

11 day Alaska Road Trip

Homer - Kenai Fjords - Denali

Day 1 - Arrive in Anchorage

1. **1pm** arrival in Anchorage
2. **3pm** check-in: Snob Hollow Inn
 - a. 135 Christensen Drive Anchorage, AK
3. Anchorage / downtown
 - a. Whisky & Ramen
 - b. Wild Scoops (baked Alaska topping)
 - c. 49th State Brewing
 - d. Glacier Brewhouse
4. **6pm** - pick up rental car (*booked on Turo*)
 - a. Cupples Cottages Vacation & Vehicle Rentals
736 E 3rd Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501
5. Overnight: Snob Hollow Inn, Anchorage (1 night)

Day 2 - Anchorage to Homer

1. **8am** check-out
 - a. Walmart – snacks, waters, bear spray
 - b. Black Cup Coffee
2. **8-10** drive to Hope (*optional*)
 - a. Town of Hope (lunch)
 - i. Creekbend Cafe
 - ii. Grounds for Hope Espresso
 - b. 10-12 hike (3mi, 2 hours)
 - i. Palmer Creek Lakes Trail
3. **12-4p** drive to Homer
 - a. Scenic drive
 - b. **Bird Point** – Scenic walkway and views over Turnagain Arm
 - c. Possible bore tide sightings if timed correctly
 - d. **Cooper Landing** – Quick stop for river views and scenic walks
 - e. **Russian River Falls area** – Known for salmon runs and potential bear sightings
 - f. **Kenai National Wildlife Refuge (Ski Hill Road)** – Short, scenic drive with wildlife potential

4. **5pm** check-in
Retreat at Kachemak Bay (*Airbnb*)
4375 Kachemak Dr.
5. **6pm** - Homer
 - a. Homer Spit – Shops, bars, and waterfront views
 - b. Land's End – Iconic end-of-the-road viewpoint
 - c. Wildlife / whale-watching tour in Homer (*optional*)
 - d. Food / drink
 - Fresh Catch Cafe – Alaskan king crab with ocean views
 - Salty Dawg Saloon – Famous dollar-bill-covered bar
6. Overnight: Retreat at Kachemak Bay, Homer (2 nights)

Day 3 - Homer + Kachemak Bay State Park

1. **8a-5p** Kachemak Bay State Park Adventures
 - a. Land, Sea & Ice (\$225 pp)
2. **6pm** - dinner -> seafood (halibut)
 - a. The Kannery
3. Overnight: Homer

Day 4 - Homer to Seward

1. **8am** - Check-out
2. Breakfast / brunch spots in Homer Spit
 - a. Two Sisters Bakery
 - b. Wild Honey Bistro
 - c. La Baleine Cafe
 - d. The Bagel Shop
 - e. Captain's Coffee
3. **9-11** drive to hike (2 hr)
 - a. Enjoy the scenic drive, stopping at viewpoints along the way
4. **11-1p** hike [Russian River Falls](#)
 - a. 2hr, 5 mi (round trip) hike is a great opportunity to see bears
5. Lunch at Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge
6. **3p** check in: Steller Inn ([Booking.com](#))
 - a. 11952 Old Exit Glacier Rd, Seward, AK 99664
7. Drive Exit Glacier Road
8. Explore Seward
 - a. Alaska SeaLife Center
 - b. Dinner

- i. Primrose Provisions (wine bar, lighter fare)
- 9. Overnight: Steller Inn, Seward (3 nights)

Day 5 - Kenai Fjords National Park

1. **8am** - Breakfast/coffee
 - a. Resurrect Art Coffee House
2. **930am** Full-day Kenai Fjords tour
 - i. *check ticket for details (location, what to bring)*
3. **5:30pm** - dinner in Seward
 - a. Tidewater Taphouse
4. Overnight: Seward

Day 6 - Exit Glacier Ice Climbing

1. **730am** Exit Glacier Ice Climbing (*part of Kenai Fjords National Park*)
 - a. [Exit Glacier Guides](#)
2. **6pm** dinner in Seward
 - a. Flamingo Lounge (*make reservations*)
3. Overnight: Seward

Day 7 - Morning in Seward / Drive to Anchorage

1. Check out
2. Breakfast in Seward
 - a. The Porthole (food truck)
3. Scenic drive stops:
 - a. Tern Lake (photogenic, wildlife possible)
 - b. Portage Glacier Visitor Center at Portage Lake
 - c. Byron Glacier Trail: a short and easy trail leading to a glacier and ice caves
 - d. Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center (*optional*)
4. Check-in: Snob Hollow Inn
135 Christensen Dr, Anchorage, AK 99501
5. Evening in Anchorage
 - a. 49th State Brewery
 - b. Glacier Brewhouse
6. Overnight: Snob Hollow Inn, Anchorage (1 night)

Day 8 - Anchorage > Denali

1. **8am** check out, grab coffee, breakfast

- a. 4.5 hr drive
- 2. **1pm** Visitor center / sign up for discovery hike
 - a. **Discovery hike sign up** (off-trail, ranger-led)
 - i. Can only sign up in person at the Denali Visitor Center (1-2 days in advance)
- 3. Drive the park road (15mi), pick up bus depot tickets
- 4. Grab food for dinner, breakfast/lunch for next day
- 5. **4pm** - check in, change
 - a. McKinley Creekside Cabins
224 Parks Hwy, Denali National Park and Preserve, AK 99755
- 6. **7pm** Denali ATV tour
 - a. Tour launch site - 238 Parks Hwy Denali Park, AK 99755
- 7. Overnight: Denali (2 nights)

Day 9 - Denali

- 1. All day – discovery hike
 - a. OR – take non-narrated transit bus (green hiker buses)*
 - i. Ride to the end (East Fork - mile 43) and walk along the River
 - ii. Mount Margaret trail (mile 17)
- 2. Dinner (options):
 - a. Prospectors Pizzeria
 - b. Mountain High Pizza Pie
 - c. Denali Brewpub
- 3. **Overnight:** Denali

Day 10 – Denali to Talkeetna

- 1. Check out
- 2. **9am-12pm** – morning options:
 - a. Savage Alpine Hike OR relaxed breakfast / drive Denali park road
 - i. Savage Alpine trail – half way for views of Denali and then turn around (~3.5 mi, 2hrs)
- 3. **1p-4p** - drive 3 hr to Talkeetna
- 4. **4pm** check in Susitna River Lodging (booking.com)
23094 Talkeetna Spur Rd, Talkeetna, AK 99676
- 5. Talkeetna activities
 - a. Denali brewing Co (alaska cider works and denali spirits)
 - b. Downtown Talkeetna
 - c. Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge
- 6. Overnight: Susitna River Lodging (or) Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge

Day 11 – Talkeetna to Anchorage

1. Check out
2. Drive 2.5 hours to Anchorage
3. Return car
4. Catch flight home (4pm)