Dear Princetonian,

At the tail end of the 2013 season, I had the opportunity to travel to Alaska—leaving the beeps and buzzes of my modern life behind to reconnect with friends, family, and the natural world. I can now say that one of the best ways to experience the splendor of Alaska is to approach it quietly and thoughtfully on a small, group, land-based program. We are pleased to work with Alaska Wildland Adventures, the leader in lodge-based programs for the last three decades, to provide Princetonians the opportunity to explore the best of the Kenai Peninsula and Denali National Park.

On this exclusive program, explore rolling tundra, northernmost rainforests, massive tidewater glaciers, and more. As days at the lodges are planned to accommodate a variety of activity levels, choose to explore your surroundings the way you want—hiking, sea kayaking, canoeing, or just listening to the breeze while enjoying a good book.

Space is limited to a small group of Princeton travelers to ensure an intimate, personalized experience in The Land of the Midnight Sun! Contact the Princeton Journeys team at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu to reserve your space today.

With kind regards,

Leslie J. Rowley S95
Executive Director, Princeton Journeys
Office of the Alumni Association
Princeton University

Dr. Christopher Little *10, Associate Research Scholar in the Program in Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy at Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson School, will serve as Study Leader for this program.

Dr. Little received his B.A. from Williams College in chemistry with a concentration in Environmental Studies and earned his Ph.D. from Princeton’s department of geosciences. His research interests include polar oceanography, ice sheet dynamics, sea level change, and the characterization of uncertainty in climate projections. With collaborators at NOAA’s Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, Chris uses numerical models to investigate the coupling between climate and ice sheets. His recent work at the Woodrow Wilson School focuses on developing transparent, updatable frameworks for projecting sea level change. He is a contributing author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s Special Report on Extreme Events and Disasters, the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report, and the New York City Panel on Climate Change’s recent climate risk assessment. While much of his field work has taken place aboard a research vessel in the Antarctic, he has traveled to Alaska overland. During this Journey, Dr. Little will introduce the key processes underlying past and future sea level variability, including changes the flow of ice sheets and Alaskan glaciers. He will highlight the ways in which climate interacts with the cryosphere and recent observations of rapid change in polar regions. Dr. Little hopes that this background information will lead to lively discussions about climate and sea level projections, possible impacts on coastal regions, and societal responses to these risks.
Alaska Overland

Please join Princeton Journeys and explore amazing places in the Last Frontier.

Monday, July 21
Arrivals to Fairbanks
Independent arrival into Alaska’s largest interior city, Fairbanks. Today, explore the Museum of the North, as well as the famed Alaska Pipeline. This evening after a full-trip orientation, enjoy dinner together as a group, and get an overview of the exciting activities and destinations that lie ahead. Pike’s Waterfront Lodge. (D)

Tuesday, July 22
Alaska Railroad to Denali
Travel aboard the historic Alaska Railroad to Denali National Park and embark on a narrated Denali wildlife drive. After a stop for lunch, leave the crowds at the park entrance behind and travel deep into the park by a comfortable, private bus (five to six hour drive). Watch for caribou, moose, Dall sheep, grizzly bears, resident and migratory birds, and – if weather permits – gaze upon the splendor of Denali (Mt. McKinley)! Evening lectures on Alaskan Native culture and the area’s rich gold mining history will be featured nightly. Kantishna Roadhouse. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, July 23
Denali
Enjoy a full day of exploration, including a guided morning hike and afternoon activities featuring a dog sled demonstration and gold panning. Many guests find flakes of gold in Moose Creek! Optional add-on flightseeing tours will be offered during your stay at the lodge. Kantishna Roadhouse. (B, L, D)

Thursday, July 24
Denali to Anchorage
Following an early breakfast, embark on a scenic drive through Denali and watch for wildlife while heading for the entrance of the park. Once at the park entrance, continue the journey south to Anchorage, breaking for a delicious picnic lunch and an afternoon nature walk along the way. Tonight, savor dinner at a popular local restaurant. Clarion Suites Downtown. (B, L, D)

Friday, July 25
Kenai Fjords National Park
This morning, travel through the Chugach National Forest to the stunning seacoast town of Seward to board a small private boat bound for Kenai Fjords National Park – home to an array of glaciers and marine wildlife including whales, Steller sea lions, sea otters, puffins, and more! A scenic and spectacular half-day marine wildlife cruise will allow for an exploration of the rugged coastlines.

