



Alaskan Brown Bears

An Expedition into Wild Alaska

July 11 to 18, 2027



Alaskan Brown Bear
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SAFARI OVERVIEW

Embark on an unforgettable **Alaskan brown bear** and wildlife adventure designed for those who want to truly experience the wild heart of Alaska. With daily safaris by land and air, you'll **explore remote bear country** from a secluded, family-run **wilderness lodge** set within 18 million acres of roadless terrain, ideally located between Katmai National Park, Lake Clark National Park, and Bristol Bay.

Over five immersive days, our exclusive **private bush planes** will fly you to the interior and along the coast of Alaska for photographic and viewing opportunities of **Alaskan brown bears**, and other wildlife, including **moose, bald eagles**, and more. Guided by experts who understand both wildlife behavior and photographic positioning, you'll get to watch and, if you wish, capture powerful images of Alaskan brown bears against mountains and **salmon-filled rivers**. A dedicated day at famed **Brooks Falls** offers the chance to observe and **photograph** bears as they fish in rushing currents—one of Alaska's most iconic wildlife scenes. This once-in-a-lifetime expedition combines rare access, scenic flights, and world-class wildlife photography for an Alaska experience few will ever experience.

WHY CHOOSE THIS EXPEDITION?

- **Unparalleled Brown Bear Encounters:** Spend immersive time deep in Alaska's wilderness observing—and photographing—Alaskan brown bears in their natural habitat, with a weather-permitting full day at iconic Brooks Falls.
- **Spectacular Daily Scenic Flights:** Soar above glaciers, cascading waterfalls, and remote coastlines, gaining a dramatic aerial perspective of wild Alaska's vast, untouched landscapes.

- **Incredible Wildlife Encounters:** In addition to extensive time with the bears, spot other iconic Alaskan wildlife, including moose, fox, and bird species.
- **Expert-Guided & Conservation-Focused:** Led by Cheesemans’ co-owner and professional wildlife photographer Scott Davis, ensuring an educational adventure rooted in conservation.

LEADER: Scott Davis.

DAYS: 8, including estimated travel time.

GROUP SIZE: 10.

COST: \$11,300 per person, double occupancy, not including airfare (except for two internal flights), singles extra. See the *Costs* section on page 4.

Date	Description	Accommodation	Meals
July 11	Travel to Anchorage, Alaska.	Lakefront Anchorage Hotel, Anchorage	
July 12	Into the Alaskan Wild. Spend the morning exploring Anchorage at your own pace. In the afternoon, take a scenic flight to our remote wilderness lodge.	Private lodge, Bristol Bay Region	B, D
July 13–16	Wilderness Adventures. Daily trips on private bush planes to explore the wilderness, seeking various wildlife and photography opportunities. Weather permitting, a full day at Brooks Falls.	Private lodge, Bristol Bay Region	B, L, D
July 17	Final Wilderness Day Before Return to Anchorage. A final day of wilderness exploration with a late afternoon internal flight back to Anchorage for an overnight.	Lakefront Anchorage Hotel, Anchorage	B, L
July 18	Depart for home.		

LEADER

Cheesemans’ Ecology Safaris carefully selects leaders who are experts in their field to ensure that your experience is the best it can be. One leader with assistant guides will provide a range of expertise for your trip.

Scott Davis

Scott is Cheesemans’ Ecology Safaris Co-owner and a professional photographer specializing in wildlife, nature, and travel. Originally trained as a wildlife and marine biologist, his research and photo assignments took him to the far corners of the globe. National Geographic, BBC, Animal Planet, and renowned magazines have used his photography. His patience for teaching and love of capturing the essence of his subjects make him one of our most popular tour leaders.



DETAILED ITINERARY

July 11 ~ Travel to Anchorage, Alaska from home

Travel to Anchorage, Alaska from your home. You will make your way to your hotel for the night. Take this time to prepare for your adventure ahead.

