

Alaska

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We traveled in a wonderful diversity of scenery and wildlife in Alaska, away from the crowds, thanks to our two tour companies. There were 9 of us on the Alaska Wildland Adventures “10 Day Grand Journey”.

We especially enjoyed our stays in isolated lodges in the Kenai Fjords Wilderness and the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. Here we hiked up to the tundra, kayaked, river rafted and enjoyed wonderful food, company and our delightful, young knowledgeable guides.

After hiking and wildlife spotting in Denali we joined our small cruise ship to explore Alaska's coastal Wilderness. We were most impressed with the schedule flexibility. When humpback whales were breaching or bubble feeding we were there, with the sonar picking up their shrill vocalizations. We were off the boat everyday in zodiacs, hiking on coastal bear trails or kayaking. Grizzlies were seen very close feeding on spawning salmon or sleeping after a big feed.

We recommend travel with the smaller Alaska tour companies for people interested in an active, educational, nature-oriented, small group Alaskan experience.



Steve enjoying the view



Socializing at Skilak Lake



Williams Cove