

The 8 Park Challenge

Alaska is too big to conquer in one trip, so in order to visit all 8 of its national parks, it will require 2 trips split between 20 days. It will require a plane, train and automobile in order to see all of the national parks, and probably be a bit on the expensive side.

Trip Length: 10 Days (2017), 10 Days (2018)

Trip Dates: Friday 8/26- Monday 9/4/17

Estimated Flight Cost: ~\$650 pp (From RIC)

Total Trip Cost: ~3000 per Trip



- **Drive to:**
 - Wrangell – St. Elias National Park: (56 on map)
- **Train To:**
 - Denali National Park: (17 on map)
- **Ferry to:**
 - Glacier Bay National Park: (22 on map)
 - Kenai Fjords National Park: (35 on map)
- **Flights required to:**
 - Katmai National Park: (34 on map)
 - Lake Clark National Park: (38 on map)
 - Kobuk Valley National Park: (37 on map)
 - Gates of the Arctic National Park: (20 on map)

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Night	Cost
0- Friday 8/25	Travel	Travel	Travel	Travel	
1- Saturday 8/26	Juneau	Juneau	4:30 Flight to Gustaves	Glacier Bay Lodge	\$95 for Flight \$296.98 Per Room
2- Sunday 8/27	7:00 Ferry	Glacier Bay	Glacier Bay	Glacier Bay Lodge	\$225 for Boat Tour \$296.98 Per Room
3- Monday 8/28	Gustaves	12:30 Boat to Juneau, AK	8:10 Flight to Fairbanksi	Fairbanks	\$44 Ferry to Juneau \$240 Flight to Fairbanks \$250.38 Per Room
4- Tuesday 8/29	8:00 Flight to Gates of Arctic	Gates of Arctic	6:00 Return to Fairbanks	Fairbanks	\$780 Flight to GOTA \$250.38 Per Room
5- Wednesday 8/30	8:15 Train to Denali	12:10 Arrival at Denali	Denali	Denali	\$158 Train to Denali \$373.43 Per Room
6- Thursday 8/31	7:00 Bus to Denali	Denali	Denali	Denali	\$44 Bus in Denali \$373.43 Per Room
7- Friday 9/1	Denali	12:30 Train to Anchorage	8:00PM arrival at Anchorage	Anchorage	\$133 Train to Anchorage \$243.66 Per Room
8- Saturday 9/2	Anchorage	Drive to Seward	Seward	Seward	\$344.09 Per Room
9- Sunday 9/3	Kenai Fjords Kayaking	Kenai Fjords Kayaking	Drive to Anchorage	Flight Home	\$426.90 Kayak Kanai \$114.03 Rental Car
10- Monday 9/4	Travel	Travel	Travel	Travel	

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Flying In

Juneau, Alaska

- **Weather:** H 60 / L 48 with near-constant cloud cover. Sunrise around 6am and sunset around 8pm.
- **Note:** We can store luggage at the airport. Just check it.



Gustavus, Alaska (Glacier Bay National Park)

- **Weather:** H 60 / L 49 with near-constant cloud cover. Sunrise around 6am and sunset around 8pm.
- **Nights:** Saturday 8/26, Sunday 8/27
 - Glacier Bay Lodge: One Double Bed, Two Twin Beds
 - **\$593.96** Total(Paid in Advance)
 - Need to take shuttle from Airport to Hotel
- **How to Get There:** Alaska Airlines has a flight daily at 4:30 that arrives at 4:55 for \$95
- Take a ferry from Juneau to Gustavus
 - <https://www.nps.gov/glba/planyourvisit/ak-state-ferry-to-gustavus.htm>
- **What to do:** Bartlett Cove (In Gustavus) is the only developed area in Glacier Bay National Park. Glacier Bay Lodge, the Park Visitor Center, Visitor Information Station, exhibits, Park Headquarters, several trails, a public dock, kayak rentals, and walk-in campground provide a variety of services surrounded by the Alaskan wilderness.



