

# DESTINAZIONE **ALASKA**

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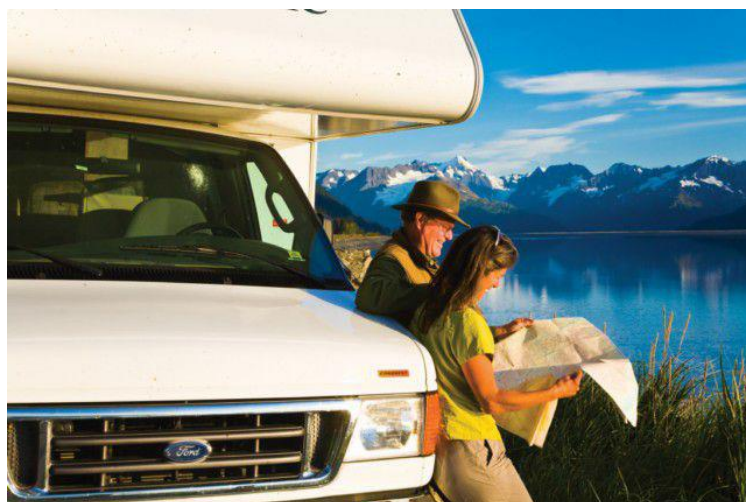


## **CANADA AND ALASKA GRAND TOUR BRITISH COLUMBIA AND ALASKA BY FERRY**

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### **THE MAIN ACTIVITY OF THIS JOURNEY: ECO-EXCURSION**

The Northern Pacific coast between British Columbia and Alaska is a surprising land, magnificent, composed as it is of a kaleidoscopic mix of landscapes. From the wild and stormy coasts of the Pacific west of the Vancouver Island, up to the Charlottes Islands, to the frozen lands of the sub-arctic coast of Alaska with the brilliant tops of Mount McKinley and the Alaskan Ranges, among the largest glaciers on the planet with magnificent forests alternated to tundra landscapes. All the environments have views and landscapes of incomparable beauty. Here, forests and mountains are a charming



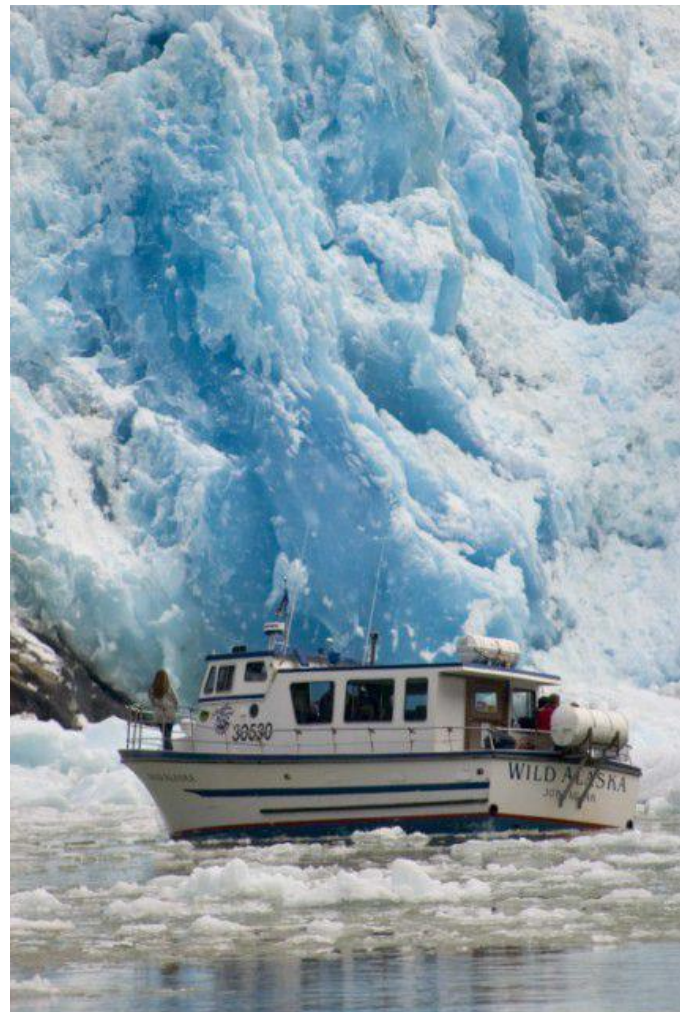
beauty. The same can be said for the ocean and the inland streams that witness every year the return of the salmon upstream from the Pacific. Several species of cetacean live here, and among them is the biggest living being on our planet, the blue whale. Furthermore, here you can see the gray whale and the humpback whale, plus orcas and three other types of dolphin. In the Great Bear Rain Forest, then, the famous park reserve opened by WWF just in 2004, we can find wonderful creatures such as the great plantigrades like grizzlies, black bears and Kermode bears, the spirit bears, a true rarity, which can only be seen in this region; and then the giant moose and the black-tailed deer. All



these amazing creatures are vital symbols of this magnificent land.

