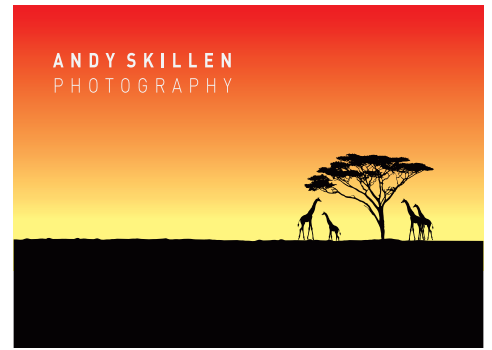


## Grizzlies of the Wild Frontier

Dates: 25 June – 7 July\*

Location: Various sites on the Katmai coast

Group size: 6; Cost GBP 15,395 per person for 12 nights;  
GBP 7995 for the 5 night option



So, it's time to get bear-y excited! Ho ho ho! I've put together a 12 night option for grizzly bear photography in the most pristine landscapes that North America has to offer. By basing ourselves in Iliamna, and using fly-outs EVERY day, we are able to access a variety of locations across the region, and in particular the coasts of McNeill Wildlife Refuge and Katmai National Park, to observe and photograph these fantastic animals. At this time of year, the activity is focused on clamming at low tides (with incredible mountain backdrops), introducing new cubs to the world, mating, sparring and warming up muscles and feeding on the sedge grasses. Bears are curious and active and give us some incredible opportunities to get close and watch them on their terms.

\*This trip is offered primarily as a 12 night option. The standard departure is 5 nights, but we have worked to combine a couple of adventures together to provide a fully immersive experience. The standard 5-nighter is also do-able, and would run from 2-6 July inclusive. It might be possible to put guests onto a longer version of the trip but priority will be given first to those booking the entire 12 night stay. Although more costly, this massively reduces the impact of adverse weather (which can happen in Alaska at any time) on shooting time, and gives a whole range of extra opportunities as a result. We are even fixing this price **TWO YEARS out** – giving you peace of mind and stability for your planning.

So, there are just **six slots in total** for "dual trip/12 night" guests, or a maximum of twelve slots if everyone only wants to come on one of the departures. Please note, at time of writing that **THREE of the dual-slots** have gone already (on back-order essentially) and as such, this means the number of single trip slots is reduced. We will put everyone on the normal length 5 night trip if coming on a single trip first, and then back-fill onto the first trip if that works out in terms of numbers. Whatever happens, there will never be more than 6 guests in our group, whether you stay for the full trip (recommended) or opt for a single outing. It's also more economical to stay for both of course too 😊

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## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

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- EXCLUSIVE GROUP SIZE OF JUST 6 GUESTS
- REMOTE LOCATIONS AND TRULY EPIC SCENERY
- DAILY FLIGHTS TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE REGION TO SEEK THE BEST BEAR ACTIVITY
- CHANCES FOR NEW-SPRING CUBS, MATING, CLAMMING AND SPARRING BEARS
- PRIVATE AIRCRAFT AT OUR DISPOSAL EACH DAY
- AS MUCH, OR AS LITTLE, PHOTOGRAPHIC TUITION AS NEEDED

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## COSTS AND LOGISTICS

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- **Group size:** 6 guests only
- **GBP 15,395 for 12 nights; GBP 7,995 for 5 nights**
- **Start point:** Merrill Airfield, Anchorage
- **End point:** Merrill Airfield, Anchorage

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## WHAT'S INCLUDED...

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- **12 nights accommodation (or 5, please see “options”), full board at our dedicated photo lodge in Iliamna. We will have the entire lodge to ourselves, but will eat our hot breakfast and dinner in a communal dining room with other lodge guests in a different building (the main lodge). We will transfer between the two by bus (or walking if preferred!), but when not at meals this ensures we will have dedicated editing room and lots of space to utilize for our us alone. A packed lunch will always be served in the field.**
- **Return flight from Anchorage to Iliamna**
- **Daily fly-outs to locations in the area for bears**
- **Full chest waders and walking boots supplied**
- **Tripods are also available to borrow**
- **As much, or as little!, photographic tuition as needed!**

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## WHAT'S NOT...

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- **International and/or any domestic flight to/from the itinerary start/end points**
- **Accommodation in Anchorage (you will need almost certainly need a night before and after the trip)**
- **Items of a personal nature**
- **Visa fees as appropriate**
- **Any departure taxes not covered in your international flight**
- **Gratuities**

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## YOUR ITINERARY....

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### **Day 1: Flight to Iliamna (1 night)**

Take an impossibly beautiful Caravan flight from downtown Anchorage to the small village of Iliamna and settle into the lodge. We will kit you out with your chest waders and boots for the rest of your stay, give you a full briefing and after a delicious dinner, let you know the plan for the following day. Activity will always be determined by bear locations, tide times and weather so each day will be different.

### **Day 2-12: Daily fly-outs for bears (10 nights)**

Every day will follow a similar routine, except for variation in departure times and destination. However, the main premise is that we will get up for breakfast, head to the airstrip and embark on our pre-determined adventure. Flights will be in either float planes of Cessnas – depending on where we are heading – and we will always ensure we maximise the time we have available. Once on site, we will work into the best positions we can depending on conditions and the bears themselves, at all times making sure that we are setting ourselves for some truly epic imagery. Activity at this time of the year is far more varied than the traditional salmon-catching time, and you will have the chance to experience a lot of bear interaction as a result. For those seeking to widen their viewings of grizzlies, this is an excellent time and the advent of the Spring flowers too will add in some beautiful context. At the end of the time there, some early fish may start to run and we may as a result also catch the first few bears collecting salmon, but this is not a trip geared to that activity and we will only pursue that opportunity if we think it is worthwhile.

## Days 13: Depart for Anchorage

Sadly, all good things must come to an end and today we will head back to Anchorage on the 18:00 flight. However, we will do all we can to squeeze in an extra half day of viewing too, so don't pack those cameras away when you wake up!

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## WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

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**To reserve your space on this very special adventure** send an email to [Andy@faunavista.com](mailto:Andy@faunavista.com) to register your interest and receive a booking form. This trip will be done on a first come, first served basis with those booking the full 12 nights taking priority. We will do everything we can to accommodate all of you that wish to take part in this fantastic bear adventure

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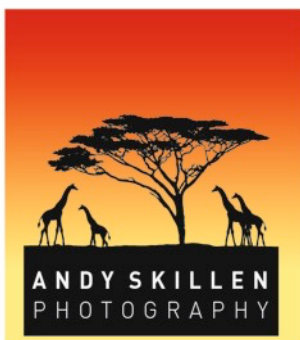
## Testimonials: people who bear with me....hahaha!

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"Shooting bears with Andy is like no-other experience. I doubt there's anyone that can help you more"

"Knowledge, humour, attentiveness...all combine to make him [Andy] simply the best photographic guide I have ever travelled with"

"Simply brilliant. My fourth trip with Andy and every time I am challenged more, pushed more and learn more. He's also bl\*\*dy funny and makes a group gel perfectly"



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