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# *Mayo Clinic: Alaska Echo*

*July 13th-17th, 2020*



*Alaska Optional Excursions*





John Hall's ALASKA



Cruises & Tours

The Hall Family: Elizabeth, John Jr, John Sr, & Joseph



John Hall's Alaska is honored to have been selected by the Mayo Clinic as your Alaska host in July of 2020. The site for your conference, Anchorage, provides the perfect base camp from which to venture out and explore the wildlife, glaciers and scenery of Alaska. Whether it's hiking a glacier, listening to the sounds of surfacing humpback whales, or fishing for salmon and halibut, your adventures will be unforgettable!

2020 marks our 37th year as a family-run tour operator in Alaska. We are an organization built upon perfecting the guest experience so, with your satisfaction in mind, we have included excursions that will both enrich your time in Alaska and provide you with the most unique experiences around the Anchorage area.

If you intend to book one or more of these excursions, we encourage you to book as soon as possible as excursion availability is extremely limited in July. July is the peak time for Alaska summer travel, with the Alaska visitor season running from May and September and over 2.25 million visitors expected during this five month span for 2020.

Because of Alaska's distance from the lower 48 states, airline schedules may be more limited than you would expect. We recommend conference attendees to book flight travel by late spring. Setting your Alaska plans early will certainly help you secure your ideal travel arrangements.

We thank you for the opportunity to share Alaska with the Mayo Clinic Echo program. We look forward to being of assistance prior, during and after the conference. With our corporate office just 35 minutes from the Rochester Mayo Clinic campus, we are easily accessible and available to speak with you in person, should you have questions. You may also contact our helpful staff at 800-325-2270.

From our family to yours,

Elizabeth Hall  
Chief Operating Officer

## RECENT AWARDS...





**Afternoon Excursions: July 13th - July 17th, 2020**

John Hall's Alaska has hand picked the most worthwhile activities available within a 2 hour distance from Anchorage. All excursions depart after 12:30pm and do not overlap with morning conference schedules. Afternoon excursions are designed to be enjoyed by Mayo Clinic conference participants only and are not open to the general public.

**To enjoy any of these adventures, reservations must be made by April 15th, 2020.**

Alaska's peak visitor season runs May through September, with July being the month with the most visitors of the year. Due to increased demand and limited availability, **we highly recommend booking excursions as soon as possible.** Excursions are subject to our tour partner's availability and therefore we cannot guarantee availability once individual excursion capacities are filled, even if booked by April 15th.

**Discover Talkeetna - Jet Boat & Dinner****\$220 per person**

Travel 2 hours by luxury John Hall's Alaska coach to Talkeetna, a quaint town tucked away on the south side of Mount Denali. Upon arrival, join the Mahay family for an exhilarating jet boat tour of the Susitna River including views of Mount Denali. River tours are narrated by Coast Guard licensed captains and trained naturalists. After the boat ride, enjoy free time in Talkeetna and dinner at the Denali Brewing Company before returning to Anchorage at approximately 9:30pm.

**Package Includes:** Guided luxury coach transportation to/from Talkeetna; Snacks and refreshments on coach; Mahay's Jet Boat tour; Dinner in Talkeetna.

*12:30pm departure. Total tour time 9 hours. Maximum capacity of 32 passengers.*

**Available July 13th****Discover Talkeetna via Alaska Railroad****\$330pp Adventure Class or \$468pp GoldStar First Class**

Travel 2 hours by luxury John Hall's Alaska coach to Talkeetna. Enjoy free time to shop and explore the historic downtown buildings of Talkeetna. Return to Anchorage aboard the Alaska Railroad, enjoying dinner before arriving Anchorage and returning to your hotel at 8:30pm.

**Package Includes:** Rail transportation to/from Talkeetna. Goldstar First Class includes dinner, raised seating and domed glass ceiling cars. Dinner available for purchase in Adventure Class cars.

*12:30pm departure. Total tour time 8 hours. Maximum capacity of 32 passengers.*

**Available July 13th****Floatplane Adventure to Knik & Colony Glacier****\$387 per person**

Transfer by coach from your hotel to the Lake Hood float plane airport where you will board a 6 passenger plane for a thrilling 2 hour sightseeing flight covering some of the areas most dramatic landscapes. Cross over the Chugach mountains on your way to visit the glacier valleys of Knik and Colony Glaciers. After flying over these monstrous glaciers, you will land in front of Colony Glacier for one-of-a-kind views of glacial calving. Your return flight will give you the chance to spot moose and bear.

