

NATIVE HOMELANDS AND AMERICA'S GREAT FRONTIER



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FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE year TPL is offering an Alaskan adventure to the treasured national parks and preserves that TPL has helped to conserve. We will begin our travels at the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage—a community-gathering place established to share, perpetuate, and preserve through celebration and education the unique cultures, languages, traditions, and values of Alaska's Natives. We will tour the center and spend an evening in conversation with Margie Twitchell Brown, a lifelong Alaskan of Yup'ik (Eskimo) descent and president of the Cook Inlet Region,

Inc., an Alaska Native regional corporation formed pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

The following morning we will head south to Seward, where we will explore Exit Glacier in Kenai Fjords National Park. A glacial ecologist from the National Park Service will guide us on a private tour of the glacier and will talk about glacier health as it relates to global warming. Next day, we'll board a catamaran for a private tour of the national park with park staff—or, as an option, make an up-close visit to the fjords

by sea kayak. In the evening we'll take a private tour of the Alaska SeaLife Center with its president, Ian Dutton, who will discuss ocean conservation and environmental ethics.

From Seward, we'll continue on to Talkeetna via Anchorage, where we will stop at the Anchorage Museum for lunch, a tour, and a private conversation with museum director James Pepper Henry. We'll spend the night at the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, where you may choose to hop aboard a Denali flightseeing tour into a world of rugged, high-mountain peaks and glacier-filled valleys. That evening will be spent with John Leonard, lead mountaineering ranger of Denali National Park and Preserve, who will tell stories about climbing three-mile-high Denali (Mt. McKinley), the highest point in North America and one the world's most volatile peaks.

Upon our arrival at the park visitor center the next day, we will sit down to a welcome lunch and conservation with park superintendent Paul Anderson at the Murie Science & Learning Center, which supports research in Alaska's eight northern national parks. That afternoon, we'll head deep into the heart of Denali

National Park to Camp Denali, a family-owned and operated lodge that has been inspiring travelers for over 50 years. From the porch of your rustic private cabin, you'll have a direct view of Denali.

Denali National Park and Preserve was established in 1917. For years, gold mining continued within the park at the Kantishna Hills, northwest of the mountain. After a federal injunction halted mining in the park, TPL stepped in 1991 to acquire 330 acres of former mining claims to prevent their likely sale for subdivision or resort development.

Our trip is scheduled for the summer solstice, so we will have almost 24 hours of daylight each day to explore America's great frontier.

TRIP DETAILS

DATES: June 21–28, 2010

DAYS/NIGHTS: 8/7

MAX. GROUP SIZE: 18

PRICE (PER PERSON):

Double \$4,970 Single \$5,620

HOSTS: Jim Morgens, TPL

Georgia Advisory Council member, and Sally Morgens