- **Activity:** Ferry Tour.
 - **\$225** Per Person (Paid in Advance)
 - Departs at 7am, returns at ~4. Departs from Bartlett Cove.
 - <http://www.visitglacierbay.com/tours/glacier-bay-day-tour/>
 - <https://www.nps.gov/glba/planyourvisit/glacier-bay-tour-boat.htm>



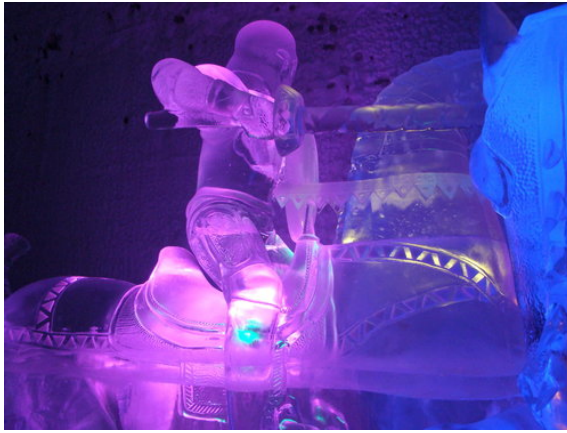
Back to Juneau

- **Weather:** H 60 / L 48 with near-constant cloud cover. Sunrise around 6am and sunset around 8pm.
- Take a ferry from Gustavus to Juneau,
 - **\$44** (Paid In Advance)
 - Check in at Gustavus at 11:30, depart at 12:30, arrive at 5:00pm
 - <https://bookamhs.alaska.gov/book/journey/journeySearch/>
- Fly to Fairbanks, AK
 - Cost Varies, but is roughly \$240 per person



Fairbanks, AK

- **Weather:** H 58 / L 42 with near-constant cloud cover. Sunrise around 6:30am and sunset around 9pm.
- **Nights:** Monday 8/28, Tuesday 8/29
 - Hampton Inn & Suites Fairbanks
 - 433 Harold Bentley Avenue, Fairbanks, AK 99701 T: 1 907-451-1502
 - **\$500.75** (Paid at Arrival)
- **Check Out:** Aurora Ice Museum (Latest Tour Time is 7:00pm)



- **Eating:** Pump House Saloon
- **Notes:** Fairbanks has Uber



Gates of the Arctic National Park

- **Weather:** Highs in the 40s and lows in the single digits, especially in Anaktuvuk Pass (brrrr)
- **Fly from Fairbanks: 8/29**
- Book a private tour to an eskimo town known as Anaktuvuk Pass located in the heart of the national park.
 - <http://alaskatours.com/day-tours/gates-of-the-arctic-anaktuvuk-fairbanks/>
 - <http://www.goalaskatours.com/gates-of-the-arctic-national-park-tours-anaktuvuk-pass.html>
 - **Cost:** \$780 per person (½ Paid in February, ½ Paid in July)



Denali National Park

- **Weather:** "Expect sun, wind, rain, and clouds, and expect them all on the same day. Snow can fall any month of the year." Avg H 57 / L 36; sunrise around 5:45am and sunset around 8:20pm.
- **Nights:** Wednesday 8/31, Thursday 9/1
 - Denali Bluffs Hotel: 2 Full Beds
 - Mile 238 4 George Parks Hwy, Denali National Park, 99755, AK
 - **\$746.86** (Paid at Arrival)

- Need to take shuttle from Train to Hotel and Hotel to Park
- **Railroad:** 8:15am train (Denali Express) Gold Star Service to Denali (12:10 Arrival)
 - **\$158.00** per Person (Paid in Advance)
 - Includes 2 Checked Bags, Food, and 2 Adult Beverage
 - <https://www.alaskarailroad.com/ride-a-train/route-map/denali-st>



- Denali National Park: You have to take a bus to the actual park
- **Bus:** 7:00 am departure from Wilderness Center in Denali (4:00pm arrival, but that's flexible)
 - **\$44.00** Per Person (Paid in Advance)
 - Getting Around Denali: Shuttle Busses: <https://www.nps.gov/dena/planyourvisit/shuttles.htm>