**Package Includes:** Luxury coach transportation to/from airport; 2 hour float plane flightseeing tour and glacier viewing; pilot gratuity.

*5:30pm departure. Total tour time 3.5 hours.*

*Maximum capacity of 10-12 passengers per day.*

**Available July 14th & 15th**

## OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

### Mount Denali Flightseeing & Glacier Landing

**\$505 per person**

Transfer by coach from your hotel to the Anchorage airport. Board an 8 passenger ski plane that will take you on a scenic flightseeing tour around Mount Denali. Your pilot guide will narrate during the 40 minute journey north to Denali. After viewing Denali's surrounding glacial ice fields from the sky, you will land on one! Spend 15-20 minutes on the glacier taking pictures and tossing the occasional snow ball. Return to Anchorage and be transferred back to your hotel.

**Package Includes:** Luxury coach transportation to/from the Anchorage airport; Guided flightseeing tour of Mt. Denali and glacier landing; Pilot gratuity.

**Late afternoon departure. Total tour time 4.5 hours.**

**Maximum capacity of 4 passengers per day.**



### Anchorage Area Brewery Tours & Tastings

**\$215 per person**

Anchorage is home to a thriving brewery scene! Travel by private van on this excursion to four celebrated breweries in Anchorage and Girdwood. You will have the chance to taste test an array of selections before enjoying dinner in the downtown area.

**Package Includes:** Luxury coach transportation to/from hotel; Snacks and refreshments on coach; Tour and tastings at 4 breweries (\*Midnight Sun Brewing, King Street Brewery, Girdwood Brewing Company and Glacier Brewhouse); Dinner in downtown Anchorage. \*Breweries visited may be substituted with another choice.

**2pm departure. Maximum capacity of 14 passengers per day.**



### Blackstone Bay Cruise

**\$390 per person**

45 minute transfer by coach from your hotel to the town of Whittier. Join Lazy Otter Charters on a private 1 hour catamaran cruise into Blackstone Bay, a bay lined by 11 glaciers! Return to Anchorage after the cruise.

**Package Includes:** Luxury coach transportation to/from Whittier; Snacks and refreshments on coach and catamaran; Box dinner; Guided marine transportation to/from Blackstone Bay.

**12:30pm departure. Total tour time 7 hours.**

**Maximum capacity of 27 passengers per day.**



### Flat Top Mountain Hike

**\$45 per person**

Transfer by coach to Flat Top Mountain just outside of Anchorage. Guests have the choice of a 3-hour guided or self-guided hike. Afterwards, hikers will be transferred to downtown Anchorage for dinner on their own or back to the hotel.

**Package Includes:** Luxury coach transportation to/from Flat Top Mountain; Snacks and refreshments on coach; Guided hike.

**2pm departure. Total tour time 4 hours.**

**Maximum capacity of 22 passengers.**



To book an excursion, please call 800.325.2270.



## Alyeska Mountain & Portage Glacier Area Hike

**\$115 per person**

Transfer by John Hall's Alaska coach from your hotel to the 5-star Alyeska Resort in Girdwood. Take a tram up the mountain to have a delicious late lunch on top of Alyeska Mountain. Next, journey south to Portage Glacier where you will join your guide for a 2.5 hour hike on Portage Glacier area trails. Your guide will share details on the history and ecological significance of this area while bringing you to scenic vistas for Portage Glacier photo opportunities.

**Package Includes:** Luxury coach transportation to/from the Alyeska and Portage Glacier; Snacks and refreshments on coach; Alyeska tram ticket and lunch; Guided hike on Portage Glacier area trails.

**1pm departure. Total tour time 5 hours.**

**Maximum capacity of 36 passengers. Groups of up to 20 on the hike.**

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**



**Available July 13th**

## Coastal Trail Bike Tour

**\$98 per person**

Meet at the Sheraton hotel and gear up for a bike tour of Anchorage highlights including the beautiful coastal regions. Your host will take you to downtown hot spots, then highlight the history of Anchorage, Turnagain Arm and Cook Inlet. This excursion allows for multiple photo stops along the way. Upon completion of the guided bike tour, you will have use of your bike for the rest of the day!

