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Discover stunning landscapes and diverse wildlife on a family expedition into the heart of Alaska's untouched wilderness. Stay in cozy cabins in Denali National Park and in alpine luxury at a beautiful mountain resort. Head out on naturalist-led hikes to search for moose, caribou, wolves, grizzly bears, and Dall sheep; and look for wildflowers and animals on a scavenger hunt. Meet Alaska's wild residents up close at a local conservation center, and scan the horizon for whales and other marine life on a wildlife cruise through Prince William Sound.

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Denali National Park. As we drive into the heart of this incredible wilderness, keep your eyes peeled for moose, caribou, gray wolves, Dall sheep, and maybe even a grizzly bear. Arrive at our remote lodge in the former mining settlement of Kantishna, surrounded by glacier-fed rivers and the snowy peaks of the Alaska Range.

*Denali Backcountry Lodge (B,L,D)*

### Days 3 & 4 — Denali National Park

Spend the next two days exploring Denali's wilderness with a variety of activities. Join your expert on hikes and walks for all ages, and learn about the behavior and habitat of Denali's wild residents. Keep your binoculars handy to spot migrating birds, including golden plovers, arctic loons, jaegers, and eagles. Later, kids can go sleuthing for wildflowers and animals, and pan for gold in a glacier-fed river. A flightseeing trip around Mount McKinley, North America's highest mountain, can also be arranged (at an additional cost).

*Denali Backcountry Lodge (B,L,D daily)*

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## Day 5 — Denali/Talkeetna

This morning, wake up early with the kids and catch Denali's wildlife at one of its most active periods as we drive out of the park. The head to Talkeetna on the *Denali Star Train* and explore this historic Alaskan village which serves as a launching point for climbers of Mount McKinley. Enjoy a family dinner on your own, and watch as the sun sets over the ice-capped summit of this legendary mountain.

*Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge (B,L)*

## Day 6 — Talkeetna/Girdwood

Drive south of Anchorage along the stunningly scenic Seward Highway, past Turnagain Arm and the snowcapped Chugach mountains, which seem to rise out of the mirrored waters of Cook Inlet. This is part of a route that National Geographic has named one of its "Drives of a Lifetime." Arrive in the scenic town of Girdwood, a former supply camp for gold miners turned ski town, and settle into our hotel tucked amid the mountains. Ride the gondola to the top of Mt. Alyeska for views of hanging glaciers, endless mountains and Turnagain Arm. Or unwind at our hotel before dinner at your leisure.

*Hotel Alyeska (B,L,D)*

## Day 7 — Prince William Sound

Embark on a day cruise on Prince William Sound, where the rich waters attract a variety of wildlife, from humpback whales and orcas to playful sea otters, puffins, and seals. Against a spectacular mountain backdrop, glide past towering tidewater glaciers, and listen for the telltale crackle and boom of impending glacier calving. Keep an eye out for the brown bears that come here to feed on salmon. Later this evening, celebrate your family Alaska adventure with a farewell dinner.

*Hotel Alyeska (B,L,D)*

## Day 8 — Girdwood/Anchorage

This morning, meet shaggy bison, elegant elk, coyotes, and a whole bunch of bears at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, which rehabilitates injured and orphaned animals to the wild.

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Have your camera ready as you get up-close to these magnificent animals and learn about their conservation. After lunch, return to Anchorage and connect with your flight home.  
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