During this trip you will be able to get in close contact with the rich, strong and pristine nature through various outdoor activities.



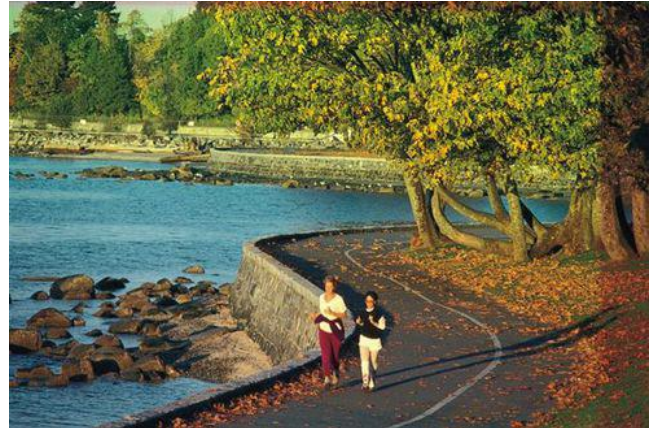


## ITINERARY



### DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN VANCOUVER

Upon arrival at Vancouver International Airport you will be greeted by one of our representatives who will accompany you to your hotel. You will have a small introductory tour of the city along the way to the hotel. Getting off at your hotel, Westin Bayshore, Fairmont Waterfront, or whatever of your choice. Here you will stay for the next 2 nights to acclimatise. Checking-in a double room with breakfast. Dinner according to the roadbook which you will receive upon arrival.



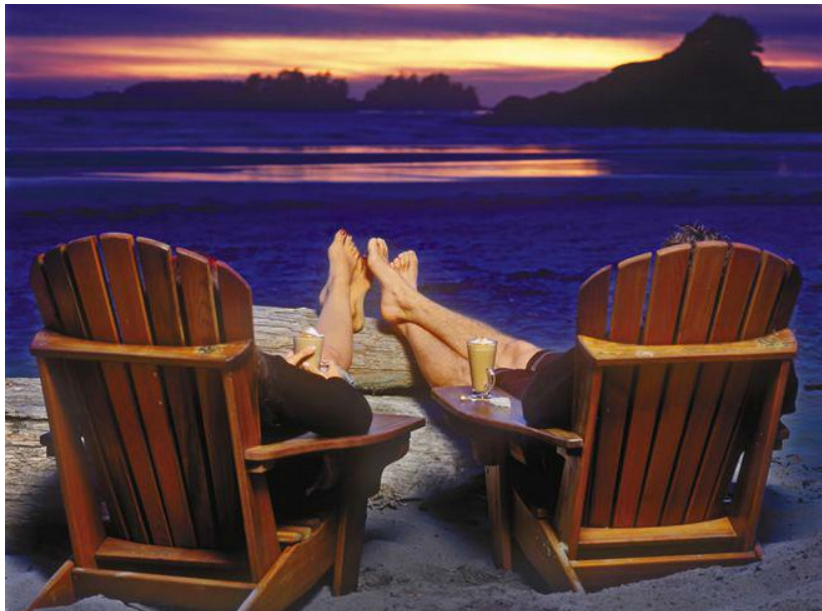
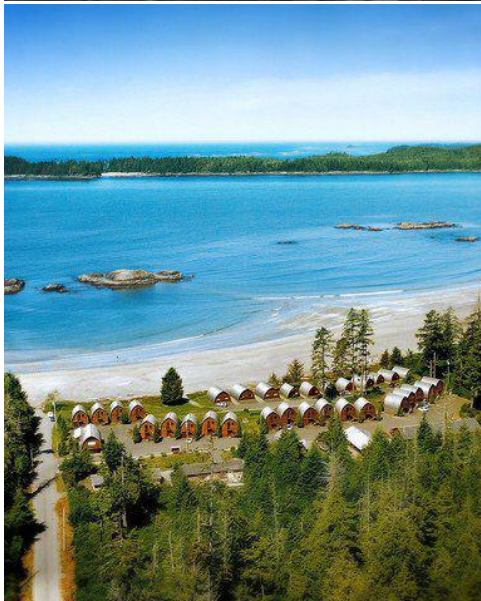
### DAY 2: VANCOUVER'S BEAUTY!!