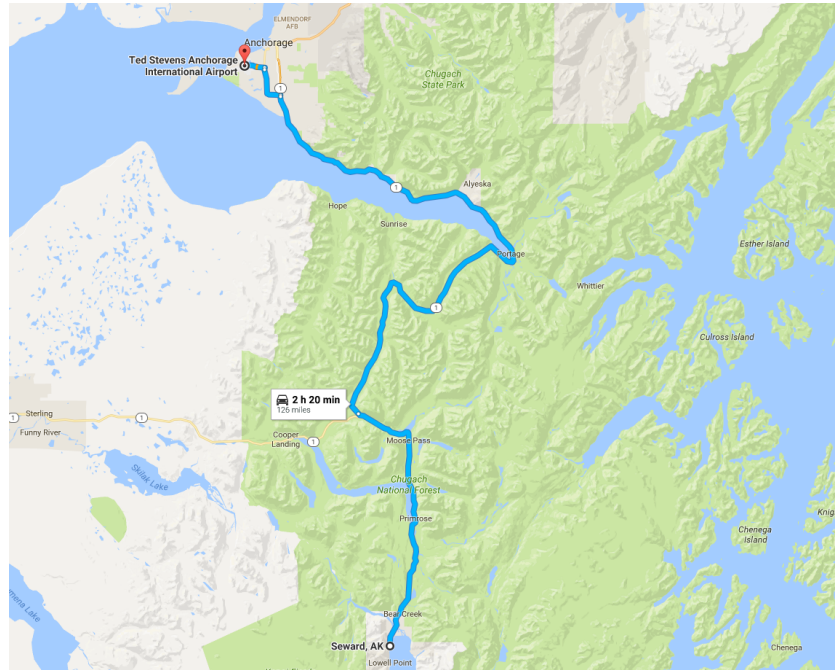
- **Railroad:** 12:30pm train (Denali Express) Adventure Class (Lower Level, Non-Reserved Seating) Service to Anchorage (8:00 pm Arrival)
 - **\$133.00** per Person (Paid in Advance)
 - Food/Beverage Extra. Lower Level Viewing Area.
 - <https://www.alaskarailroad.com/ride-a-train/route-map/denali-st>



Anchorage, Alaska

- **Weather:** H 57 / L 43. Sunrise 6:51 am, sunset 8:58 pm.
- **Nights:** Friday 9/1
 - Hampton Inn Anchorage- 2 Queen Bed
 - 4301 Credit Union Drive, Anchorage, AK 99503 T: 1 907-550-7000
 - **\$243.66** (Paid at Arrival)

- **Car:** Pick up Rental at Anchorage International Airport
- **\$170.07** (Pay at Counter) Full Size 4 Dr.
 - Hertz Pickup/ Drop Off Location: 4555 International Airport Road, Anchorage, AK 99502-1018
- **Check Out:** Chugach State Park



Seward, Alaska

- **Weather:** H 59 / L 47 with heavy cloud cover. Sunrise 6:54am, sunset 8:59pm.
- **Nights:** Saturday 9/2, Sunday 9/3
 - Best Western Plus Edgewater Hotel: 2 Queen Beds with Balcony View
 - 200 5th Ave, Seward, 99664, AK
 - **\$688.18 (Paid at Arrival)**
 - Need Taxi from Train to Hobtel
- Things to Do: Dinner Cruise (\$100), Hikes at Kenai (Free)

