



Natural Selections

BIRDING, WILDLIFE, AND PHOTO TOURS



Brown Bear and Sockeye Salmon

Alaska Brown Bears and Salmon Photography Workshop

5 Nights/6 Days

Hearing 'Alaska' conjures up images of bears, mountains, wilderness...that is exactly why Natural Selections is going back! Alaska provides a stunning setting for our Bears and Salmon photography tour. Embrace this cold adventure and join us to swim with spawning salmon, safely photograph fishing Brown Bears, and watch fishing Bald Eagles.

Salmon runs are one of nature's great spectacles and these workshops are timed to be able to witness the spawning migrations of both Pink and Sockeye Salmon. We will have the opportunity to snorkel with both species and photograph them during their runs. Where there are salmon...there are bears! When not underwater, we will have the chance to photograph some of the largest Brown Bears on earth as they gorge themselves on nutritious, fatty salmon. We will travel between Anchorage, Williwaw Creek, and Kodiak Island, photographing wildlife along the way. While the bears and salmon are the stars of the show, countless species of birds and mammals can be spotted along the way. Join us in the great white north for the Alaskan adventure of a lifetime!

Tour Overview

Day 1: Arrive Anchorage (ANC)

Day 2: Williwaw Creek underwater salmon photography

Day 3: Williwaw Creek morning underwater salmon photography, return to Anchorage, fly to Kodiak, evening session for bears in Kodiak

Day 4: Kodiak Island Brown Bears and salmon photography

Day 5: Kodiak Brown Bears and underwater Salmon

Day 6: Morning Brown Bears, depart Kodiak, trip ends



Sockeye Salmon

5 Night/6 Day Itinerary:

Day 1, Arrive Anchorage/Williwaw Creek:

We'll meet in Anchorage around midday, have introductions, then proceed south for an hour drive to Williwaw Creek for our first session of underwater photography with salmon. We will stop on the way to get snacks and pre-made lunches. Williwaw is a breeding creek for sockeye, chum, and pink salmon and provides a beautiful and scenic setting to capture images. At the end of the day we will head back to Anchorage for the night. Lodging at Comfort Suites.

Day 2, Williwaw Creek:

After an early breakfast at the hotel, we will drive an hour south to Williwaw Creek for a full day of salmon photography. We will stop on the way to get snacks and pre-made lunches. Williwaw is a breeding creek for sockeye, chum, and pink salmon and provides a beautiful and scenic setting to

capture images. At the end of the day we will head back to Anchorage for the night. Lodging at Comfort Suites.

Day 3, Williwaw Creek, Depart to Kodiak Island:

We'll check out of our rooms early, and head to Williwaw one final time for a morning session of salmon photography. After a few hours we'll pack up and head back to Anchorage for our flight to Kodiak. After arriving in Kodiak, we will check into our hotel before going out looking for bears in the evening. We will have dinner once we lose daylight before returning to the hotel for the night. Lodging at Best Western Kodiak.

Day 4-5, Fly to Kodiak – Brown Bears:

The breakfast buffet opens at 6am at the hotel and we will head out immediately after breakfast. We will head to whatever location has had recent bear activity, likely to

either Women's Bay or White Sands Beach. Any location will have underwater photography opportunities of at least pink salmon and possibly chum. If action is good, we can spend most of the day at either location. If action is slow, we will check out the Pasagshak to look for eagles, foxes, whales, and hopefully more bears! If skies are overcast, we will stay out until we lose light and have a later dinner. If skies are clear we will have an early dinner around 5pm before heading back out to the Buskin for evening bear action until we lose daylight. Lodging at Best Western Kodiak.

Day 6, Kodiak Brown Bears, depart Kodiak:

Today we'll get out early for sunrise at 6:30 AM and more Bear photography, after which we will come back to the hotel for checkout and then lunch, proceeding to the airport thereafter. Trip ends.



Brown Bears



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Included for the duration of this itinerary:

Ground transportation and fuel, one-way flights from Kodiak to Anchorage, lodging, guiding, permits, guide throughout.

Not Included:

Arrival or departure flights to/from Kodiak and Anchorage, meals, gear, travel insurance, alcoholic beverages, laundry, souvenirs, or other items of a personal nature.

Travel insurance is recommended for this and all travel. Please see <https://www.naturalselectionstours.com/travel-insurance/> for details