(Guided Tour on request)  
Van tour – visit the main tourist areas and Vancouver Downtown. Guided tour and visit to the Suspension Bridge



and Capilano Hatchery (Salmon Hatchery). Visit to West Vancouver and Dundrave Park

with picnic on the sea; Stanley Park Aquarium. If there is time and desire - a guided tour to M.O.A., Museum of Antoplogy, the U.B.C., University of British Columbia. Dinner according to our road book (R.B.). Overnight stay at your hotel.



### DAY 3: DEPARTURE TO VANCOUVER ISLAND AND PACIFIC RIM

Car pick up and escort to the village of Horseshoe Bay where you will embark on the ferry to Nanaimo.

Then take the highway to Port Alberni and along this, you will stop at Cathedral Grove, the most important redwood park of the region. Additional pleasant stop at Combs. Arrival in Tofino in the afternoon and accommodation in a double room at the Ocean Village Resort. A walk with dinner included in Tofino Harbour village. Distance from Nanaimo to Tofino: 208 km



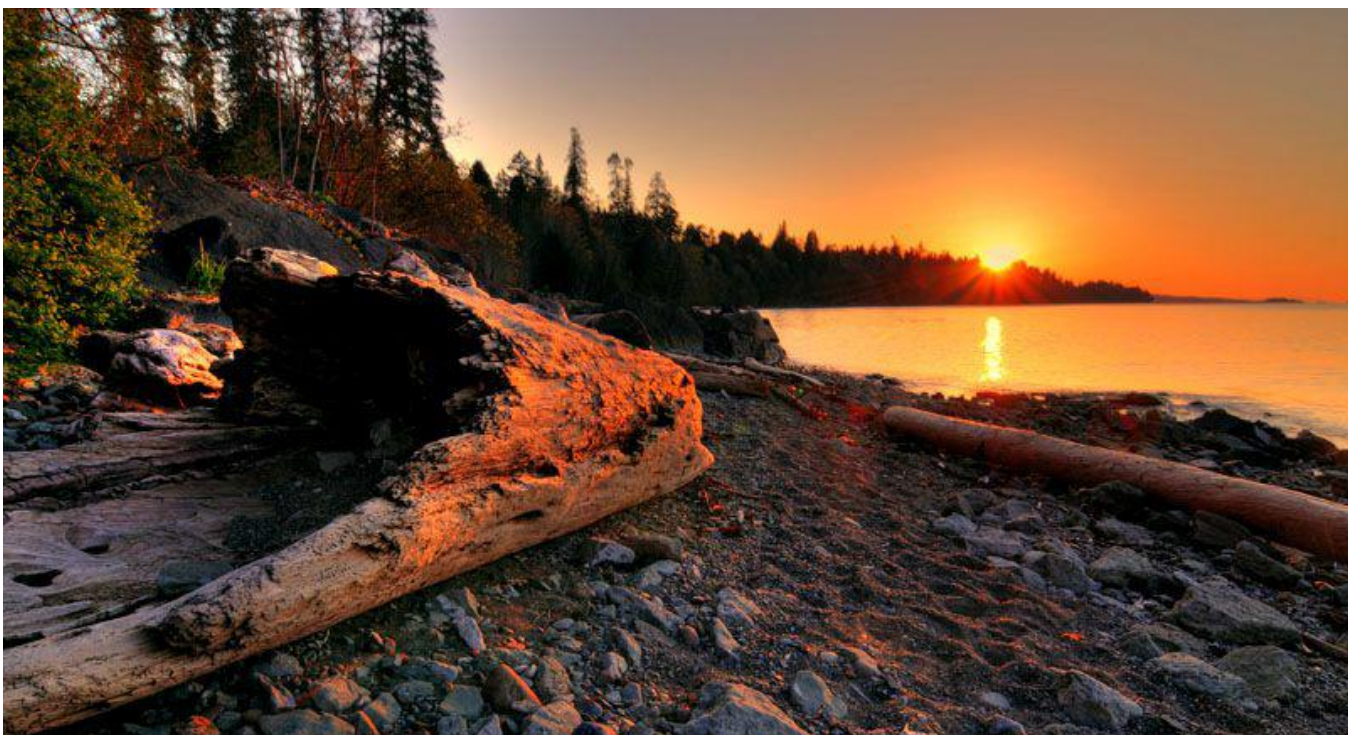
### DAY 4: THE PACIFIC RIM AND ITS CREATURES, EXCURSIONS WITH VARIOUS OPTIONS

Today is your day of oceanic excursions in the Pacific Rim. Large cetaceans, killer whales and great sea lions, are the residents and the real stars of this Pacific area. You will go on excursion on the board of a super fast rubber boat to approach these fascinating animals, arriving finally in a bay to enjoy the full feeling of toning relaxation in suggestive hot springs. In the afternoon, if you wish (on request), you can have a kayak trip along the beautiful Bay of Tofino between thousands of green atolls or stroll along the beautiful West Coast Trail during the sunset. Returning to your lodge, dinner and overnight stay.



### DAY 5 TO 7: THE GREAT BEAR RAIN FOREST: 2 OPTIONS

After this first stage in the West, returning back to the East coast of the island for your great eco-adventure. You will arrive at Campbell River to check in your hotel for the night, before embarking on the seaplane the 6th day's morning - to reach your lodge in Knight Inlet. In Campbell River you can visit the museum or take a trip along the river Campbell marked in your r.b.





**Option 1:**  
Knight Inlet Lodge, full board

**Option 2:**  
April Point or Painter's Lodge  
If you choose option 1, you will be transferred from Campbell River to the lodge which is deep in the Great Bear



Rainforest, where you will spend 3 splendid days. Every day you will make expeditions, accompanied by experienced naturalists of Knight Inlet Lodge, into the Park, where will see bears and other animals in their existence. Sometimes expeditions will be made even by boats and rubber dinghies to reach some observation sites. The tours also include whale watching and trekking in the forest All the meals served at the lodge represent the great west coast cuisine based on healthy seafood.

