunch on the beach before hiking 3 miles up to spectacular Grewingk Glacier. There are options to walk shorter distances, or simply hang out and soak up the views on the beach. You'll then water taxi back to Homer to gather for one last dinner with your travel companions, recounting the amazing adventures you had in the land of the midnight sun.

### **Land's End Resort, Homer (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

**Hiking:** 3 miles (4.8 km); Elevation +/-250 ft (76 meters)

**Kayaking:** 2 1/2 - 3 hours

## DAY 6

### Morning hike to Bishop's Beach, say our goodbyes

After a leisurely breakfast, you'll enjoy a short hike to Bishop's Beach for wonderful views of the bay and surrounding mountains. To return to Anchorage you can book a short flight back to Anchorage on your own via Ravn Alaska, or hop in the van for a five-hour transfer back to Anchorage. Alternatively, you may want to stay on at Homer for world-class halibut fishing or grizzly bear viewing in nearby Katmai or Lake Clark National Parks - only a short flight away flying with Ravn Alaska!

### **No Accommodation (Breakfast)**

**Hiking:** 1.2 miles (1.9 km)

## Useful Info

### Where does the trip start?

On the first morning of the trip, our two pick-up locations are [Four Points Sheraton](#) at 5:30am or [Downtown Marriott Hotel](#) at 5:45am. You are welcome to book your pre-trip stay at either of these hotels directly or any other hotel in Anchorage, though you must make your own way to one of the two pick-up points at the pre-designated times.

### Where does the trip end?

Your trip ends with a drop-off at either the Homer Airport at 11am in time for flights below, the Anchorage Airport at 5:30pm in time for flights below, or at a hotel of your choice in Anchorage around 6pm.

### What flights would you recommend?

**Arrival:** We recommend arriving in Anchorage at least the day before your trip starts. Many guests like to arrive a day or two early to accommodate potential flight delays and/or explore the city prior to your trip start.

**Departure:** Flying out on the last day of the trip, we recommend departing from Homer after 12:30pm or Anchorage after 7:30pm. Earlier flight times will require a separate transfer booked at your own expense.

### Will I have contact with my guides before the trip starts?

Your guides will call your cell phone the night before your trip begins to touch base on the first day's plan. If they don't get through to you, they will leave a voicemail on your cell phone with all the details you need to plan for your first morning.

### What should I bring with me on the first day?

When you speak with your guides the night before your trip, they will give you a detailed description of what to bring with you on Day 1. Typically, this includes a day pack with your rain jacket, sunglasses, hat, camera, etc. Anything you want easy access to during the day should go in your day pack as the rest of your luggage will go in the locked cargo trailer pulled behind the van. Your guides will provide you with a water bottle on the first morning of your trip and will always have water available for refills. There will be snacks available at all times in the van. Your guides will also have bug spray and sunscreen accessible for you to use.

### What are your recommended guide gratuity guidelines?

You will have 2-3 guides on your Austin Adventure (depending on group size). We recommend USD\$20 per day, per guest, per guide. Typically, gratuities are offered by check or cash in local currency on the final morning of the trip and can either be given to each guide individually or to one guide to be equally distributed. Most of our guides these days also accept gratuities via Venmo (please note this app does not work in Canada). All dining, housekeeping and activity tips are included in your trip price.

## How do rooming arrangements work?

Trip prices are based on shared arrangements (typically two guests per room), unless otherwise stated. For solo travelers, we'll pair you with another person of the same gender to share rooms and if there's no one suitable to share with, there's no forced single supplement. However, if you specifically request your own rooms, you can opt to pay the single supplement. Solo travelers who book within 90 days of departure, where there are no other solo travelers willing to share, will be required to pay the single supplement.

For Family Vacation bookings, families consisting of four guests traveling with children aged 17 and under will be automatically assigned one shared room. However, the following alternative rooming allocations are available:

Families consisting of four guests with all children aged 13 and above are welcome to opt for additional rooms as per advertised double occupancy adult rates.

Families consisting of four guests with at least one child aged 12 and under are automatically assigned a shared room. However, families can opt to pay the adult rates for all guests in their family to have an additional room.

The same principles apply for families consisting of more than four guests.

Rooming preferences are subject to availability and must be communicated in writing at time of booking. Automatic assignments as per this policy will be applied in the absence of any specification provided by guests. Any request for additional rooms during trips will be at guests' own expense and subject to rates made available by the accommodation provider at the time. All minors (guests aged 17 and under) must be accompanied by at least one adult.

## What is not included?

Flights to and from trip start/end points

Pre/Post Accommodation

Optional extra activities

Travel insurance

Gratuities for your guides

## General Trip Information

You can find details on recommended flights and fitness, as well as trip start and end in the 'Useful Information' section above.

### Excluded

- Transportation (air and land) to and from start/end points
- Travel insurance
- Alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides

### Outdoor Experience

Our trips allow you to make the most of the backcountry, whether you're relatively new to hiking or a seasoned trekker. Our highly trained and experienced guides will be at your side, safely guiding you to magnificent places you wouldn't get to on your own. The challenges are there, if you're looking for them. All we ask is that you're energetic and in reasonable shape and we guarantee you'll have an incredible time. You don't need experience kayaking to enjoy paddling on the water and you don't need to be a serious biker to enjoy the rides we do. In fact, we have so many options available you don't need to paddle or ride at all if you'd rather hike or just laze around!

### Itinerary Updates

We update our itineraries regularly, so please check our website for the most up-to-date itineraries and pricing. We make every effort to ensure itineraries are updated as necessary, though changes may occur without prior notice due to unforeseen circumstances

### Accommodation

You'll love the interesting places we've discovered over the years. You'll visit really spectacular and off-the-beaten track locations and stay in comfortable bed and breakfasts, lodges, apartments and hotels for the most part. Keep in mind the most remote locations have limited accommodation options, but 5-star scenery!

### Included

- Our own highly experienced guides, with you from start to finish
- Industry-leading Guest-to-Guide ratio (averaging 6:1)
- Your own 'Travel Wallet', an online space with everything required for your trip
- Our knowledgeable Customer Service Team to answer your queries - just a phone call, email or chat away
- Customer Service pre-trip phone calls to ensure you're 'trip ready'
- All accommodations for the duration of your trip
- All meals except where indicated in the itinerary
- Unlimited snacks to keep you fueled
- Special 'Wow!' moments you'll never forget
- All activities outlined in the itinerary
- All necessary equipment (well-maintained and safe) for activities
- All gratuities for hotels, restaurants, and activities
- All park and other entry fees
- Transportation in our air-conditioned vans - safe, clean, modern, and comfortable!