

Kodiak: land of giants

9-17 September 2021

Location: Kodiak Island, Alaska

Group size: 6; Cost GBP 7,750 per person



A **9 DAY, 8 NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHIC AND WILDLIFE VIEWING ADVENTURE** TO THE HEART OF KODIAK ISLAND TO OBSERVE THE LARGEST BROWN BEARS ON THE PLANET AS THEY FISH FOR SALMON IN AND AROUND KARLUK LAKE. THIS REMOTE, YET COMFORTABLE, EXPERIENCE IS GEARED TO GIVE YOU **A SUPERIOR PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE IN UNCROWDED SHOOTING CONDITIONS.**

WITH A **GROUP SIZE OF JUST 6** WE TAKE OVER THE VENUE, AND AS SUCH YOU ARE **GUARANTEED PLENTY OF TUITION TIME, AND ALSO PLENTY OF ROOM IN WHICH TO WORK.**

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- **SMALL GROUP SIZE** OF JUST 6 GUESTS
- **EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE ONLY LODGING IN THE KARLUK LAKE AREA**
- **9 DAYS AND 8 NIGHTS** IN THE PRIME TIME FOR BEAR VIEWING
- CHANCE TO SEE **DEER, FOX, WEASEL, MOUNTAIN GOAT AND BALD EAGLE** AMONGST OTHERS
- **A NUMBER OF SITES** TO USE IN SEARCH OF "THE SHOT" YOU ARE AFTER
- SCENIC FLOATPLANE RIDES ACROSS THE ISLAND TO OUR ACCOMMODATION
- **UNIQUE, SUPER COMFORTABLE LODGING** ON AN ISLAND IN KARLUK LAKE
- AS MUCH, OR AS LITTLE, **PHOTOGRAPHIC TUITION** AS NEEDED!

COSTS AND LOGISTICS

- **Group size:** 6 guests only
- **GBP 7,750** per person, based on twin-share accommodation throughout*
- **Start Point:** Kodiak Airport, Alaska
- **End Point:** Kodiak Airport, Alaska

***Note: There is no single accommodation option on this trip; all chalets are shared.**

WHAT'S INCLUDED...

- Collection and drop off at Kodiak Airport
- Welcome meal in Kodiak
- 1 night accommodation in a comfortable hotel in Kodiak town
- 7 nights accommodation on an island in Karluk Lake
- All guiding and transport to the viewing sites
- Transfer to the floatplane base
- Return floatplane transfers to Karluk Lake
- All board and lodging (except alcoholic drinks)
- Gumboots are available to borrow if required (waders are not needed)

WHAT'S NOT...

- International and/or any domestic flight to/from the itinerary start/end points
- Items of a personal nature
- Visa fees as appropriate
- Alcoholic drinks at lodges
- Gratuities

YOUR ITINERARY....

Day 1: Arrive Kodiak...and start your adventure! (1 night)

On your arrival in Kodiak, you will be shuttled to your downtown hotel and have the chance to settle in before meeting your fellow photographers for a welcome meal that evening. If you wish to arrive earlier and have a day in the town too (for most – it is a long flight!) do let us know, as we can get a good rate at the hotel if you wish an extra night or two.

Days 2-8: Transfer to Karluk lake (7 nights)

We will collect you from your hotel and take you to the floatplane base where you'll embark on a 45 minute Alaska bush plane flight to our lodging located on Camp Island on Karluk Lake. Karluk Lake has over 30 miles of shoreline with countless tributaries creating one of the richest & highest salmon concentrations on Kodiak. This adventure offers visitors unparalleled access & opportunities to observe & study these legendary bears in their natural habitat & surroundings from viewing areas strategically located in the field as well as from the 30' aluminum catamaran. After a safety orientation & lunch you will be immersed into a guided bear viewing adventure. The evening dinner is served in the dining cabin and afterwards you'll settle into your comfortable & well-appointed cabin for your first overnight stay on the island.

Camp Island affords a lodging buffer from the abundant bear activity around the perimeter of the Lake and provides a curious and entertaining population of local wildlife such as deer, fox and river otter. After breakfast you'll embark for another day of guided bear viewing to one of three prime viewing areas and enjoy a scenic and wildlife tour of the 36 square mile Karluk Lake aboard their heated catamaran vessel. All guest cabins are

directly at the water's edge and each cabin has a private outdoor deck where bears and other wildlife can often be seen as well. Lunch and dinner included with another night in your deluxe and well-appointed cabin at the Kodiak Brown Bear Center. This is one of the most researched bear habitat areas in the world. There is a good chance to see bears all year round as the area is great habitat for sows and cubs. However, starting in August and running to October, the bear concentrations are beginning their peak due to the prolific salmon runs entering Karluk Lake through the Karluk River and this significantly increases the chance to see the bigger male bears called boars. We will most commonly take two adventures per day, although depending on sightings, we can opt to spend the entire day out as well at the viewing sites. Each day we will decide where we want to head for, and if need be, can split the group according to preference. Each site offers a very different photographic opportunity and you will be encouraged to experience them all during your stay by Andy.

Day 9: Depart Karluk for Kodiak...and onwards!

In the morning after breakfast, you'll have the opportunity to participate in an guided activity. After lunch, you'll check out and prepare for the return flight to Kodiak at approximately 1:00pm (13:00H). Please note, this last morning requires flexibility as flying conditions will dictate much of our timing.

EXTENSIONS...BEFORE AND AFTER...

If you're heading to Alaska, you may well want to keep experiencing that far northwest rhythm for longer at the end of your trip (or in advance) and we can happily steer you in the right direction or give you some ideas. Of course, if you're a real grizzly fan, then you may have already come on our Katmai trip which is geared to dovetail with this adventure and provide you with the ultimate grizzly bear experience.

If you're interested in extensions, mention it when you reserve your space and we'll discuss some of the ideas with you once we know the kind of thing you want to do.

WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

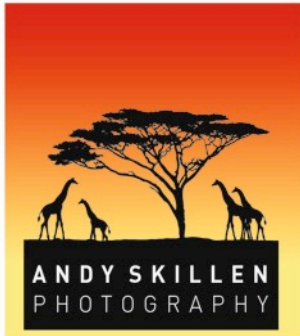
To reserve your space on this very special adventure, either:

- a. send an email to Andy@faunavista.com or Carrie@faunavista.com to register your interest and receive a booking form
- b. download the generic booking form using the link on the page from where you obtained your itinerary, fill it out, and send it to either email address as above.

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Andy's photography is all about giving something back; back to a world that has given him such a wealth of memorable experiences and opportunities. As a result, a proportion of all the profits we make from every perspective of Andy's work is donated to some of the world's leading wildlife charities. These include the

David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF), Animals Asia and the Bushlife Foundation – for which Andy and Carrie are the UK ambassadors. Your holiday is not just therefore an adventure for yourself, your friends and your family, but a true contributor to the frontline of wildlife conservation.



CHANGING THE IMAGE OF WILDLIFE TRAVEL...