July 12 ~ Fly to Your Back-country Lodge

Explore Anchorage at your own pace in the morning. Then you'll take an internal flight to our private, family-run wilderness lodge nestled between Katmai National Park, Lake Clark National Park, and the pristine waters of Bristol Bay.



Alaskan Brown Bears
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July 13—16 ~ Remote Wilderness and Alaska Brown Bear Viewing

Over the course of your time at the lodge, immerse yourself in one of Alaska's wildest regions where the rhythms of nature set the pace, and each day unfolds with the potential for unforgettable wildlife encounters and photography experiences that capture the raw power, quiet intimacy, and untamed beauty of the Last Frontier.

With access to our private bush planes and the expertise of seasoned Alaskan pilots and guides, you'll have unparalleled access to prime Alaskan brown bear habitats. Rather than being confined to a single site, you follow the wildlife, seeking out tidal flats, salmon streams, and remote meadows where Alaskan brown bears are often seen foraging, fishing, or wandering with their cubs. All bush plane flights are included in your stay, allowing exploration based on weather, bear movement, and conditions on the ground.



Bald Eagles

Daily excursions vary and may include quiet hours in the field observing wildlife, exploring vast, glacier-carved landscapes, or simply soaking up the remoteness of this untouched corner of Alaska. Throughout, your guides provide valuable insight into bear behavior, local ecology, and conservation efforts shaping the future of this ecosystem. As a special added destination, weather permitting, you will also spend a day at the famed Brooks Falls to work on observing and photographing the iconic Alaskan brown bears fishing for jumping salmon. It is thrilling to stand on that platform and watch bears as they battle the current and time their jaws to snatch leaping salmon from mid-air.

Evenings at the lodge are a time to reconnect and reflect. Savor freshly prepared, locally inspired meals as you share stories by the fire or out on the deck and review your day's images. With each passing moment, the line between observer and participant fades. Whether the day brought a rare wildlife moment or simply the deep stillness of the wilderness, this journey offers a rare opportunity to connect with the wild on its own terms.

July 17 ~ Flight back to Anchorage.

A last day of back-country exploration, looking for various wildlife with a few adventure options. The group may return to a remote wilderness area for more bear viewing, or take a jet boat to Lake Clark for striking scenery, excellent fishing, and the chance to spot a moose. There is also the option of a scenic flight into Lake Clark National Park, flying over glaciers and rugged peaks before landing at Twin Lakes to visit the preserved cabin of Dick Proenneke, where he lived alone for over 30 years. Each option offers a memorable and meaningful way to close out your time in Alaska's wild country. The group will return to the lodge in the afternoon and then take a short flight back to Anchorage where we'll transfer you to a local hotel.

July 18 ~ Depart for home.

Make your way to the airport for your flight back home.

COSTS (ALL COSTS ARE IN US DOLLARS)

Cost

Type	Cost per Person
Trip Cost, double occupancy	\$11,300
Single Supplement	Contact us

Costs are per person, double occupancy, not including airfare, singles extra. See *Included* and *Not Included* sections for more details.

If you are a single traveler, we will try to find a roommate for you, but if we cannot pair you with a roommate, we may charge you a single supplement. Single rooms cost extra and are subject to availability.

Payment Schedule

Payment	Due Date	Amount per Person
Deposit	Due now to reserve your space	\$500
Final	February 1, 2027	Remaining Balance

Payments are due based on the schedule above. All bookings require the final payment to confirm reservation of your space.

Cancellations

Until the Final Payment due date, deposits are refundable except for a cancellation fee of \$150 per person, which can be applied toward another trip if reserved within six months of the canceled trip's departure date. Cancellations are non-transferable. No refunds are given after the Final Payment due date.

