

ULTIMATE ALASKA

YOUR DAY-BY-DAY ADVENTURE

DAY 1

Travel to **Anchorage, Alaska**. Meet your WorldStrides representative, participate and begin your once-in-a-lifetime experience!

Orientation tour of Anchorage (weather and time permitting)

Stop at **Potter Marsh** Just outside Anchorage along the Seward Highway, you'll enjoy a stop at the southern-most point in the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge. Walk the boardwalk that extends 1,500-feet into marsh, giving you easy access to see a variety of birds including Canadian Geese, canvasback ducks, northern pintails, and even eagles nesting at the base of the bluffs. Students learn to properly use binoculars as you observe these birds in their natural habitat (weather and time permitting).

Dinner and hotel check in

DAY 2

Breakfast and hotel check out

Transfer to the **Anchorage Rail Depot** to board a train for your journey north to **Wasilla**.

Happy Trail Kennels Meet a local Musher and Iditarod Sled Dogs – meet dogs that have run the Last Great Race and future Iditarod dogs. Consider how the dogs, the sled and the musher must work together to create kinetic energy.

Lunch

Travel to **Denali National Park**, stopping in route for picturesque landscapes and incredible wildlife viewing

Denali Presentation Learn about the allure of this incredible mountain and hear real-life stories from one of Denali's famed park Rangers. Discover and consider the engineering challenges that climbers face.

Dinner and hotel check in. Overnight in **Healy**.

DAY 3

Breakfast

Murie Excursion in Denali National Park Travel deep inside the park on a day-long journey. You'll have access to both a driver guide and a naturalist, who will share stories about the influential figures and natural biologists who have helped to preserve this incredible landscape.

Lunch

Venture off the bus for a **hike on the tundra** and be sure to have your camera ready to take pictures of the The Big Five – caribou, grizzly bears, Dall sheep, moose, and wolves.

Denali Mountain Weather permitting, you'll stop along to see Denali Mountain, the tallest peak in North America.

Dinner. Overnight in **Healy**

DAY 4

Breakfast and hotel check out. Travel from Denali to Anchorage, Alaska

Lunch

Visit the **Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center**, an organization dedicated to preserving Alaska's wildlife by taking in injured and orphaned animals. Watch animals display their natural behaviors in the center's spacious enclosures.

Depart for **Seward**

Dinner and hotel check in. Overnight in Seward

DAY 5

Breakfast

Hike to **Exit Glacier**. Take a hike to the tongue of Exit Glacier. See where the Harding Icefield meets the Resurrection River while considering glaciology, erosion, and the impact of katabatic winds.

Explore **Kenai Fjords National Park** by boat. See orcas, humpback whales, stellar sea lions, puffins, sea otters, and brown bears while in route to a tidewater glacier. As you see the glaciers and the landscape surrounding them, you'll gain a better understanding – and appreciation – of the impact of glacier erosion and glacial rebound. Lunch will be provided on the boat.

Dinner. Overnight in **Seward**

DAY 6

Breakfast. Hotel check-out

Depart **Seward** for **Anchorage**. En route, use time to learn how researchers study and measure glacial erosion.

Alaska Sealife Center Built through funds from the 1989 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, this world-class marine research and rehabilitation center is the only cold water research facility in North America. Learn from scientists about the rich ecosystem of the Bering Sea, understand the work being done to protect the endangered sea lions, and discover the secrets of the harbor seals that call Resurrection Bay home.

Visit **Begich Boggs Visitor Center**, built on the terminal moraine left by Portage Glacier. Explore exhibits about the **Chugach National Forest**, America's second largest single national forest. (time permitting)

Lunch and **Downtown Anchorage** (time permitting)

Depart **Anchorage** on an overnight flight home

The above represents a sample itinerary. Changes or substitutions may be made depending on your travel dates, arrival and departure times, national holidays, and events beyond WorldStrides' control at the discretion of WorldStrides as it deems necessary or desirable.

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