Option 2 includes various excursions starting in the morning from April Point or Painter's Lodge, with its splendid accommodations, although not eco-lodges like the Knight Inlet Lodge.

Distance from Tofino to Campbell River: 274 km

#### **DAY 8: THE KILLER WHALES**

Today you will be transferred to the North reaching the seaside village of Telegraph Cove, where late in the morning you will take a hike to the observe the most beautiful orcas in the world: truly the most spectacular ones of this kind. We will head to the north, visiting another beautiful fishing village, Port McNeill. If you have time and desire, we will visit Cape Scot - the last ridge park of Vancouver Island. The environment and landscapes are truly unique here, together with an incredibly white beach so far in the North. At night you will stay in Port Hardy in a good hotel or lodge in cabin. Here you leave your car.



### DAY 9: INSIDE PASSAGE

Very early in the morning you will board on ferry, two hours before departure scheduled for 7:30, for the spectacular Inside Passage. During this journey, you will never be tired or bored thanks to 1000 opportunities of observation from the deck of a ship. Fjords and giant canyons, killer whales and dolphins will accompany you in this first great day of sailing. Arrival at Prince Rupert 23.30. Overnight stay at Crest or Coast Hotel with breakfast.



### DAY 10: THE GRIZZLY BEARS OF KHUTZEYMATEEN SANCTUARY (upon request)

only until August 10 (if you get to Prince Rupert over this date you can still request the excursion to see grizzlies in Telegraph Cove area)

From the port of Prince Rupert, departure for one of the most interesting and exciting excursions that you have done in your life. You will be in close contact ...visually, with the most powerful and large creatures among the carnivores, the grizzly bears of Khutzeymateen, in the heart of the Great Bear Rainforest, the jewel of Canada, award-winning and marked by UNESCO and WWF as the most beautiful and preserved Rainforest Park in the world. Upon return, a visit to Prince Rupert Museum, with dinner included, overnight stay at the Hotel



# FROM CANADA TO ALASKA

## DAY 11: INSIDE PASSAGE FROM PRINCE RUPERT TO JUNEAU

Today in Prince Rupert you will be embark for another adventure on the sea that follows the route of the Inside Passage of Alaska and takes you to Juneau with Alaskan Marine Highways ferry. You will stay in a comfortable and spacious room with exterior views. You will cross the spectacular passage accompanied by rich marine life... You will stay on board for about one day and a half: a real cruise on one of the most spectacular stretches of sea in the world, on a very comfortable and modern boat, equipped with restaurants like a cruise ship. Departure and arrival times as well as the duration of journey will vary depending on the day of departure.



