

Alaska's Wild Lands

Denali & the Kenai Fjords

With Climate One Founder, Greg Dalton

June 20 - 28, 2011



Discover Alaska's natural wonders as we journey from the rolling tundra of its mountainous interior to the rugged landscape of Alaska's spectacular coastal wilderness - all in one seamless itinerary offered June 20 – 28, 2011.



Why Now?

June is one of the best months to travel to Alaska:

- Witness wildlife - like grizzlies, moose and wolves - as they introduce their young to Alaska's summer habitat.
- Migrating birds are overhead, including aerobic Arctic Terns and stunning Sandhill Cranes.
- June brings the emergence of Alaska's beautiful wildflowers, such as lupine and fireweed.
- And lastly, extended daylight hours (up to 18) allow us to make the most out of our Alaska journey each day!



Itinerary

June 20 – Fairbanks

Independent arrival into Alaska's largest interior city, Fairbanks. *Pike's Waterfront Lodge*

June 21 – Fairbanks

Visit the University of Fairbanks Museum and Large Animal Research Center. See the elusive and unusual muskox. Meet with John Walsh, President's Professor of Climate Change and Chief Scientist at the International Arctic Research Center. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner, as well as visit the famous Alaska Pipeline. *Pike's Waterfront Lodge* (D)

June 22 – Denali National Park

After breakfast, we travel south aboard the historic Alaska Railroad to Denali National Park. On arrival, enjoy lunch and then embark on a wildlife drive through the park. Watch for caribou, moose, Dall sheep, grizzly bears, resident and migratory birds, and – if weather permits – gaze upon the splendor of Denali (Mt. McKinley)! Arrive to Kantishna Roadhouse for dinner, and settle into your cabin accommodations. *Kantishna Roadhouse* (B, L, D)

June 23 – Denali National Park

Experience a full day of exploration and hiking in the Kantishna region of Denali National Park. Activities include guided hiking, natural history programs, dog sled demonstrations, and mountain biking. Optional add-on flightseeing tours are also available. This evening, our guest speaker leads a discussion on the Alaska National Interest Lands Act (ANILCA), its history, and its future in protecting Alaska's wild lands. *Kantishna Roadhouse* (B, L, D)

June 24 – Denali/Anchorage

Following an early breakfast, embark on a return Denali scenic drive and watch for wildlife. Today's journey brings us south to Alaska's largest city – Anchorage. We'll break for a delicious picnic lunch and casual nature walk in the afternoon. Enjoy dinner at a popular local restaurant. *Anchorage Clarion Suites* (B, L, D)

June 25 – Kenai Fjords National Park

This morning, board a small boat bound for Kenai Fjords National Park – home to an array of glaciers and marine wildlife such as whales, Steller sea lions, sea otters, puffins, and more! Explore the rugged coastlines during our four-hour

marine wildlife cruise. Enjoy lunch in front of a tidewater glacier before arriving at our exclusive lodge destination: Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge.

Nestled in a protected tidal lagoon area, the Glacier Lodge offers miles of pristine beachfront for combing and views of the stunning Pederson Glacier. This afternoon, meet your guides for a tour of the lodge and property and settle into your private cabins. Enjoy dinner and evening presentations.

Meet with global climate change experts from Alaska Conservation Solutions this evening and talk about Alaska as the frontline in climate change and energy issues in North America. *Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge* (B, L, D)

June 26 – Kenai Fjords National Park

Choose from a wide array of activities best suited to your energy level and interest. Guided options include interpretive nature walks, sea kayaking, canoe paddles, and coastal explorations. Or, you may relax at the lodge and peruse the natural history library. *Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge* (B, L, D)

June 27 – Kenai Fjords National Park/Anchorage

Take the morning to kayak, canoe, or beach comb for a half-day before boarding our boat for the return wildlife cruise to Seward. Board the historic Alaska Railroad for a scenic backcountry rail tour back to Anchorage. Enjoy a festive farewell dinner on the train. *Anchorage Clarion Suites* (B, L, D)

June 28 – Anchorage

Our tour concludes with breakfast at the hotel. Shuttles are arranged so that you may fly home at any point this day or tour Anchorage "on your own." (B)

Note: We do not expect any major changes from this schedule. However, in the spirit of adventure, we allow our itinerary to remain flexible so that we may take advantage of spontaneous events.