Home for the next two nights is the award-winning Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge, nestled in a protected tidal lagoon area with direct views of Pedersen Glacier. This exclusive property is surrounded by a 1700-acre wildlife sanctuary, and you will enjoy special access as this is the only lodge located inside the 700,000 acre Kenai Fjords National Park! This afternoon, take a group canoe trip to acclimate yourself to the property. Enjoy dinner and evening presentations on coastal Alaskan issues, such as global climate change. Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge. (B, L, D)

Saturday, July 26
Kenai Fjords National Park
Explore the wild delights of Kenai Fjords National Park for a full day. Amazing kayaking, canoeing, and nature walks fill the day—with options to satisfy all, from the rank beginner to the outdoors expert. Free time late this afternoon will allow you to enjoy the private deck views from your cabin before dinner together in the lodge. Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge. (B, L, D)

Sunday, July 27
Kenai Fjords National Park to Anchorage
This morning allows another opportunity to kayak, canoe, or beach comb for a half day before boarding your boat for the return wildlife cruise to Seward. Board the historic Alaska Railroad for a scenic backcountry rail tour, and enjoy a festive farewell dinner on the train. Arrive Anchorage in the evening. Clarion Suites Downtown. (B, L, D)

Monday, July 28
Departures
This morning, visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center, featuring amazing exhibits and local artisans, followed by airport shuttles. (B)

Included meals: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner
What to Expect

Travelers on this journey should be in average physical shape and comfortable walking at least one mile on uneven terrain (unpaved nature paths), at a casual pace, with ample stops for water breaks.

A typical day will include up to four or five hours of outdoor activity. Evenings will feature free time to relax in private guest cabins or enjoy educational lectures and presentations on various topics such as Alaskan natural and cultural history. Activities on this trip are led by expert naturalist guides who hold safety certifications and permits, such as the Wilderness First Aid Responder license. When in “bear country,” guides will provide thorough safety briefings for all travelers.

Please be prepared for any type of weather. Often, temperatures are between the 40s and 60s in the summer, but it could be warmer or cooler. Typically the weather during the summer months is surprisingly mild. It rains in every month of the summer. For this week-long program, guests should plan for at least one day of rain.

Lodging

A mix of authentic Alaskan wilderness lodges and comfortable hotels have been selected for this journey. All guest rooms/cabins will feature a minimum of two double beds, private en suite bathroom/shower and on-demand electricity and heat.

**Pikes Waterfront Lodge** is located on the banks of the Chena River in Fairbanks. Guest rooms feature two double beds, private bath, free cable and wi-fi, hairdryer and heat/air conditioning. There is a large riverside deck for relaxing and two restaurants on the premises. Courtesy shuttles to/from the Fairbanks Airport are provided 24 hours a day.

**Kantishna Roadhouse** is located deep inside Denali National Park; the property is owned by a Native Alaskan Corporation. Guest cabins are well-appointed in nature settings near Moose Creek in the Kantishna Valley, with mountain views. Each cabin features two double-beds and private bath. The main lodge area features dining and places to relax, including Smokey Joe’s Saloon, with a deck overlooking the creek.

**Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge** is the only lodge inside the 700,000 acre Kenai Fjords National Park. Private guest cabins are situated in nature settings with views of Pedersen Glacier and Lagoon. Each cabin features a minimum of two double beds and private bath. There are areas in the main lodge for dining and relaxing, including a large deck overlooking the lagoon.

**Clarion Suites Downtown Anchorage** is located in the heart of Anchorage. Guest suites feature a sitting area with TV/mini-fridge, two double beds in a separate sleeping area and a private bath. Complimentary breakfast is available starting at 6:00 a.m. The property features a workout room and pool and courtesy shuttles to/from Anchorage airport and local Anchorage destinations provided 24 hours a day.
Air Arrangements – Travelers are responsible for arranging their airfare to and from Alaska. For assistance in arranging flights, feel free to contact your travel agent or Alaska Travel Source at 907-562-2213 or info@alaskatravelsource.com. Alaska Travel Source is a recommended travel agency of our tour operator, Alaska Wildland Adventures (AWA).

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Includes – All accommodations, meals as indicated; non-alcoholic drinks including potable or bottled water; all transportation as noted; all transfers and luggage handling within the program; hotel/airport transfers (provided by the hotels in Fairbanks and Anchorage at beginning and end of program); park user fees; gear and equipment for outdoor activities; all guided activities; services of a professional Trip Leader; evening discussions and lectures.

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Reservation Form

To reserve a space on this tour, please send your registration form and deposit check for $1000 per person, payable to Alaska Wildland Adventures, to the Office of the Alumni Association of Princeton University, John Maclean House, P.O. Box 291, Princeton, New Jersey 08540-0291. Reservation forms may be faxed to (609) 258-5561, or you may register by phone by calling Princeton Journeys at (609) 258-8686. Final Payment is due by 90 days prior to departure, payable by personal check, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.

Please reserve ……… place(s) on Alaska Overland, July 21 - 28, 2014

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Or, charge my deposit on  □ Visa  □ MasterCard  □ Discover Credit card number ..............................................................................................................................

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A Participant Agreement Form (which includes a Release of Liability, Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks) will be forwarded to each applicant upon receipt of deposit (or upon request) and will need to be signed by each participant prior to departure.

I/We have read and agree to the University Disclaimer for this tour (included in this brochure).

Signature(s) .......................................................................................................................................................... Date .................................................................