



# The Dunn Family's Alaskan Adventure

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Flight from Anchorage to Phoenix (5 hr, 35 min)

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## About Boutique Travel Advisors

At Boutique Travel Advisors, we believe luxury travel goes beyond welcome chocolates on pillows & first-class seats. Luxury travel can be subjective. To us, the definition of luxury travel embodies having the privilege to explore & experience the infinitely possible wonderments the world has to offer when we decide to mindfully venture outside of our comfort zone in our home environment.

From booking bespoke safaris in South Africa, serenely scenic river cruises through France's waterways, to private wine (+ pasta) tastings on the Amalfi Coast... BTA strives to curate each personalized itinerary with credible expertise, dedicated service & the whole-hearted intention for each traveler to exceed their travel goals and expectations while on the adventure of a lifetime.

BTA is proudly a women-owned & run company. Co-owners and luxury travel curators, Janet Semenova and Angie Rice, use a thorough 5-step process to seamlessly design & tailor YOUR travel experience: explore, imagine, build, journey, reflect.

Your BTA travel itinerary is more than a document of scheduled flights, tours, and dinner reservations. It is the motherboard, the holy grail, the backbone of a transformational journey that turns your individual, subjective experiences into heart-warming, thought-provoking, jaw-dropping, life-changing memories that are worthy of being cherished for a lifetime.

Our purpose is to make your travel dreams come true... We are here to make your every step along the way uncomplicated, stress-free, and wildly exciting. All we ask is, **where will your journey take you?**

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Weather in Alaska

[Alaska](#)



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## Tipping Recommendations Alaska

Tipping in Alaska is similar to tipping in other states in the U.S. It is customary, though not obligatory, to leave a tip and varies by type and standard of service. Alaska does not have a state sales tax, but local communities can impose a local tax in which a portion of that charge may go to the server. This, however, is up to each individual restaurant. Tip at your own discretion, knowing that a little extra always goes a long way for someone working hard to make your stay unforgettable.

Though tipping may be a standard practice, the amount may vary based on type of business. This Alaska tipping guide will help you navigate when/where you can leave a little extra for great service.

Café Server/Barista: A customary tip is \$1 per drink for exceptional service.

Restaurant Server: Tipping is a personal preference and is not expected by servers. If, however, the service is exceptional, a tip of 15 to 20 percent is greatly appreciated.

Bartender: A customary tip is \$1 per drink for exceptional service.

Tour Guides: Give 10 to 20 percent of the tour cost to show appreciation to your guide. If unsure on how much to give, you can ask the tour operator for a standard amount or possibly find a suggestion listed on the tour website in the Frequently Asked Question section.

Taxis: Tip 10 to 15 percent for a stress-free ride.

Airport shuttle driver: Depending on level of service and length of trip, \$1 to \$2 per bag is customary.

Doorman: Tip \$1 to \$5 depending on level of service, which includes hailing cabs and helping with directions or doors.

Bellhop: Tip \$1 to \$2 per bag, depending on size, carried to your room.

Housecleaning: There is not a set standard, but anywhere from \$3 to \$5 per night for a spotless stay is appreciated.

Concierge: A tip of \$5 to \$10 for a special recommendation or hard-to-get reservation is customary.

Stylist or Spa Service Provider: Tipping is up to your discretion. 10 to 20 percent is standard, but you can leave more depending on level and type of service.



## Covid-19 Travel Updates: Domestic Travel

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

### CDC Covid-19 Travel Updates

#### Domestic Travel Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People

People who are fully vaccinated with an FDA-authorized vaccine or a vaccine authorized for emergency use by the World Health Organization can travel safely within the United States.

If you are fully vaccinated, take the following steps to protect others if you travel:

#### During Travel

- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth. Masks are required on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.
- Avoid crowds and stay at least 6 feet/2 meters (about 2 arm lengths) from anyone who is not traveling with you.
- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol).

#### After Travel

- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
- Follow all state and local recommendations or requirements.

You do NOT need to get tested or self-quarantine if you are fully vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 3 months. You should still follow all other travel recommendations.

