

19 - 28 June 2024

Summer 2024

ALASKA

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THE ONE JOURNEY YOU WILL NEVER FORGET!

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PAINTING IN ALASKA WITH MICHELLE DUNAWAY

Journey with Michelle Dunaway on this 10 day adventure to paint her home state Alaska! Since Michelle grew up in Alaska, she has carefully crafted this itinerary, highlighting many of the special places that make Alaska a haven for Artists and outdoor enthusiasts. We will paint the breathtaking landscape, sketch and paint local wildlife and also paint models and portraits in the landscape.

This workshop will give you a comprehensive feel for what makes Alaska so special and the Last Great Frontier as it is called.

We have carefully crafted this itinerary - depending on weather things may shift a bit, but every excursion will be included.

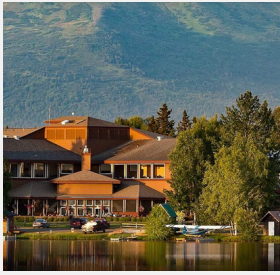
Registration and organization on the ground will be handled by Workshops in SA.

- *Price includes all lodging ,*
- *Ground Transportation*
- *All excursions*
- *Most meals.*

It does not include:

- *Flight to Anchorage*
- *Beverages and alcohol*
- *One or two dinners where we will dine at special places.*

THE ITINERARY



ANCHORAGE

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OPTIONAL EXTRA

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR BELOW

We will coordinate traveling and dining together, please let us know if you would like to join.



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DAY I

ANCHORAGE

19
JUNE



Arrive in Anchorage and check into the beautiful Lakefront Hotel directly on Lake Hood, where local float planes take off and land throughout the day.

We will meet at 7 pm on the terrace for a 3-course welcome dinner and orientation for the workshop.

Rest easy knowing that our hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport, ensuring your journey is seamless from the moment you arrive.

If you arrive early, you may also paint or walk around the lake enjoying the views of the mountains and float planes (or you may do so after dinner since this is the land of the midnight sun !)

Don't miss the chance to explore the hotel lobby, adorned with a magnificent collection of taxidermy – a perfect setting for those looking to sketch and be inspired by the unique local flair.

Get ready for an unforgettable experience at the intersection of nature, creativity, and warm hospitality.

"Welcome to an incredible journey—where every moment is a new adventure, and joy awaits at every turn. Let the extraordinary begin!"

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DAY 2

ANCHORAGE

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JUNE

Following a lovely breakfast at the hotel, our first stop is the Alaska Native Heritage Center. We will be able to watch and participate in local native dances as well as tour through the grounds to see homes and learn about the Native Cultures and customs of Alaska.

Being that Alaska is so vast there are many unique native tribes throughout the region .

After the tour we will paint a local model outdoors

After a satisfying lunch, our journey takes us north to the breathtaking Eklutna Lake.

Here, under the vast Alaskan sky, we'll Do afternoon landscape or a model in the Landscape Painting.

As the day draws to a close, we'll return to Anchorage for a dinner experience at the renowned Moose's Tooth Pizza.

a local gem ranking among the top 3 pizzerias in the entire USA. Indulge in its unique flavors, sourced from local farms,

"Art is the whisper of the soul, a canvas where emotions dance and colors tell stories. In every stroke, find the courage to express the beauty within."

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MICHELLE GIVING A PAINTING DEMO AT EKLUTNA LAKE



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look for the extraordinary in everything

DAY 3

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JUNE



After breakfast, we will take a leisurely scenic drive along one of the most beautiful routes in Alaska called Turnagain Arm; we will stop at several scenic outlooks to take photos and enjoy the wildlife. Dall Sheep are frequently spotted along the side of the road, as well as moose, eagles, and even Beluga whales in the water, as this is an ocean inlet. It is the season for babies as well!



Upon reaching the Alyeska Hotel and Resort in the heart of Girdwood, you will have the afternoon to relax , hike around the lodge , paint on your own, or spa

Later, we will head up the tram to the top of the mountain for a late afternoon landscape painting session



7 Glaciers Restaurant

As the sun sets, our artistic endeavours continue at the Seven Glaciers restaurant on top of the mountain, where we'll savour a decadent dinner.

Get ready for a day of natural wonders, creative exploration, and culinary delights, creating memories as vibrant as the landscapes we'll paint.

"In the dance of life, embrace each step as a chance to learn, grow, and become. The journey is not just about reaching the destination but savouring the beauty in every moment along the way."

DAY 4

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JUNE



After a hearty breakfast, we'll set up our easels amidst the backdrop of the hotel grounds—surrounded by mountains, wildflowers, and picturesque scenery.

As the clock ticks to 4 pm, an extraordinary Alaskan adventure awaits. We will take a short helicopter ride to the mountain's peak, where snow blankets the landscape year-round.

Here, we'll dive into the heart of Alaskan tradition with a thrilling Dog Sledding experience, a tradition immortalized by the legendary Iditarod race.

