

2025

Bears at Brooks Falls



Katmai National Park and Preserve:
August 20-25, 2025



“

I've dreamed about this, but you definitely have to see it in person to believe it. Twelve bears. Salmon jumping up the falls. Cubs playing. Just amazing!

~Warren Jackson

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THE TRIP AT A GLANCE

- 4 days and 3 nights of safe bear viewing in the heart of bear country, plus 2 nights in Anchorage.
- Comfortable shared accommodations with modern amenities in King Salmon with daily water taxi or float plane to and from the park.
- Small group size: 5 tour participants
- 1-hour+, round-trip flightseeing tour to and from Anchorage to King Salmon.
- Daily photography instruction, along with educational dialogue about bear behavior and the flora and fauna of Alaska.
- Beyond bears, we'll look for wolves and bald eagles in the area.
- Optional: Valley of 10,000 Smokes Tour, fly-fishing, kayaking.
- SPECIAL RIVER CORRIDOR PERMIT FOR PHOTOS.



● Brooks Camp, Brooks Falls in Katmai

Up-Close, Safe Viewing

During the summer salmon runs in Alaska, coastal brown bears dominate the landscape, feasting on fish to fatten up for the coming winter. Bears in this area have grown up here without being hunted or associating humans with food. We are a part of their world, which allows us intimate access to photograph them without disturbing their natural habitat.

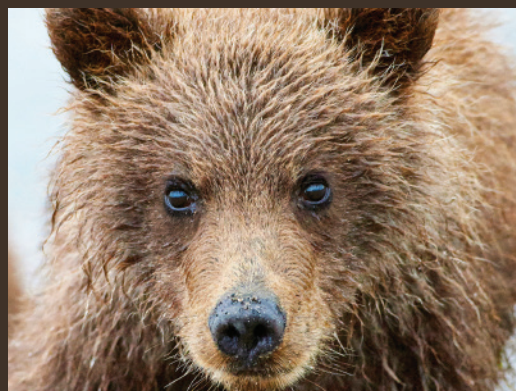
Our group stays in King Salmon and takes a scenic 30-minute water taxi or quick float plane to the falls each day to maximize time with the bears. We travel on foot between on trails between viewing platforms, and use our special river corridor permit to get unique angles of the bears. We follow best bear-viewing practices to ensure the safety of both bears and humans. Each bear has its own fishing technique at the falls, from snorkeling and pouncing to open-mouthed snagging atop the falls. There's absolutely no other experience like this on earth. We are one of the few touring companies who will guarantee you'll see bears.



Bear Shots We'll Try to Get in the Field



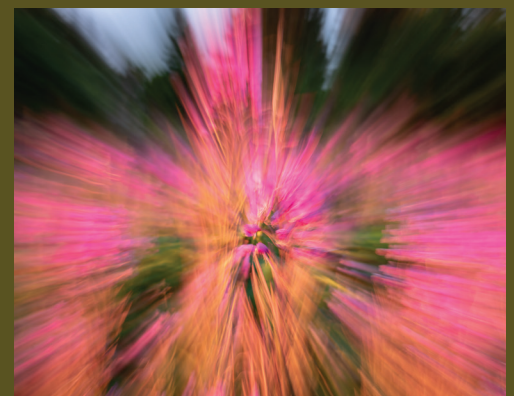
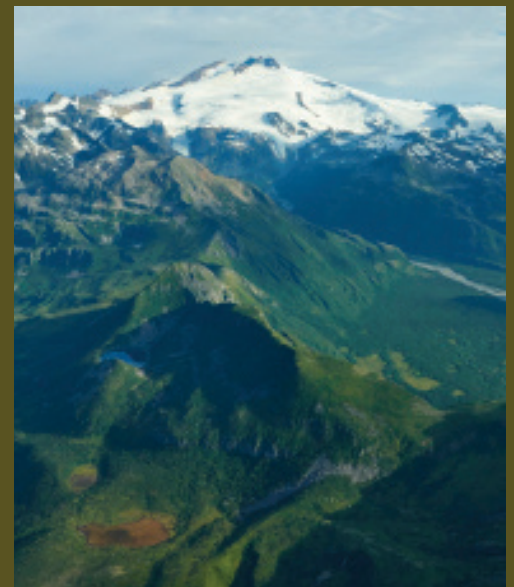
Fishing action, sunrise silhouettes, cub sparring, portrait, landscape, sedge-grass feeding, reflections, nursing cubs, swimming, fighting, and sleeping.



Beyond Bears...



Aerial photography, sunrise beach shots, bald eagles, leaping and spawning salmon, wild-flower Fireweed shots, float planes.





“ Watch out for ‘bear jams’ and strolling beach bears. Hearty food, comfortable cabins, and exceptional, other-worldly bear-viewing. Crazy.

~Celeste Thomas, Seattle, WA



Where We Stay, Eat, Dream, and Play

Guests share log cabins with modern amenities including double beds, full bathrooms, in-room fridge, Keurig coffee, electricity, and heat, as well as wi-fi availability. Unlike at Brooks Falls, guests will enjoy spacious rooms, without sharing twin bunk beds. We alternate using water taxi or float plane depending on the weather to have the best odds of getting guests to the falls each day.

All permits, photo guiding, and photo instruction are included. Beyond bear viewing, guests may opt for the Valley of 10,000 Smokes Tour on their own or a hike up Dumpling Mountain. Fly-fishing equipment and kayaks are available to rent.

We'll enjoy hearty lunches at Brooks Camp and gourmet breakfasts and dinners at our lodge. Snacks may be purchased in the camp store. Water is allowed to be brought on the trails, but no food may be taken on the trails.

Daily photography instruction will take place in the field, and image sharing will take place after dinner on property at the lodge. One-on-one Lightroom tutorials are offered throughout the tour as requested.

As viewpoints and platforms are accessed on foot via flat trails, guests must be willing and able to walk approximately three miles roundtrip with their daypack and/or camera gear.

Whether you are into photography or have just come for the wildlife viewing, you won't leave disappointed. Brooks Falls is simply like no other place on earth.



Some Other Details

DATES

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ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TRANSPORTATION

Please arrive on 8/20 in Anchorage.

We will meet for a group dinner at the Lakefront Millennium at 6pm to kick off the tour. Accommodations in Anchorage on are included on 8/20 and 8/24 at the Lakefront Millennium. Depart on 8/25 or late night 8/24.

Airport shuttles to the hotel are available.

If you are catching a flight home on 8/24, it should depart no earlier than 10pm.

INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions:

Group meals and alcoholic beverages in Anchorage starting with dinner the night of arrival and ending with dinner the last night. Chartered flights to and from Anchorage and King Salmon and daily water taxi shuttles or flights to and from the falls. Guiding, photography instruction, accommodations, national park fees, permits, lodging.

Exclusions:

Airfare and transportation from your home city to and from Anchorage. Baggage charges. Snacks and personal items. Lodge staff gratuities. Travel insurance. Valley of 10,000 Smokes Tour. Gear rental. A suggested packing list will be provided upon trip registration.

TRIP INSURANCE

Trip insurance is highly recommended in case of illness, weather delays, or unforeseen cancelations. PLEASE NOTE: It is not uncommon to be delayed getting out to Katmai or returning from it, due to weather (wind, fog, etc.). Water taxis and float planes can also be affected or canceled by weather. Travel insurance is the only way to recoup your pre-paid costs, or any additional costs for incremental hotel stays, flight change fees, etc.

TOTAL COST

\$8,900 per person, double-occupancy (no single rooms available).

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENTS

A \$4,000 non-refundable deposit holds your spot. 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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