#### Domestic Travel Recommendations for Unvaccinated People

If you are not fully vaccinated and must travel, take the following steps to protect yourself and others from COVID-19:

#### Before you travel:

- Get tested with a viral test 1-3 days before your trip.
- While you are traveling:
- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth. Masks are required on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.
- Avoid crowds and stay at least 6 feet/2 meters (about 2 arm lengths) from anyone who is not traveling with you.
- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol).

#### After you travel:

- Get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
- Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.
- If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- Avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.
- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
- Follow all state and local recommendations or requirements.
- Visit your state, territorial, tribal or local health department's website to look for the latest information on where to get

tested.

Do NOT travel if you were [exposed to COVID-19](#), [you are sick](#), [you test positive for COVID-19](#), or you are waiting for results of a COVID-19 test. Learn when it is [safe for you to travel](#). Don't travel with someone who is sick.

For more CDC Covid-19 information for Domestic Travel, Click [Here](#)

Hotel Covid-19 Info:

[Alyeska Resort](#)

[Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge](#)

[The Hilton Anchorage](#)

## Day 1

Phoenix, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport to Anchorage, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport  
*American Airlines (AA)*

AA Carrier/Flight	PHX •	ANC •	5 hr, 52 min Duration
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## Transfer

1 hr

Duration

Departure Location  
Anchorage International  
Airport

Arrival Location  
Girdwood

## Notes

Upon arrival at the Anchorage International Airport, you will be met by your driver for your one-hour transfer to Girdwood.



## The Hotel Alyeska

(800) 880-3880

1000 Arlberg Ave.  
Girdwood, AK 99587  
US

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4:00 PM	12:00 PM	3 Nights
Check In	Check Out	Duration

Welcome to Alyeska Resort, the premier destination in Alaska for visitors and locals alike!

Nestled against the awe-inspiring Chugach Mountains, Alyeska offers year-round adventures and activities. Alyeska sits in the heart of Girdwood, a lush valley surrounded by mountain peaks, hanging glaciers, and spectacular ocean views.

The Hotel Alyeska offers guests luxurious accommodations and convenient access to the Alaskan wilderness. A recent multi-million dollar renovation included improvements to all 301 guest rooms, which now feature all the creature comforts you'd expect from a luxury hotel. Amenities include a workout center, full spa, boutique, and four restaurants—including the four-diamond Seven Glaciers.

The Alyeska Resort Aerial Tramway brings you to a viewing deck that provides breathtaking panoramic views of mountains, hanging glaciers, sparkling streams, towering spruce, and an array of wildlife, plus access to myriad hiking trails.

### Room Selection

Room Category	Bedding
Summit Rooms x2	King

### Room Description

#### Summit Room

The summit level features rooms on the top floor of the Hotel and offers expansive mountain views.

Beds: 1 King bed or 2 Double beds

Size: 340 sq. ft

View: Expansive mountain or valley views

### Room Notes

**Unique Room Features:** Serta® Presidential Pillow-Top Mattresses with Deluxe Linens, Kaladi Brothers in-room Coffee

Due to high guest demand, The Hotel Alyeska is now a non-smoking property. Please smoke outdoors only. Thank you!

## Day 2



**Alyeska Aerial Tram**

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A not-to-be-missed experience is a ride on the sixty-passenger aerial tram to the summit of Mt. Alyeska. The summit offers unrivaled views of the Chugach Mountains, Turnagain Arm and Glacier Valley. The tram travels from the Hotel Alyeska to the upper tram terminal 2300 feet above the valley floor.



**Transfer**

**Departure Location**  
Alyeska Hotel

**Arrival Location**  
Girdwood Airport

### Notes

Scheduled shuttle transfer from hotel to Girdwood Airport & helicopter ride.

Today, you will board the Alpine Air Alaska courtesy shuttle service for your shared transfer from your hotel to Alpine Air Alaska, Girdwood.



## Glacier Dog Sledding Tour

After a short and scenic helicopter flight to a nearby ice field, you'll experience the great Alaskan sport of dogsledding. As you discover the amazing enthusiasm of Alaskan huskies, your guide will explain the origins of this special breed of dogs, mushing history, and the Iditarod—known as "The Last Great Race on Earth."

Your guide will show you how to properly care for the dogs in order to maximize their racing abilities, and you'll participate in harnessing them yourself. With the dogs in place, you'll take to the trail with your guide. Drive the sled yourself or sit in a comfortable seat and enjoy the ride. This is the quintessential Alaskan adventure.

