



## BACKGROUND

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## KENAI FJORDS TOURS

Kenai Fjords Tours has been offering guided cruises in Alaska's Kenai Fjords National Park from the coastal community of Seward since 1974.

Seward is located on the southwestern tip of the Kenai Peninsula, 126 miles south of Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. Travel to Seward from Anchorage is approximately two and one-half hours by car and four hours by train. The year-round population is approximately 3,500.

Kenai Fjords National Park, established in 1980, encompasses approximately 605,000 acres on the rugged, rocky and often steep coastline of the Kenai Peninsula. The Harding Icefield, a major part of Kenai Fjords National Park, covers over 300 square miles of the park and is one of the largest icefields in North America. The icefield features more than 40 major outlet glaciers, such as tidewater (Holgate, Northwestern, Aialik, etc.) and piedmont (Bear, Exit, etc.) glaciers.

Kenai Fjords National Park also boasts an abundance of marine and land wildlife. Humpback whales, orcas, Dalls porpoise, Stellar sea lions, sea otters and seals, in addition to mountain goats, black bears, moose and more than 80 different species of birds, populate the rich waters and land of Kenai Fjords National Park. On an average day, a guest aboard a Kenai Fjords Tours vessel will see the majority of these animals.

Another unique experience offered by Kenai Fjords Tours is a visit to their exclusive lodges on Fox Island. Fox Island is approximately two miles in area and is located within Resurrection Bay, just 12 nautical miles from Seward. Day cruisers are treated to wild Alaska salmon, grilled to perfection and a presentation by a National Park ranger. Guests seeking a remote wilderness lodge experience purchase the all-inclusive overnight package at the Kenai Fjords Wilderness Lodge. The lodge features eight cozy cabins. Hiking, kayaking, a guided naturalist tour or simply relaxing with a good book adjacent to the wood burning stove or on the viewing deck are a few of the activity choices available.

Mariah Tours, a branch of Kenai Fjords Tours, offers the opportunity to view the National Park on a more intimate level. The Captain's Choice Tour, limited to 16 guests, allows the captain to provide a more personalized route based on passenger interest and the best opportunities to view wildlife and glaciers.

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## KENAI FJORDS TOURS VESSEL INFORMATION

m/v Aialik Voyager, 82.8 feet, 150 passengers, high-speed, aluminum, built by All American Marine (Washington), 2007.

m/v Coastal Explorer, 95 feet, 150 passengers, high-speed, fiberglass, built by Westport Marine (Washington), 1998.

m/v Glacier Explorer, 95 feet, 150 passengers, high-speed, fiberglass, built by Westport Marine (Washington), 1996.

m/v Alaskan Explorer, 95 feet, 150 passengers, high-speed, fiberglass, built by Westport Marine (Washington), 1995.

m/v Kenai Explorer, 90 feet, 150 passengers, high-speed, fiberglass, built by Westport Marine (Washington), 1993.

m/v Tanaina, 95 feet, 150 passengers, high-speed, fiberglass, built by Westport Marine (Washington)

m/v Chugach, 90 feet, 150 pas, fiber, Westport Marine (Washington)

m/v Greatland, 90 feet, 150 passengers, aluminum, built by Trinity Marine Group (Louisiana), 1992.

m/v Fjordland, 90 feet, 150 passengers, aluminum, built by Trinity Marine Group (Louisiana), 1990.

m/v Alaska Sunrise, 43 feet, 22 passengers, fiberglass, built by Delta Marine (Washington), 1978.

m/v Misty, 43 feet, 22 passengers, fiberglass, built by Delta Marine (Washington), 1990.

m/v Mariah, 43 feet, 22 passengers, fiberglass

\* All vessels available for charter and special group events.

\* Vessels are handicapped accessible.

\* All vessels are fully enclosed with multi-level outdoor viewing decks.

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