## DAY 12: ARRIVAL IN JUNEAU - MENDENHALL GLACIER

Juneau will be your port of departure for many excursions. Today, a helicopter tour "trek on the ice" will await you: you'll fly over the Mendenhall glacier, making a trip of 4 hours including 2 hours of hiking on the glacier. This is a truly spectacular experience: you will pass along the glacier canyon, you will cross whirling rivers beneath your studded boots, all with the help of a professional guide. At the end of the trip, you will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

## DAY 13: GUSTAVUS AND UNESCO GLACIER BAY

A flight to Gustavus, the gate of Glacier Bay, the most important Alaskan glacier, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1979. Then embark a small cruising boat, a fast yacht, which will allow you to get up to under the ice front and observe spectacular wildlife: beautiful orcas, dolphins and sea lions, but especially the great blue whales which at this time came from the southern seas to begin the mating period and breastfeeding of newborns. After that, checking in Glacier Bay Lodge for the overnight stay.



#### DAY 14: KAYAKING IN GLACIER BAY

Your second day at Glacier Bay, will be dedicated to outdoors activities. Departure in a double kayak with a very good guide to discover the coves of the area. Open your eyes because the same creatures that you observed during yesterday's hike might appear to meet you. The magnificent silence is broken only by double or triple whistles of bald eagles, the beautiful collared eagles. You'll be approached by lots of seals and very nice sea otters in search of food. At the end of your marine experience, get ready for your return flight to Juneau. Night at the same or a similar hotel with breakfast



#### DAY 15: ADMIRALTY ISLAND (ON REQUEST)

In the morning you will leave for the "flying" trip dedicated to the bears of Admiralty Island, the "fortress of the bears", the area with the highest concentration of bears in the world: more than 1600 bears living on this island. From the docks of Juneau climb aboard the float-plane and after one-hour flight, thanks to the pilot's knowledge of the area, you can choose between several optimal observation points in order to increase the probability of sighting. Once you have located the

Plantigrade, the pilot will descend on the area of sighting and spend the required time to resume the spectacular scenes from National Geographic!

At the end of the tour, in 3 and a half hours, return to Juneau, transfer to the airport and flight to Anchorage. Arrival in the evening, dinner and overnight stay in the hotel.

Alternative option: excursion to grizzlies of Katmai



#### DAY 16: TOWARDS DENALI PARK

Today you will spend a few hours visiting this city in the cold North, and in the morning, you will be transferred to the bus for departure to Talkeetna, towards the spectacular Denali Park. You will travel by coach bus, this is a convenient and spectacular way to reach Denali. You can relax and enjoy the amazing views from the comfortable seats of the bus. Arrival in Talkeetna and accommodation in a double room (breakfast included) at Alaskan Lodge.

Free time for dinner and overnight stay.



#### DAY 17 GLACIER FLIGHT (ON REQUEST)

Today (on request) you can have an exciting and interesting excursion flying over the top of a glacier.



Just taken off from Talkeetna, immediately you will have awesome and spectacular scenery in front of you, with the icy ridges, memorable bizarre nature, beautiful and mysterious at the same time. You are in the heart of Denali National Park, one of the wonders of Alaska and certainly the most admired and protected one. The pilot will tell you about the history and beauty of these glaciers. Landing on the glacier where you will make a small walk. At the end of the tour, transfer to Denali Park by motor coach. Departure from Talkateena Alaskan Lodge at 6 p.m. to get to Denali Princess Lodge. Checking in and overnight stay  
A rafting trip is an option.