Terms and Conditions

This exclusive program is limited to 16 travelers.

Cost*

\$4,795 per person, based on double occupancy

\$5,845 per person, based on single occupancy

*This program is based on a minimum of 8 travelers. If less than 8 travelers sign up for the program, the cost may need to be adjusted.

Deposit and Payments

To make a reservation, a deposit of \$500 per person is required by check or credit card. Please mail your check (payable to "Commonwealth Club of California") or charge instructions, with your completed reservation form to the address on the form. You may also fax in your reservation form or call (415) 597-6720. Final payment is due on March 1, 2011.

Deposits, Cancellations and Refunds

Please note the following policies on cancellations and refunds. *We strongly recommend trip-cancellation insurance; applications will be sent to you.*

If cancellation occurs:	Minimum per person fee:
More than 120 days prior to departure	\$200 per person
120 to 91 days prior to departure	\$400 per person
90 to 36 days prior to departure	50% of per person trip cost
Within 35 days prior to departure	100% of per person trip cost

Responsibility

The Commonwealth Club of California and our ground operators and suppliers act only as agents for the travelers with respect to transportation and arrangements, and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motorcoach, or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. The Commonwealth Club of California accepts no liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. California Seller of Travel Program Registration #2096889-40

Included

- 8 nights deluxe hotel and lodge accommodations
- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- Wine and beer with welcome and farewell dinners
- Transfers to and from the airport on group arrival and departure days
- Private access to expert guest speakers, plus lectures and discussions
- Tours, park fees, activities and all coach, rail, and boat transportation as specified in the itinerary
- Gratuities for hotel staff, restaurant staff, and bus driver
- Pre-departure information and the services of a professional Tour Manager

- Commonwealth Club Leader and the camaraderie of the Club's travelers

Not Included

- Air transportation
- Gratuities to naturalist staff and guides
- Alcoholic beverages, other than at the welcome and farewell dinners
- Optional flight-seeing excursions and other activities done independently
- Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance
- Personal items such as e-mail, telephone and fax calls, souvenirs, laundry and gratuities for non-group services

Alaska's Wild Lands June 20-28, 2010 Reservation Form



Phone: (415) 597-6720
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Personal Information

Traveler 1:

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone (____) _____

Traveler 2:

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

First Name: _____

Single Travelers Only

I plan to share accommodations with _____

I wish to have single accommodations. I'd like to know about possible roommates. I am a smoker / nonsmoker.

Payment

Here is my deposit of \$ _____ (\$500 per person) for _____ place(s).

Enclosed is my check (make payable to Commonwealth Club of California).

Charge my deposit to my Visa MasterCard American Express

Card Number: _____ Expires: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail completed form to: Commonwealth Club Travel, 595 Market St., 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105

I/We have read the Terms and Conditions and agree to them. Signature: _____

Trip Highlights

- Join **Climate One Founder Greg Dalton** for small-group discussions with leaders from **Alaska Conservation Solutions** and the **Alaska Conservation Foundation**. Examine issues and solutions related to our pressing energy and environmental challenges.
- See the **Alaska Pipeline** and learn about the state's oil production and effects across the world. Visit historic mining sites in the **Kantishna region** and learn about the impact.
- Journey deep into the pristine wilderness of **Denali National Park** and encounter Alaska's most famed wildlife - grizzlies, wolves, caribou, moose and more. Hike, bike, and explore throughout mountain valleys with views of the stunning Alaska Range.
- Explore the stunning **Kenai Peninsula**, known for its turquoise rivers, native salmon, and bald eagles. Cruise through **Kenai Fjords National Park** and experience abundant marine wildlife - whales, sea lions, puffins, and seals. (Our eco-lodge rests in a protected lagoon, surrounded by a wildlife sanctuary, and near the face of **Pedersen Glacier!**)
- Expert local guides will lead your journeys into the wilds of Alaska. **Kayak, hike, and explore** by day; gather around the bonfire - or wood-fired sauna by night.

Commonwealth Club Leader



Greg Dalton founded Climate One at The Commonwealth Club in 2007 after visiting the Arctic Circle aboard a Russian icebreaker. Today Climate One is a thriving leadership dialogue on energy, the environment and the economy. It brings together top thinkers and doers from business, government, academia and advocacy groups to advance the discussion about a clean energy future. Visit climate-one.org.



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