UNTAMED ALASKA
August 11-21, 2020

11 days from $6,497 total price from Seattle
($6,395 air & land inclusive plus $102 airline taxes and fees)

A Special Small Group Tour for Alumni and Friends of Arizona State University

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure's World's Best Tour Operators award.
Dear ASU Alumni and Friends,

ASU Travel & Tours takes you on a special 11-day small group tour that reveals America’s true “Last Frontier,” journeying into the very heart of some of Alaska’s wildest country, as well as to its engaging cities.

Set out by deluxe railcar to encounter Denali National Park’s stunning wilderness during a three-night stay. Revel in mountain views, hike through the tundra, and visit an Iditarod sled dog kennel. A breathtaking prop plane flight brings you deep into remote Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, America’s largest national park, where you take a singular excursion to walk on Root Glacier and explore the once-booming copper mining town of Kennicott. Tour Anchorage’s historic downtown, then visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, home to bears, moose, elk, lynx, and more. In picturesque Seward, embark on a cruise to explore rugged Kenai Fjords National Park. Your adventure concludes back in Anchorage with a dynamic Native Games demonstration and time for independent exploration.

We are pleased to share this departure with alumni and friends from Fordham University. Space is limited to 24 guests in total from both schools, and will fill quickly. Please call today to reserve your place on this memorable tour of Alaska!

Sincerely,

Christine K. Wilkinson, ’66 B.A.E., ’76 Ph.D.
President & CEO, ASU Alumni Association
Senior Vice President and Secretary of the University
Managing Director, Trustees of ASU

THE ASU RESERVATION FORM: UNTAMED ALASKA

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Untamed Alaska, departing August 11, 2020. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765.

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Please book my/our air from ____________________________________________________________

I will share a room with ______________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) □

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Untamed Alaska, August 11-21, 2020, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) ________________________________________________________________ Date___________________

Method of Payment □ Check □ American Express □ Discover □ MasterCard □ VISA

Account # ___________________________ Security Code _________ Exp. Date ______________

Name of Cardholder ________________________________________________________________________________

Signature ____________________________________________________________

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.
Day 1: Depart for Anchorage, Alaska

We depart today for Anchorage, Alaska’s largest city. Upon arrival, we check in to our centrally located hotel then have time to explore on our own. As guests’ arrival times may vary, we have no group activities or meals planned.

Day 2: Anchorage/Denali National Park

This morning we meet our Odyssey Unlimited Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome briefing about the journey ahead. Then we depart by motorcoach for Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska’s—and America’s—true Last Frontier. We first travel to Talkeetna, where we board a deluxe domed railcar that provides us with panoramic views of the passing landscape on the four-hour journey. Upon arrival in Denali late this afternoon, we enjoy a special interpretive presentation, “Welcome to the SubArctic,” introducing us to the park. B,D

Day 3: Denali National Park

It’s a day of extreme beauty as we encounter Denali National Park up close. This six-million-acre preserve, larger than the state of Massachusetts, comprises forests, alpine tundra, subarctic taiga, and snow-covered mountains. We begin our full day of touring as we board a Denali bus for the drive along the lone road deep into the park. We stop at the Eielson Visitor Center, where, weather permitting, we may see one of the most dramatic views of grand Denali (formerly Mt. McKinley), North America’s tallest peak standing at more than 20,000 feet. Throughout our journey, a local naturalist and our driver-guide will share stories about the park and the historic characters who found their way to this remote wilderness. After stopping for a box lunch, we set out on an easy hike through the park’s tundra, where we keep our eyes peeled for grizzly bear, moose, caribou, and the iconic Dall sheep known for their white coat and massive curled horns. B,L

Day 4: Denali National Park

Today we enjoy an authentic Alaska experience as we visit a local Iditarod sled dog kennel. Covering 1,000 miles of some of the roughest terrain in the world, the grueling Iditarod, “The Last Great Race on Earth,” draws nearly 100 competitive mushers and their dog teams annually. At the kennel, we learn about the history of the race and meet the kennel’s Husky puppies, who will soon start their training to become working sled dogs.

Small Group Tour Highlights

Scenic Denali NP tour and hike • Visit to an Iditarod sled dog kennel • Remote Wrangell-St. Elias National Park • Copper mining town of Kennicott • Root Glacier hike • Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center tour • Kenai Fjords NP cruise • Anchorage city tour • Cultural demonstrations at Alaska Native Heritage Center • Stays at distinctive lodges

A highlight of any journey to Alaska: Denali, North America’s highest peak
We return to the lodge for lunch followed by an afternoon at leisure, perhaps to do some hiking or take an optional rafting excursion. This evening we reconvene for dinner and a lively show at the Denali Dinner Theater housed in an authentic log cabin.  

