

Travel Bug Tour Connections



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Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve

is the largest wilderness unit in the United States, encompassing an area the size of six Yellowstone Parks. Arguably of equivalent magnificence as Denali, Wrangell-St. Elias presents a more remote and pristine wilderness experience and has many fewer visitors. The Park is filled with Alaskan wildlife, nine of the 16 highest peaks in the United States, including one shield volcano and glacier upon glacier. Flowing from the glaciers are rivers, blue with glacial water turning into raging silty torrents as they make their way to the Gulf of Alaska. Traveling deep into the park to experience its grandeur we will stay in quaint log cabins, and gracious lodges.



Wrangell-St. Elias contains stunning natural beauty and has seen human accomplishments of herculean proportions as well. The Kennicott copper mines were carved out of this rugged remote wilderness at the turn of the twentieth-century by hauling heavy equipment through hundreds of miles of mountains and deep gorges. Often fighting sub-zero temperatures, year-round snow and ice-choked rivers, this feat of engineering and human endeavor has rarely been equaled. The U.S. Park Service has restored some of the mining complex into a fascinating historical site. We will tour the historical town and spend a day venturing out onto Root Glacier.

Surrounded by four mountain ranges our travels continue down a National Scenic Byway through the glorious Thompson Pass and on to Valdez. En route, we will stop to hike along the Worthington Glacier and in Keystone Canyon. Climbing upward, the views at each are breathtaking.

Once in Valdez, we will take in the splendor of this snow-capped mountain encircled harbor. You will have a choice of a tour boat or kayaking to view glaciers and wildlife. After a full day and good night's sleep in a hotel at the harbor, we will board the Alaska Marine Ferry and traverse Prince William Sound to Whittier. From here we reboard the van to pass through the Whittier train tunnel under the Chugach Mountains and up the road back to Anchorage. .



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