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Ultimate Wilderness – The Best Alaska Adventure Trip!

St. Elias Alpine Guides and Pangaea Adventures have teamed up to create the most spectacular, off-the-beaten-path wilderness adventure in Alaska. From the rugged alpine of the Chugach Mountains to the iceberg-filled waters of Prince William Sound, the Ultimate Wilderness combines a 4 day base-camp hiking trip with a 4-day sea kayaking trip, all linked together with transportation, lodging and additional activities for a hassle-free complete package. Take it from us - it doesn't get any better than this!



Trip Highlights:

- 12 day all-inclusive multi-sport itinerary starts and ends in Anchorage
- 4 days of hiking at Iceberg Lake - spectacular alpine scenery!
- 4 days of sea kayaking in Prince William Sound - calving glaciers and wildlife!
- Explore the historic towns of McCarthy and Kennecott
- Glacier hike, ice climbing or river rafting on the optional activity day

ULTIMATE WILDERNESS: DETAILED ITINERARY

The following is a sample itinerary for this trip. Due to individual abilities and goals, as well as the demanding environment of Alaska, all of our trips are customized as they unfold. The guide will constantly make decisions based on weather, logistics and group dynamics to maximize each day's experience. There can be quite a bit of variation, but we always strive to make every trip your best ever.

DAY 1 - Your guide will pick you up in Anchorage at 8am for the scenic drive through the Chugach Mountains to Chitina, at the edge of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. Fly into McCarthy on the first of several spectacular scenic flights, go over your gear with your guide(s) and prepare to depart for Iceberg Lake in the morning. Accommodations and meals at a local lodge included.

DAYS 2-5 - Iceberg Lake Basecamp – Fly in by bush plane to spend four days in a remote valley of the Chugach Mountains. A wide variety of hiking options are available, from moderate wandering along the valley floor to hiking through alpine meadows to climbing the surrounding peaks and crossing glaciers. Your guides will set up a comfortable base-camp from which to explore, and cook warm, tasty and

hearty meals morning and evening. Return to McCarthy the afternoon of Day 5. Lodging and meals included again this night.



DAY 6 - After enjoying the comfort of a real bed and (several) hot showers, you'll have the choice of several activities on this "in between" day. You can join us for a half or full day glacier hike on the Root Glacier, try your hand at ice climbing, paddle an inflatable kayak or enjoy a tour of the historic copper mining town of Kennecott. An upgrade to a river raft trip is also available. Lodging and meals included once again.

DAY 7 - Today you'll head out of McCarthy by van to experience the 60 mile gravel road that you missed on the way in. We follow the path of the historic Copper River and Northwestern Railway

until Chitina, then join the Richardson Highway over scenic Thompson Pass. We can take our time to stop and explore near the pass before heading past the lush waterfalls of Keystone Canyon and into Valdez. Meet with your sea kayaking guide this evening, do some laundry, and prepare to head off to the Columbia Glacier the following morning. Lodging included, meals on your own.

DAYS 8-11 - Columbia Glacier Sea Kayaking – You and your guide will take a water taxi through magnificent Prince William Sound to Columbia Glacier Bay. You'll spend the next 4 days kayaking amongst icebergs, taking side hikes for awe-inspiring views, exploring Glacier Island and seeking out the abundant marine wildlife such as sea lions, otters, seals, many different birds, bears, whales and porpoises. Return to Valdez the afternoon of Day 11. Lodging this night included, meals on your own.

DAY 12 - Say goodbye to your guides this morning and take a short commercial flight today back to Anchorage (several times available). Included. Goodbye!

What's Included?

As with all of our Alaska wilderness adventures, the Ultimate Wilderness trip includes professional, experienced hiking and sea kayaking guides with extensive local knowledge and medical training. We provide all food for the backcountry portions of your trip, including hot and delicious meals morning and evening and plenty of snacks and lunch food for mid-day nourishment. We also provide shared group gear, including stoves, pots, and tents, as well as any technical gear, such as crampons for hiking on



glaciers and personal floatation devices and paddle tops while kayaking. All you need to bring is your personal gear, (clothing, rain gear, boots, etc) You can find a detailed list of the gear that we recommend you bring on our websites: www.steliasguides.com and www.alaskasummer.com.