Kenai Fjords National Park

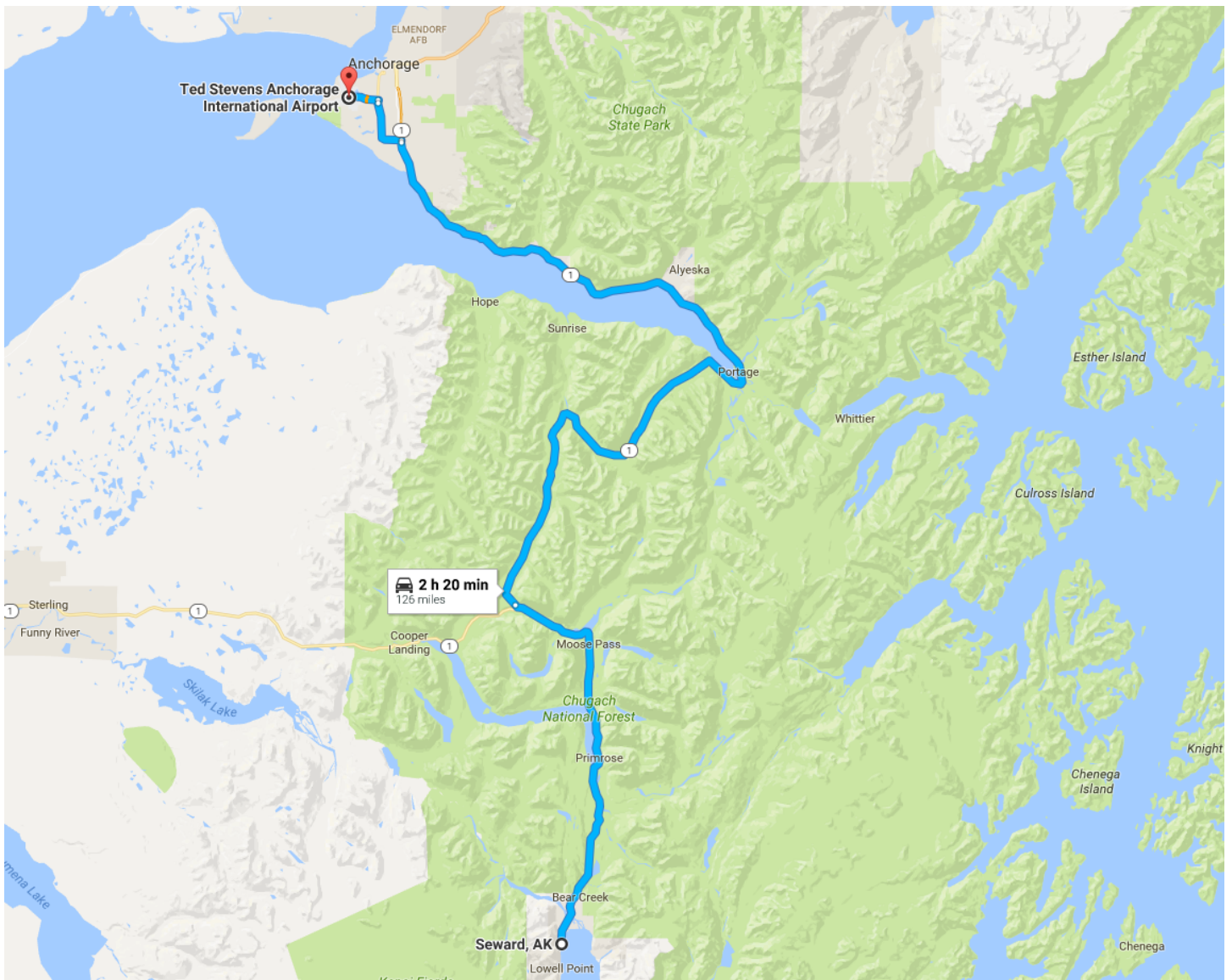
- **Activity:** Kayak Kenai
 - **\$426.90** Per Person (1/2 Deposit, 1/2 at Location)
 - 7:15am Departure, ~5:30pm return
 - Bring the Following:
 - Rain Jacket (Available to Rent for 10\$)
 - Rain Pants (Available to Rent for 10\$)
 - Warm Synthetic Layers (non-cotton)
 - Water Bottle
 - Sunglasses / Sunscreen
 - Camera
 - This cruise includes portion of kayaks and Boating. Group sizes are less than 6
 - <http://www.kayakak.com/aialikbaydaytrip>



Fly Home: Anchorage Alaska

Monday 9/4

- **Car:** Rent car back to Anchorage
- **304.19** (Pay at Counter) Full Size 4 Dr.
 - Hertz Pickup Location: 600 Port Avenue, Seward, AK 99664
 - Hertz Drop Off Location: 4555 International Airport Road, Anchorage, AK 99502-1018
- **Check Out:** Chugach State Park





Fly Home!

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