Included

- Carbon offsets for the duration of this trip.
- All leaders and transport for all activities unless described as optional.
- Two internal flights.
- Accommodations for the nights of July 11 through July 17.
- Free airport shuttle from Anchorage Airport to Lakefront Anchorage Hotel.
- All private bush plane flights from the lodge.
- Meals from breakfast on July 12 through lunch on July 17, except meals listed in *Not Included* section.
- Transfers on July 12 and July 17 between the Lakefront Anchorage Hotel and the domestic airfield.
- Non-alcoholic bottled beverages while at the lodge.
- Trip Planning Materials – information about entry requirements, flights, packing, gratuities, etc.

Not Included

- Carbon offsets for your flights to/from this trip.
- All airfare (except flights listed as included) and excess baggage fees.
- Lunch in Anchorage on July 12 and dinner in Anchorage on July 17.
- Divergent airport transfers (arranged by us) and extra hotel nights.
- Gratuities.
- [Emergency evacuation insurance and trip cancellation insurance](#).
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, medical costs or hospitalization, room service, alcoholic and other beverages, items not on the regular menu, etc. If you have special dietary needs, please indicate them on your Traveler Form.

SIGN UP

Please contact us first to check availability, reserve your space, and obtain a Traveler Form. To confirm your reservation, we require the final payment and signed form from each participant.

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OTHER DETAILS

Climate

In July, Katmai National Park offers cool, dynamic summer conditions, with daytime temperatures typically ranging from the mid-50s to mid-60s °F (10–18 °C) and cooler evenings dropping into the 40s °F (4–9 °C). In Katmai, expect a mix of overcast skies, light rain, and occasional sunny breaks, along with coastal breezes and cool temperatures near rivers and lakes where bears gather. Layered clothing and waterproof gear are essential to stay comfortable while exploring these stunning and varied Alaskan landscapes.

Fitness Level

You must be able to get in and out of the float planes by stepping up or down from the plane with staff

assisting you. You'll have opportunities for a range of activities from easy, short hikes to longer, more vigorous hikes for those interested. Please contact us if you have any health concerns that may make this trip challenging.

Motion Sickness

Don't let a fear of motion sickness keep you away! Even those who have experienced motion sickness reported that the incredible wildlife and overall experience were well worth the temporary discomfort. If you are susceptible to motion sickness from small planes or are concerned that you might be, please come prepared! The key to avoiding motion sickness is to act before you experience nausea. Do your own research and consult your doctor before taking any medications. A good night of sleep, eating well, limiting alcohol, and using your favorite seasickness remedy is sufficient for most travelers. Find more information on our [Coping with Seasickness](#) webpage (this information is applicable to any form of motion sickness) and contact us if you have any questions.

Flights

Detailed logistical information is included in the Trip Planning Materials we will send you.

Flights you book

- Arrive in Anchorage, Alaska (ANC) anytime on July 11.
- Depart from Anchorage, Alaska (ANC) after 6:00am on July 18.

Flights we book

- Two internal flights are included in the trip cost. The internal flights will have a luggage weight allowance of 32kg (70lbs) total, including your checked and carry-on bags.

Terms and Conditions

Read our current [Terms and Conditions](#).

Conservation

Our company ethos has always regarded conservation as inseparable from responsible tourism. We struggle with the dilemma that traveling worldwide expends climate-changing carbon. However, we wholeheartedly believe that traveling with us will cultivate your passion for conserving our beautiful world while stimulating each destination's local economy. We encourage you to explore the various ways in which Cheesemans' operates within this context:

- **Cheesemans' Trips are Carbon Neutral.**
- **Offsetting your Travel to/from our Trip:** We ask you to pledge to offset the carbon emissions for your travel to and from our trips. You can purchase offsets with most airlines (Delta includes them automatically), use our handy [carbon calculator](#) and donate to Sustainable Travel International, or contribute to your favorite offsetting organization.
- **Local Conservation:** Check out our [Conservation](#) pages to learn how we support conservation efforts through meaningful partnerships and responsible tourism practices.

Together, we can continue exploring and cherishing this planet while working toward its long-term protection. Thank you for being part of this important journey with us.