(1 hour, 45 minutes)



## Transfer

**Departure Location**  
Alyeska Hotel

**Arrival Location**  
Girdwood Airport

### Notes

**Helicopter ride & scheduled shuttle transfer from Girdwood Airport back to Alyeska Hotel.**

Today, you will board the Alpine Air Alaska courtesy shuttle service for your shared transfer from Alpine Air Alaska to your hotel.

## Day 3



### Magical Spencer Double Kayak & Raft Trip

This is the only day tour in Alaska where you can kayak and raft on the same day. Ride the Coastal Classic train to Spencer Glacier whistle stop and explore Spencer Glacier Lake by kayak in the morning. Paddle 3-miles (5 kilometers) around icebergs and up close to the glacier face. In the afternoon, raft 7 scenic river miles (11 kilometers) down the Placer River and be picked up by the Glacier Discovery train on the riverbank for your return.

All equipment and a sack lunch are provided.  
(9-hours, 45-minutes)

## Day 4

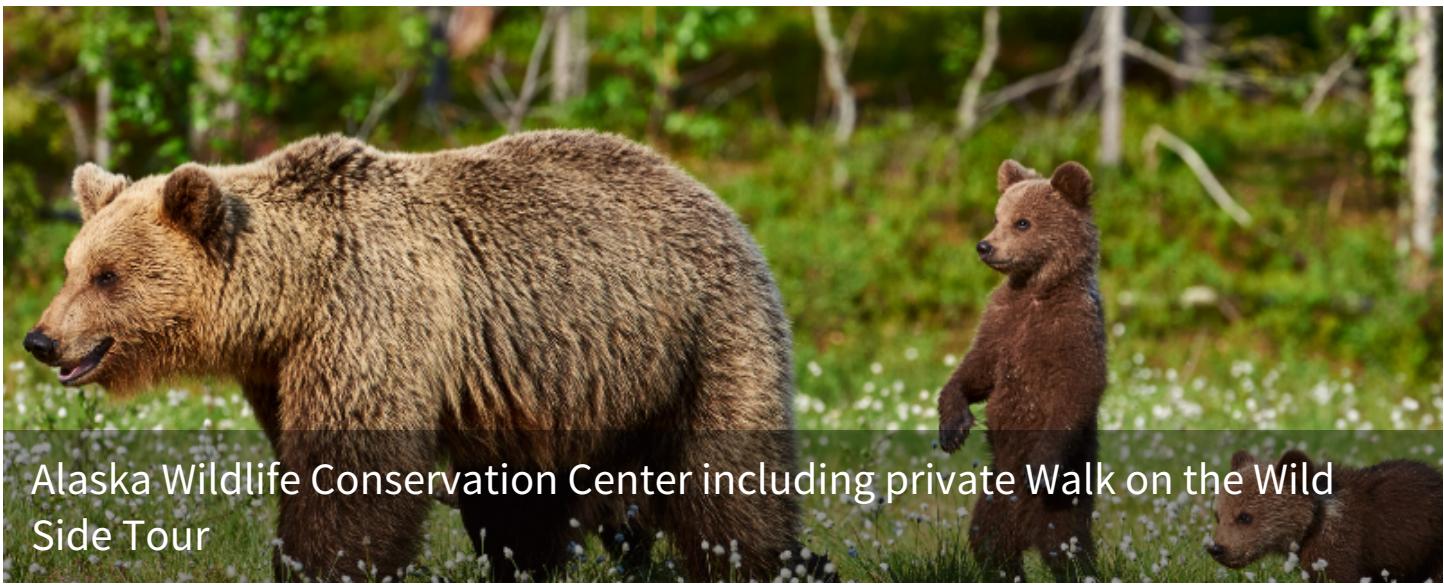


### Transfer

#### Notes

Private transfer from Girdwood to Talkeetna (Up to 6-hours)

Today you will meet your driver in Girdwood for your private scenic transfer to Talkeetna. Take advantage of your travels by turning road time into an adventure. Stop for sights along the way, where you can get out and stretch your legs and take gorgeously scenic photos. You can stop for lunch somewhere or add a sack lunch and stop for a hike and have a picnic.



## Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center including private Walk on the Wild Side Tour

Admission to Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center including private Walk on the Wild Side Tour

Today you will visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center for a “behind-the-scenes” tour of the 200-acre (809,371-square meter) preserve that is surrounded by mountains and hanging glaciers. Dedicated to safeguarding Alaska’s wildlife through public education, the AWCC takes in injured and orphaned animals year-round and provides spacious enclosures and quality care to animals that cannot be released back into the wild. Residents include bears, bison, moose, reindeer, elk, an eagle, an owl, musk oxen, Sitka black-tailed deer, wolves, foxes, coyotes, a lynx, and porcupines.

With your guide, you’ll enjoy a view of the inner workings of the Center and get up close and personal with the animals. Enjoy meeting a porcupine and feeding an additional animal. This is an unparalleled opportunity to photograph Alaskan wildlife up close while behaving as though in the wild.

(1 hour, 30-minutes)



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2 Nights

Duration

Set on a ridge above the small community of Talkeetna on the south side of Denali, the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge offers unforgettable views of Denali and the Alaska Range, yet just minutes from adventures of a lifetime. Enjoy the view as you relax next to the 46-foot river rock fireplace or shop for Native art from villages across Alaska. Enjoy casual or fine dining featuring Alaska specialties and the best wine selection in the neighborhood. Relax in your comfortable guest room; choose from our guest lodge, main lodge, or mountainside rooms.

All rooms feature a full private bath, hairdryer, coffee maker, refrigerator, satellite television, telephone, and wireless internet.

### Room Selection

#### Room Category

Mountain Side Rooms x2

#### Room Description

Set on a ridge above the small community of Talkeetna on the south side of Denali, the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge offers unforgettable views of Denali and the Alaska Range. The 212 guest rooms are complemented by two restaurants, a bar, a business center, and a spacious lobby featuring a 46-foot river rock fireplace.

The seasonal, four-diamond property, which is located two and a half hours north of Anchorage, rests on 35 acres and comprises eight buildings: the main lodge, five guest lodges, employee housing, and a maintenance facility.