**Package Includes:** 24 hour bike rental; 3 hour guided bike experience.

**1:30pm departure. Maximum capacity of 22 passengers per day.**



**Available July 16th**

## Kenai River Whitewater Rafting

**\$250 per person, 6.5 Hour, 2 Canyon Raft Trip**  
**\$300 per person, 7.5 Hour, 3 Canyon Raft Trip**

Journey south by John Hall's Alaska coach from Anchorage to the Kenai River. Upon arrival, gear up and head out on Six Mile Creek. Dropping over 50 feet per mile as it flows out of the Chugach Mountains, Six Mile Creek has cut its way through three separate canyons offering memorable Class IV and Class V Alaska whitewater rafting. Return to Anchorage late this evening by coach.

**Package Includes:** Luxury coach transportation to/from the Kenai River; Snacks and refreshments on coach; Light box dinner; Six Mile whitewater rafting trip.

**12:30pm departure.**



**Available July 13th**

## Knik Valley ATV Adventure

**\$300 per person, driver**  
**\$200 per person, passenger**

Transfer from your hotel to just outside of Anchorage for the start of your back-country adventure. Head out in two passenger ATV's for mountain, glacier and wild-life viewing in Knik Valley! You'll see Knik Glacier (if the weather is clear), travel along the Knik River, cross Jim Creek, and ride over dry riverbeds. The trail itself is well-defined yet rugged and expert guides will show you the way. This scenic adventure can get muddy but that's just a part of the fun!

**Package Includes:** Transportation to/from the ATV trail head; Half day Knick Valley ATV adventure.

**Afternoon departure. Maximum capacity of 14 passengers per day.**



**Available July 13th**



## PRE/POST TRIP EXCURSIONS

### Pre/Post Trip Excursions

The following excursions will **require an early arrival or late departure** from your Anchorage convention and must be planned to avoid overlapping convention attendance. All pre/post trip excursions may be enjoyed by Mayo Clinic attendees and their guests. **To enjoy any of these pre/post trip adventures, reservations must be made by April 15th, 2020.**

#### Kenai River Fly Fishing

**\$439 per person**

Be met at either the airport or at your Anchorage hotel and be transferred to the rental car facility. Drive south to Cooper Landing for an overnight at the Kenai River Lodge. The next day will include a full day of guided Kenai River fly fishing for Rainbow and Dolly Vardon trout, after which you will return to Anchorage and will be transferred to your hotel.

**Package Includes:** Full day of guided Kenai River fly fishing; 1 night at Kenai River Lodge; 1 night at Sheraton Anchorage.

**Additional Costs:** Guests are responsible for rental car, fishing license, and meals.



#### Experience Homer

**\$722 per person**

Enjoy the glacier lined town of Homer, Alaska! From Anchorage, guests will fly RavnAir on a short flight to Homer. (Guests must arrive Anchorage by 4pm to be able to fly to Homer on the same day). Spend the rest of the afternoon and the following day enjoying Homer's shops, art galleries, wineries and ocean front views. Overnight 2 nights at the Aspen Hotel & Suites. Fly RavnAir back to Anchorage the morning of the third day.

**Package Includes:** Transportation to/from Homer by RavnAir; 2 nights stay in Homer.

**Additional Costs:** Guests are responsible for meals. Multiple excursions may be added to your full day in Homer for an additional fee. Please call for suggestions.



#### Alaska's Capital City - Juneau

**\$645 per person**

Alaska's capital city of Juneau is accessible only by boat and plane, making it a fascinating destination for visitors. Numerous shops, state buildings, museums and ecological gems, including Mendenhall Glacier, are located either in town or near it. Fly from Anchorage to Juneau for 2 overnights at the Sheraton Four Points, located in the downtown district of Juneau. Explore on your own or build in additional excursions. Return to Anchorage by plane the morning of the third day.