We secured special time to photograph the mushers and sketch the husky dogs. These moments will serve as the perfect painting references, ensuring our adventure lives on in the strokes of our brushes. Get ready to paint memories as vibrant as the Alaskan wilderness!

"The Alaskan Malamute, a majestic guardian of the North, embodies strength, loyalty, and the boundless warmth of a loving heart. In the company of this noble companion, every journey becomes an adventure, and every moment, a testament to the enduring beauty of a loyal spirit."

Dogsledding Experience



SLEDDING HISTORY

Delve into the heart of Alaskan heritage through the integral tradition of Dog Sledding with Alaskan Huskies. Initially, the Iditarod Trail served as a lifeline—a mail and supply route to Alaska's interior. In the winter of 1925, this trail transformed into a life-saving path during a Diphtheria epidemic, as sled dogs navigated the remote route to deliver crucial serum to Nome, Alaska.

Today, the Iditarod Trail stands as the iconic pathway for the renowned Iditarod dog sled race—the "Last Great Race on Earth." Each year, dogs, sleds, and their intrepid mushers race northward from Anchorage to Nome, weaving a story of resilience, determination, and the enduring spirit of Alaskan history.

DAY 5

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JUNE



START YOUR DAY WITH THE PROMISE OF ADVENTURE AS WE HEAD TO THE ALASKA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTER IN THE MATSU VALLEY AFTER A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST. WITH OVER TWO DECADES DEDICATED TO PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION, AND EDUCATION, THIS NONPROFIT SANCTUARY PROVIDES AN UP-CLOSE AND PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH ALASKAN WILDLIFE THRIVING IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT.

THE AWCC IS A HAVEN FOR A VARIETY OF CREATURES, INCLUDING LYNX, BROWN BEARS, PORCUPINES, WOOD BISON, BLACK BEARS, FOXES, COYOTES, WOLVES, MOOSE, ELK, SITKA BLACK-TAIL DEER, MUSKCOX, CARIBOU, REINDEER, A BALD EAGLE, A GREAT HORNED OWL, A RED SQUIRREL, AND FERRETS. EACH ONE IS CARED FOR IN SPACIOUS, NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS.

VISITORS ARE TREATED TO SCENES OF BROWN BEARS SWIMMING, MOOSE STRUTTING, WOOD BISON ROAMING, MUSKCOX PLAYING, WOLVES POSING, PORCUPINES CLIMBING, AND MORE! A SPECIAL FEATURE AT THE EDGE OF THE CONSERVATION CENTER IS A NATURE WALK OVERLOOKING TURNAGAIN ARM, OFFERING THE CHANCE TO DISCOVER ABUNDANT WILDFLOWERS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

WE'VE ARRANGED EXCLUSIVE PERMISSION FOR OUR GROUP TO PAINT AND SKETCH ON THESE GROUNDS, ALLOWING US TO SPEND THE MAJORITY OF THE DAY SURROUNDED BY THE BEAUTY AND TRANQUILITY OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY SANCTUARY. GET READY FOR AN ARTISTIC JOURNEY IMMERSSED IN THE WILD WONDERS OF ALASKA!



"In the heart of Alaska, where the wilderness whispers and the mountains embrace the sky, we find our truest connection to nature's love – an untamed, timeless dance that awakens the soul."

DAY 6

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JUNE



This morning you can paint on your own , sleep in , go on a hike around the lodge , venture up the tram to paint and sightsee or have a spa treatment

The choice is yours to create the morning that suits your artistic and relaxation desires.

Post-lunch, we'll reconvene for a scenic journey to Portage Glacier, gliding over pristine waters on a boat ride for an up-close encounter with the majestic glacier. Following this awe-inspiring experience, we'll delve into a landscape or figure-in-the-landscape painting session on location.

As the day winds down, savor a early dinner before immersing ourselves in an evening painting session. Take advantage of the summer light as we capture the beauty that unfolds under the Alaskan skies. Get ready for a day filled with artistic expression and the breathtaking landscapes of Girdwood.

*"Girdwood,
where
mountains
cradle the
town and
glaciers
gleam in the
distance. A
tranquil
haven
nestled in
Alaska. "*



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DAY 7

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JUNE



We will take a leisurely drive from Alyeska to Seward, soaking in the scenic beauty along the way. Our first stop is at Tern Lake, named after the adorable Tern birds that call it home.

Quick heads up, though – the mosquitoes (Alaska's unofficial state bird) are out in force, so we'll keep our photo stop brief.

Once we roll into Seward, it's time to settle into the cozy Seward Wind Song Lodge. The evening kicks off with a laid-back group welcome dinner at the lodge, a chance to enjoy some local flavors and good company.

After dinner, we'll gather for a casual group landscape painting session, capturing the beauty of our surroundings. Get ready for a relaxed evening of art, delicious food, and the friendly atmosphere of the Seward Wind Song Lodge.



SEWARD



While many know Seward for its stunning landscapes and marine life, an enchanting tale whispers through the town's rich history. Legend has it that hidden within the fjords surrounding Seward lies a secret cove known only to a few wise locals.

