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ALASKA AIR SAFARI

THE VERY BEST OF THE LAST FRONTIER

Limited to just 12 participants • June 10–17, 2017

ON THIS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM

Explore Alaska's top wilderness areas and wildlife sanctuaries, traveling conveniently and efficiently by float plane and helicopter while staying in the two best wilderness lodges in the state for unique activities and gourmet dining. Your air safari will take you from Anchorage to the slopes of Mt.

Denali to a bear reserve at Redoubt Bay. Observe a fascinating diversity of wildlife, from the marine mammals on the coast (seals, sea lions, whales, orcas) to the charismatic mega-fauna in the interior (moose, caribou, grizzlies, wolves, foxes). Experience Alaska to the fullest with activities such as flightseeing, hiking, flyfishing, kayaking, snowshoeing, and dog sledding.

At the luxurious Winterlake and Tutka Bay Lodges, pamper yourself with complimentary massages, cooking classes, wine tastings, yoga, and garden tours. Winterlake Lodge includes a cooking school with Cordon Bleu chef Kirsten Dixon.



Study Leader



Longtime Alaska resident **Fran Ulmer** has spent 30 years in public service at the local, state, and national levels. She is currently chair of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission, appointed by President Obama in March 2011.

In June 2010, President Obama appointed her to the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling. From 2007 to 2011, Ms. Ulmer was chancellor of the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA).

Ms. Ulmer served as an elected official for 18 years as the mayor of Juneau, as a state representative, and as Lieutenant Governor of Alaska. She also spent time as Director of Policy Development for the state of Alaska. She currently sits on the National Parks Conservation Association Board and the Nature Conservancy

Board, and she has joined dozens of nonprofit and government boards and commissions in Alaska such as the Denali Commission, Commonwealth North, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, March of Dimes, Salvation Army, Alaska Gas Pipeline Committee, and many more.

Ms. Ulmer earned a J.D. cum laude from the University of Wisconsin Law School, and has been a fellow at the Institute of Politics at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She is married to retired attorney Bill Council, and they have two adult children and one grandson.

Schedule By Day

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, R=Reception

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

INDEPENDENT ARRIVALS / ANCHORAGE

Arrive in Anchorage by early afternoon. Privately transfer to the Anchorage Museum to explore a world-class museum with exhibits devoted to the cultures, imagination, and innovative spirit of the people of Alaska with a dedicated docent. Our welcome reception and dinner are at Crow's Nest Restaurant overlooking Cook Inlet.

Overnight: Captain Cook Hotel (R, D)

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

DENALI / WINTERLAKE LODGE

Depart Anchorage for Mt. Denali flightseeing in the morning. Continue by float plane to Winterlake Lodge along Alaska's Iditarod Trail in the foothills just south of Mt. Denali. Hike the famous trail; take a garden tour, cooking class, fly casting class, or stretch class; enjoy a complimentary massage; paddle a canoe; and participate in a wine tasting before dinner.

Overnight: Winterlake Lodge (B, L, D)

MONDAY, JUNE 12 & TUESDAY, JUNE 13

WINTERLAKE LODGE

Board helicopters to Canyon Creek for fly fishing and wildlife viewing, continuing to Winterlake Lodge's glacier camp in the Tordrillo Mountain area for glacier dog sledding, snowshoeing, sledding, and hiking. In the evening continue to enjoy the Lodge's many amenities.

Overnight: Winterlake Lodge (2B, 2L, 2D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

BEAR VIEWING / TUTKA BAY LODGE

Depart by float plane for a morning of bear viewing at a bear reserve along the remote western shore of Cook Inlet. Watch as the bears fish for salmon or cavort with their cubs. Or, opt for a few hours of sockeye salmon fishing at Redoubt Bay. Continue by float plane to Tutka Bay Lodge.

Overnight: Tutka Bay Lodge (B, L, D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 15 & FRIDAY, JUNE 16

TUTKA BAY

Explore the marine wildlife and glaciers of Kachemak Bay by small boat. At the serene Tutka Bay Lodge, enjoy yoga, hikes in the rainforest, cooking classes, kayaking, wine tasting, and a complimentary massage. Optionally, take a water taxi to Homer to enjoy its local shops and cafes. Charters of deep sea vessels are also available for salmon or halibut fishing at additional cost. The festive farewell dinner is on June 16.

Overnight: Tutka Bay Lodge (2B, 2L, 2D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

INDEPENDENT DEPARTURES

After breakfast, depart by float plane to Anchorage Airport for independent departures to home cities. (B)

On the cover: Mt. Denali looms over the Alaskan wilderness
At right, top to bottom: A curious moose breaks for a snack; Aerial view of Tutka Bay Lodge; A horned puffin waves hello; Denali National Park in the summer



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Accommodations

CAPTAIN COOK HOTEL

Alaska's Hotel Captain Cook is Alaska's only member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide. All guestroom and suite accommodations command majestic and panoramic views of the Cook Inlet or Chugach Mountains.

WINTERLAKE LODGE

Situated near the western edge of the Alaska Range, Winterlake Lodge offers seclusion and spectacular scenery. Views of the Trimble Glacier and the beginnings of the Rainy Pass are visible from the lake. The area features many species of Alaskan birds, wildflowers, and berries that are difficult to see in other locales.

Winterlake Lodge is located 198 trail miles northwest of Anchorage, Alaska, along Alaska's historic Iditarod Trail. The lodge sits on 15 acres, overlooking a finger-shaped two-mile lake where guests land by floatplane in the summer and ski plane in the winter.

TUTKA BAY LODGE

Tutka Bay Lodge sits at the head of a splendidly rugged seven-mile fjord at the southern end of Kachemak Bay, near Homer, Alaska. The Tutka Bay area offers rugged coastlines, deep fjords, dramatic mountains, quiet beaches, old growth Sitka spruce forests, and amazing tidal fluctuations.

Tutka Bay Lodge is located nine ocean miles from the charming seaside community of Homer, Alaska, along the Kachemak Bay near the mouth of the Cook Inlet.



Top: A juvenile grizzly bear poses for a portrait
Middle-left: A single section of a cedar totem tells but a chapter of a tribal story
Middle-right: An iconic bald eagle searches for a perch near Homer
Bottom: Gazing past flowering Fireweed toward Cook Inlet

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