**Day 5: Denali National Park/Wrangell-St. Elias National Park**

We depart Denali by motorcoach this morning for the day-long journey to remote Chitina (pop. 126!). Here we board a prop plane for the scenic flight deep into Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, at 8.3 million acres the largest national park in the United States. Our destination: the historic copper mining towns of Kennicott/McCarthy, sitting deep within the park. During our 30-minute flight, we get our first views of the park’s rugged wilderness, including 5,000 square miles of pristine glaciers, volcanoes, and mountain after mountain. Upon landing, we transfer to our lodge in the heart of Wrangell-St. Elias, overlooking 25 miles of glacier and surrounded by 14 of the highest mountain peaks in North America. We dine tonight at our lodge, the only one in Kennicott.

**Day 6: Wrangell-St. Elias National Park**

Home to more than 150 glaciers, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park contains the largest collection of these ice masses in North America. We see one of these glaciers up close today on our singular half-day hike to Root Glacier. After being fitted with crampons – steel shoe spikes created to traverse ice – we begin our two-mile excursion to the glacier and behold the natural beauty before us: unspoiled icefields, blue pools, cascading waterfalls, deep canyons, narrow crevasses. We eat a sack lunch in the wild then return to our lodge for an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, we enjoy dinner together at our lodge.

**Day 7: Wrangell-St. Elias National Park/Knik Valley**

This morning, we explore Kennicott, a National Historic Landmark District. Established in 1903, Kennicott was once a bustling mining camp, that became a ghost town after the ore was depleted in 1938. The town is now considered one of the best remaining examples of 20th-century copper mining. We see this firsthand on our tour of the 14-story concentration mill and other historic mining buildings. This afternoon we board a prop plane for the return flight to Chitina, where we then board a motorcoach for the four-hour drive to our European-style lodge in pristine wilderness just an hour from Anchorage. We dine together tonight at our lodge.

**Day 8: Knik Valley/Anchorage/Seward**

Late this morning we journey by coach to the coastal town of Seward. En route, we stop for a city tour of Anchorage, beginning at Lake Hood, the largest and busiest seaplane base in the world with more than 190 float planes taking off and landing daily. We also explore the city’s historic downtown, including Old City Hall; the Wendler Building, a popular women’s-only bar from the 1940s and ’50s; and 4th Avenue Market Place filled with local artisan shops. After time for lunch on our own in this city known for its fresh local salmon, halibut, and snow crab, we continue on to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing quality animal care and preserving Alaska’s wildlife. With 200 acres of spacious enclosures, the center offers an opportunity to see injured or orphaned bears, moose, elk, lynx, caribou, and more display their natural behavior in a safe environment. We then continue on to Seward and our hotel nestled in the Exit Glacier Valley.
Day 9: Seward  One of Alaska’s most scenic communities, Seward features a bustling harbor, inviting shops, and plenty of outdoor activities. The city also serves as the gateway to Kenai Fjords National Park, a 600,000-acre preserve comprising rocky peninsulas, long fjords, primeval glaciers, and tranquil bays and coves. We explore this rugged park today on a glacier and wildlife cruise. On board, we get up close to one of Kenai’s many glaciers and keep an eye out for some of the park’s diverse array of mammals and marine life, including bears, mountain goats, moose, otters, porpoises, sea lions, harbor seals, and whales. We enjoy lunch onboard before returning to Seward, where the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration and dinner on our own. B,L

Day 10: Seward/Anchorage  Today we return to Anchorage, where we visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center representing 11 of Alaska’s major native cultural groups. Here we enjoy a tour of the center and watch a dynamic Native Games demonstration. Then we have lunch on our own and the afternoon at leisure to explore the city as we wish. Tonight, we celebrate our journey through Alaska at a farewell dinner. B,D

Day 11: Depart Anchorage  We transfer this morning to the Anchorage airport for our flights home. B

Your Tour Price Includes

• Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
• 10 nights’ accommodations in First Class hotels
• 22 meals: 10 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners
• Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
• Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
• Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
• Luggage handling for one bag per person
• Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Tour Departs: August 11, 2020  Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

- Seattle $6,497
- Chicago, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco $6,797
- Baltimore, Denver, Houston, Miami, Minneapolis $6,997
- Atlanta, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Dallas, Tampa, Washington, DC $7,097
- Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, New York, Orlando, Philadelphia $7,297
- Land Only (transfers not included) $5,895

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $102, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Single travelers please add $1,695. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Depending on flight schedules, certain cities may require an overnight flight on the return, with the arrival home the following day.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven terrain and in a natural environment. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at: 888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); communication charges; optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund. If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Responsibility: The liability of the Arizona State University Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Arizona State University Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers.

We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or email us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the Arizona State University Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy airfare from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignments on your international flight is determined at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase nonrefundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air travel arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.