In this secluded haven, a mystical flower blooms under the ethereal glow of the Northern Lights. It is said that those fortunate enough to discover this elusive blossom will be blessed with boundless creativity and an unbreakable connection to the wild beauty that defines Seward. Stories are told of artists and dreamers who, guided by a gentle breeze, stumbled upon this hidden sanctuary, forever carrying its magic within their hearts.

While this tale may remain a local secret, the spirit of creativity and wonder thrives in the picturesque corners of Seward, inviting those with open hearts to seek their own stories amid the breathtaking landscapes and the hidden gems of this Alaskan gem.

DAY 8

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JUNE



Today's remarkable adventure is as we are taking the 8-hr Cruise, a journey that unveils the wonders of Northwestern Fjords. This will be a captivating day encompassing glacier sightings and whale watching. The wildlife steals the show, featuring a lively cast of Puffins, Whales, Bald Eagles, Seals, Sea otters, and more.

June adds a special touch to the spectacle as it marks calving season. We included a photo below from a previous cruise that Michelle has taken, capturing the tender moment of a mother teaching her baby to breach.

The tour also includes remote islands where the famed tufted Puffin and bald eagles nest and can be seen flying in the air. Get ready to be enchanted by the dance of whales, the majestic glaciers, and the symphony of wildlife in this Northwestern Fjords Day Tour.

"Whales, the gentle giants of the deep, embody the ocean's poetry. In their graceful dance beneath the waves, they whisper tales of the vast and mysterious world that lies beneath, inviting us to marvel at the wonders of the sea."

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SEWARD



Photograph take by Michelle Dunaway

Seward, nestled along the shores of Resurrection Bay, offers an exceptional whale watching experience. The nutrient-rich waters attract various whale species, including humpback whales, orcas, and minke whales. Seward's whale watching tours often provide opportunities to witness breathtaking behaviors like breaching, tail slapping, and bubble-net feeding.

The summer months, especially June through August, are prime whale watching seasons, coinciding with the annual migration of humpback whales to Alaska's rich feeding grounds.

Knowledgeable guides on these tours not only showcase the majestic marine life but also offer insights into the whales' behaviors, biology, and the local marine ecosystem.

Whether you're on a boat tour or enjoying a shore-based whale watching experience, Seward's coastal magic guarantees an unforgettable encounter with these magnificent creatures against the stunning backdrop of Alaska's fjords and mountains.

"Like whales navigating the vast oceans, may you find strength in the depths of your resilience, grace in the beauty of your journey, and wisdom in the echoes of your heart. Embrace the currents of life, and let your spirit breach the surface with boundless joy and purpose."

DAY 9

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JUNE



Begin your day immersed in the wonders of Seward with an early morning kayak journey around Resurrection Bay. Guided by our experienced instructors, ensuring a seamless and enjoyable experience. The easy-level kayaking promises encounters with sea otters, majestic bald eagles, and other wildlife.

Following the kayak excursion, we will have a picnic lunch amidst the coastal beauty before easing into a serene hike through the lush rainforest. Allow the tranquility of nature to be your guide in this picturesque landscape.

We will make our way back to Anchorage, where our journey originated. Check into the Lakefront Hotel for our final evening together.

The night culminates in a heartwarming final dinner and a special group critique of the artwork crafted during our journey. Share your creations, enjoy the camaraderie, and let the echoes of this remarkable trip linger in our memories.



**This is a very easy level kayaking experience with a guide through the gentle waters of the morning along the shoreline. You can often see sea otters, bald eagle and other animals up close. These are photos Michelle took on her last trip.*

DAY 10

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JUNE



After a hearty breakfast and check-out, venture to the Art Museum to admire the renowned paintings by Sydney Lawrence and immerse yourself in the captivating Smithsonian Native artifact collection.

Following the museum visit, we will have lunch at a nearby spot, creating the perfect setting for shared reflections and conversations. Allow some leisure time for souvenir shopping, capturing a piece of Alaska's charm to carry home.

As the day winds down, return to the hotel to bid farewell and share your last moments together. Depart with cherished memories and a piece of the Alaskan spirit, carrying the beauty of this adventure with you on your journey home.

As we part ways, let our goodbyes be the canvas of gratitude, each brushstroke a memory, and every word echoing our shared moments until our paths intertwine again.



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DENALI

3 DAY TRIP ADD ON

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT PART OF THE PAINTING WORKSHOP



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DENALI NATIONAL PARK

2 nights plus Tundra Wilderness Tour



While the renowned Denali reserve may be a bit far from Anchorage for a painting session, it promises an unparalleled photo experience, a visual feast for gathering inspiration not to be missed on our Alaskan journey. This exclusive land excursion by Princess Cruise Line is a captivating package, and the price for summer 2024 will be unveiled within the next two weeks.

Embark on a special scenic journey aboard a glass-domed ceiling train, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding Alaskan wilderness. From the comfort of your seat, keep your eyes open for the chance to spot moose and caribou, adding an extra layer of excitement to this already spectacular adventure. Get ready to capture the essence of Denali and the untamed beauty of Alaska through your lens.



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