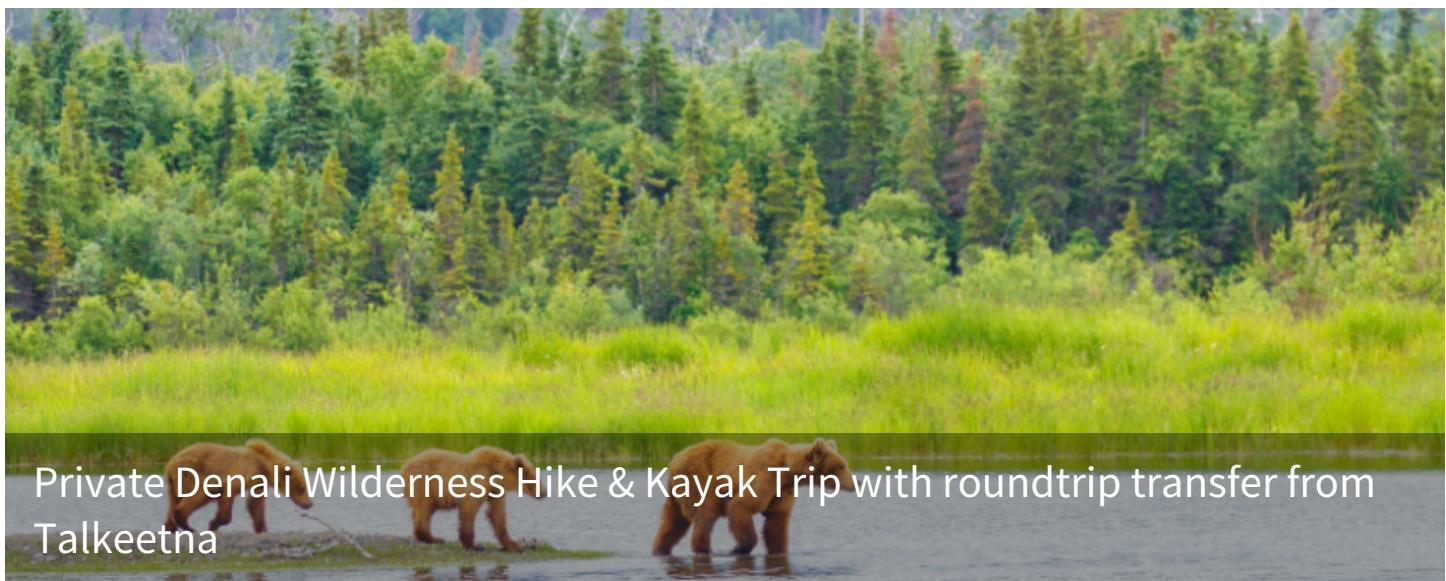
#### Room Notes

Beds: One King or two Queen beds

Size: 364 sq. ft.

View: Denali & Alaska Range

## Day 5



### Private Denali Wilderness Hike & Kayak Trip with roundtrip transfer from Talkeetna

Explore the Alaskan wilderness on an exhilarating guided trek in the heart of Denali State Park. Hikes range from four to six miles through lush vegetation along forested trails, with an accompanying guide to talk about local history and wildlife as you go. You'll hike above the tree line for spectacular views of the Alaska Range, glaciers, and Denali (weather permitting).

Photographic opportunities abound—from majestic alpine vistas to delicate wildflowers and berries. Scan the mountainside and valleys for foraging bears. The total duration of the hike is 4.5 hours and may involve challenging terrain on established trails.

Next, you will glide through the tranquil waters of Byers Lake on single or tandem sit-on-top kayaks. The boats are very stable and easy to maneuver, which makes this a great trip for beginners and experienced paddlers alike. As you paddle over pools of spawning salmon, look for the bears and eagles that come to feed on them, and watch for resident beavers.

(9-hours)

## Day 6



### Denali Grand Tour with Glacier Landing

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On this flightseeing tour of Denali and Denali National Park, you will make a complete circle around 20,320-foot tall Denali, affording views of the great peak from every angle. Beginning with the Denali Flyer route, you'll see the south side of Denali, including the Kahiltna Glacier, Denali's famous west buttress, Sheldon Amphitheatre, the Ruth Glacier, and the Great Gorge.

Next, you'll fly across the divide to see the incredible Wickersham Wall, a 14,900-foot continuous rise of rock and ice. Finally, you'll experience a glacier landing; as you step out onto an expansive snowfield and stand among the granite peaks, you will understand the immense scale of the mountains surrounding you.

For many passengers, this flight is the highlight of their entire Alaska experience. All seats on the ski-equipped aircraft are window seats, while individual headsets provide pilot narration and two-way communication.

Lunch is provided  
(2-hours)



### Transfer

up to 6-hrs

Duration

Departure Location  
Talkeetna

Arrival Location  
Anchorage

#### Notes

Today you will meet your driver in Talkeetna for your private scenic transfer to Anchorage. Take advantage of your travels by turning road time into an adventure. Stop for sights along the way, where you can get out and stretch your legs and take photos. You can stop for lunch somewhere or add a sack lunch and stop for a hike and have a picnic.



3:00 PM

Check In

12:00 PM

Check Out

1 Night

Duration

The Hilton Anchorage hotel is ideally located within walking distance of Alaska's premier attractions. This 22-story hotel features magnificent views of the Chugach Mountain Range, Cook Inlet, or cityscape from most rooms. Enjoy a memorable dining experience in the Hooper Bay Café in this welcoming, casual restaurant, or unwind in the inviting Bruin's Bar and watch the latest sports and news over your favorite drink. Room service is available from either the café or bar. Other amenities include a fitness center, indoor pool, and 24-hour business center.

#### Room Selection

Room Category  
Guestrooms x2

Bedding  
King

#### Room Description

Beds: One King or two Double beds

View: Chugach Mountain Range, Cook Inlet, or city

## Day 7



### Transfer

**Departure Location**  
Hilton Anchorage Hotel

**Arrival Location**  
Anchorage International  
Airport

#### Notes

Today you will be met by your driver at your hotel for your transfer to the Anchorage International Airport.

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## Anchorage, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport to Phoenix, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport

*American Airlines (AA)*

AA Carrier/Flight	ANC •	PHX •	5 hr, 35 min Duration
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