



2024 Kodiak, Alaska Tour



Kodiak, Alaska
September 6-10, 2024



“ This is one of the most majestic, relatively undiscovered postcard-perfect places on the planet. Full of wildlife, whales, birds, and of course the largest brown bears in the world. Lush green. Jagged cliffs. Unbelievably beautiful. ”

THE TRIP AT A GLANCE

- Northern lights, whales, puffins feeding pufflings, eaglets fledging, bears fishing, plus sea otters, fox, bald eagles AND wild horses!
- 5 days and 4 nights in bear country.
- Comfortable accommodations with modern amenities and hearty meals. Single room with private bath and no extra fees.
- Small group size: 6-7 tour participants
- Marine boat tour to photograph whales, puffins, seals, sea lions, otters, and bears.
- Special full-day ATV backcountry tour to view wild horses on the island, fox, bears, and bald eagles.
- Daily photography instruction by Alaska Magazine's senior editor / photographer.
- Daily bear-viewing excursions for fishing bears along the island rivers.
- Evening aurora photography.





Exclusive, Safe Viewing

This is what bear viewing should be! Kodiak is the “real Alaska,” home of the largest species of brown bears on the planet. During the early fall silver salmon run in Alaska, and coastal grizzlies dominate the landscape, feasting on fish to fatten up for the coming winter. Cubs have prominent white fur “collars” ideal for photos, and other wildlife abounds.

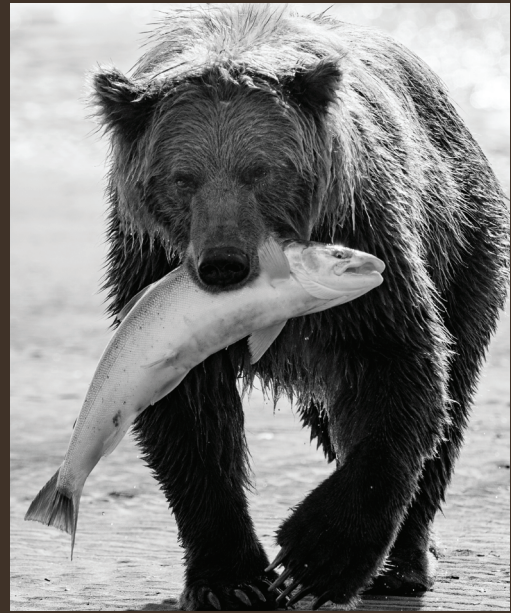
Around Kodiak, we’ll drive to several different rivers and wildlife viewing hot spots, searching for the Kodiak fox, wild bison, whales, puffins, and of course bears, setting up wherever the action is. Because of the time of year, it’s not uncommon to spot 30 whales (humpback, fin, and even orcas) on our marine excursion and to see the northern lights at night if it’s clear. On our ATV tour, we’ll explore a different part of the island where wild horses gather and play. The scenery in and of itself is postcard-worthy. There’s absolutely no other experience like this on earth, and Kodiak bears remain the wildest bears on the planet.



Bear Shots We'll Try to Get in the Field



Fishing action, sunrise silhouettes, cub sparring, portrait, landscape, sedge-grass feeding, reflections, nursing cubs, fighting, and sleeping



Beyond Bears...



Aerial photography, sunrise beach shots, bald eagles, sea otters, puffins, bison, orcas, humpbacks, seals, and sea lions. An active eagle's nest is at the lodge.





“ This is a wildlife playground, where you can see the aurora at night, bears fishing with cubs, whales breaching...stunning. ~Dana Blevins, Ohio

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Where We Stay, Eat, Dream, and Play

Guests stay downtown at a hotel or at one of the VRBOs and have their own room and private bathroom (no single occupancy charge). The hotel is next to the boat harbor where seals and sea lions, bald eagles, and otters are frequent visitors.

All guiding, activities, tours, photo instruction, and meals are included.

We'll use a boat, ATVs, a side-by-side, and van on our tour.

Hearty, basic fare will be served at restaurants or on the road.

Daily photography instruction and image sharing will take place in the evenings. One-on-one Lightroom tutorials are offered throughout the tour as requested and time permits.

Whether you are into photography or have just come for the wildlife viewing and scenery, you won't leave disappointed.



Some Other Details

DATES

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ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TRANSPORTATION

Please arrive 9/6 in Kodiak. There are direct flights from Anchorage to Kodiak on Alaska Airlines. We will meet for a group dinner 6pm to kick off the tour. Please note: Airfare to and from your departure city and Kodiak, as well as trip insurance, are not included in the trip fee.

We are scheduled to do our marine tour on 9/7, the ATV wild horse tour on 9/8, and the road tour on 9/9 and the morning of 9/10. All subject to change with weather. We'll be looking for bears and northern lights every day and evening.

INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions:

All meals starting with dinner 9/6 and ending with breakfast on 9/10. Photography instruction, accommodations, marine wildlife tour, ATV tour, bear-viewing, guiding.

Exclusions:

Airfare and transportation from your home city to and from Kodiak. Baggage charges. Airport transportation. Guide gratuities. Recommended gear: A suggested packing list will be provided upon trip registration. Examples include: rain jacket, camera equipment, daypack, light gloves, hat.

TRIP INSURANCE

Trip insurance is highly recommended in case of illness, weather delays or cancellations or airline issues.

TOTAL COST

\$6,200 per person.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENTS

A \$1,000 non-refundable deposit holds your spot. The remaining balance will be due on or before April, 15 2024. See full Terms and Conditions upon registration.

ABOUT US

See web site for FAQ and more about our company. We are a woman-owned tour company whose mission is to give wildlife-lovers and immersive, unforgettable, bucket-list experience.



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