**DAY 18: VISIT TO DENALI PARK**

This is your day of visit to Denali National Park. There are 39 species of mammals including black and grizzly bears, moose, big horns, white wolves and wolverines, then 167 species of birds, 10 species of fish as well as countless species of plants, flowers, mosses lichens, fungi and algae. The Kantishna Wilderness Trails bus will depart very early from your lodge and will cross the Park at almost all its extension. During the excursion you will be offered a snack and the lunch, included, will be served at Kantishna

Roadhouse, where you'll also get a chance to see a demonstration of sled dogs. Back at the lodge you can choose whether to use the same bus or take a scenic flight and fly over the beautiful and huge Muldrow glacier and Alaska Range, the huge massif of the central mountains of Alaska. In just 55 minutes you will be back to your lodge, ready for a relaxing afternoon. Free dinner time at the lodge and overnight stay



**DAY 19: DENALI -ANCHORAGE BY GOLDSTAR DOME**

Today, in early afternoon, you will be transferred to Denali Depot to start your spectacular journey on Gold Star Dome Train. At 12.25 you will get on on a seemingly normal train which, however, has special carriages with floor-to-ceiling windows. These will allow you to make a

real "safari in motion" of the marvellous nature of Alaska, staying comfortably seated in your armchairs. We will reach the city of Anchorage at 8 pm. Accommodation in a hotel, dinner and overnight stay.



## **DAY 20: RETURN FLIGHT**

After breakfast, free time for shopping, then the last transfer to the airport and return flight.



## **LIST OF SERVICES - DOUBLE ROOM ITINERARY**

**ROAD BOOK INCLUDED UPON ARRIVAL - ASSISTANCE 24/24-7 ON 7**

- 1 Meet & Greet at Vancouver Airport. Transfer.**
- Sheraton, Century Plaza Hotel or similar**
- 1 Night at Sheraton Hotel or Century Plaza or similar 2 bedrooms w/breakfast**
- 1 car for rent, 8 seats, for 5 days, Vancouver/Port Hardy (no dropoff)**
- 1 car pass for Nanaimo Ferry**
- 2 Nights accommodation in Tofino at Princess Resort or Ocean Village, 1 double room and 1 Dinner**
- 1 excursion of Whalewatching to the Pacific Rim x 2 pax**
- 1 night at the magnificent April Points, double room + breakfast + 1 meal**
- 2 nights in a cabin in Telegraph Cove, 1 cabin x 2 pax**
- 1 Night in a Hotel or Lodge in Port Hardy area, double room with breakfast**
- 1 excursion to see the orcas in Telegraph Cove Super No. 1!!**
- 1 boat trip to Grizzly of Knight Inlet, 8/9 hours long**
- 1 pass x 2 pax Inside Passage Ferry**
- 2 Nights at Coast Prince Rupert Hotel or Crest Hotel double room + breakfast**
- 1 Alaska Inside Passage with Alaska Marine Highway - Prince Rupert-Juneau**
- 2 nights at Juneau Western Baranoff or similar with breakfast + lunch**
- 1 canoe trip to Mendenhall Glacier**
- 1 day excursion to the Glacier Bay 2-4 Pax with lunch included**
- 1 flight for 2 Pax x Seaplane Gustavus to Glacier Bay round trip**
- Seaplane trip is also available for observing the grizzlies of Admiralty Island**
- 1 shuttle transfer to the Juneau airport for the flight to Anchorage**
- Juneau – Anchorage flight x 2 pax, one way**
- 1 Coach Bus from Anchorage to Seward**
- 1 cruise excursion from Seward to the Kenai National Park Fjord, 5/6 Hours**
- 1 pass for Coach luxury Bus from Anchorage to Denali.**
- 2 nights in a lodge in Denali Park in a double room with breakfast**
- 1 Excursion to DenaliPark -the Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour with lunch, 7/8 hours**
- 1 journey by special train from Denali to Anchorage, 2 Pax**

2 Nights at Anchorage Prospect Plaza or Crown Plaza or similar one with breakfast  
1 transfer by shuttle to the airport of Anchorage for your flight back home.

**Exclusions: everything not included in the abovementioned list.**

**Fixed price is subject to fluctuation not over 10% + or – exchange, fixed at the receipt of the bank transfer**

### PRICES PER PERSON

Period	3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
May 1 – June 15	€ 3.945,00	€ 4.865,00	€ 6.310,00
June 16 – July 15	€ 4.568,00	€ 5.680,00	€ 7.060,00
July 16 – August 24	€ 5.150,00	€ 6.000,00	€ 7.560,00
August 25 – October 15	€ 3.945,00	€ 4.865,00	€ 6.310,00
Extra charge for single room	upon request		
Children	up to 3 years: free		
	from 3 to 12 years: price on request		

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