**Package Includes:** Transportation to/from Juneau by air; 2 nights stay in Juneau.

**Additional Costs:** Guests are responsible for meals. Multiple excursions may be added to your full day in Juneau for an additional fee. Please call for suggestions.



To book an excursion, please call 800.325.2270.



## PRE/POST TRIP EXCURSIONS

### Deep Sea Fishing in Whittier

**\$635 per person**

Depart Anchorage for Whittier via private car at approximately 4:30am. In Whittier you will greet your boat captain and set sail for a full day of fishing for salmon, halibut, cod and rockfish. Return to Anchorage for the night.

**Package Includes:** Transportation to/from Whittier; Full day of guided deep sea fishing; 1 night stay in Anchorage.

**Additional Costs:** Guests are responsible for additional Anchorage overnight, meals, fishing license, fish processing and shipping.



### Deep Sea Fishing in Seward

**\$889 per person Return by Adventure Class Rail**

**\$989 per person Return by GoldStar First Class Rail**

Depart Anchorage for Seward via a private car transfer and overnight in Seward. Early the next morning, head out for a full day of fishing for salmon, halibut, cod and rockfish. Board the Alaska Railroad in Seward for your return to Anchorage with an overnight at the Anchorage Sheraton.

**Package Includes:** Transportation to Seward by car and return by rail; Full day of guided deep sea fishing; 1 night stay in Seward; 1 night stay in Anchorage.

**Additional Costs:** Guests are responsible for meals, fishing license, fish processing and shipping.



### Kenai Fjords Glacier & Wildlife Exploration

**\$876 per person Roundtrip Adventure Class Rail**

**\$1068 per person Roundtrip GoldStar First Class Rail**

Upon arrival in Anchorage be transferred to The Lakefront Hotel for an overnight. Early the next morning, you will transfer to the Alaska Railroad station and ride the rails south on a 5 hour scenic journey to Seward. Overnight at the beautiful Seward Windsong Lodge and enjoy courtesy shuttles into Seward for exploration on your own. The next morning you will depart for a 6 hour wildlife and glacier viewing cruise through Kenai Fjords National Park. Experience multiple tide water glaciers and have the chance to see humpback whales, orca whales, puffins, eagles, sea lions, sea otters and more! Upon completion of the cruise, return to Anchorage via rail, arriving at 10:30pm. Overnight in Anchorage this evening.

**Package Includes:** Transportation to/from Seward by rail; 1 night stay in Seward; Kenai Fjords National Park Glacier & Wildlife Cruise; 2 nights stay in Anchorage.

**Additional Costs:** Guests are responsible for meals.



### Prince William Sound Wildlife & Glaciers

**\$650 per person**

From Anchorage, guests will fly RavnAir on a short flight to Valdez. (Guests must arrive Anchorage by 4pm to be able to fly to Valdez on the same day). Spend the day exploring the town on your own, then overnight in Valdez. The next morning, board your Stan Stephen's cruise vessel for an 8 hour excursion into the wildlife rich waters of Prince William Sound. Experience either Meares or Columbia Glacier and have the chance to see humpback whales, orca whales, puffins, eagles, sea lions, sea otters and more! Return to Valdez for another night. Fly RavnAir back to Anchorage the following morning.

**Package Includes:** Transportation to/from Seward by RavnAir; 2 nights stay in Valdez; Prince William Sound Glacier & Wildlife Cruise.

**Additional Costs:** Guests are responsible for meals.





## PRE/POST TRIP EXCURSIONS

### The Bears of Katmai National Park

**\$1109 per person**

Journey to the world-renowned destination of Katmai National Park to view brown bears as they wade the waters of Brooks Falls and snatch spawning salmon right out of the air! Begin with an early morning flight from Anchorage to Katmai. The flight is 2.5 hours. Upon arrival, attend a short bear safety school, then head out to view bears on multiple platforms around the river beds. Lunch is provided during your visit. Return to Anchorage late this afternoon and overnight in Anchorage.

**Package Includes:** Transportation to/from Katmai National Park via Regal Airways; Brooks Falls bear viewing; Lunch in Katmai; 1 night stay in Anchorage.

**Additional Costs:** Guests are responsible for the overnight in Anchorage prior to the trip, as your flight to Katmai leaves early in the morning the following day.



### Big Five Wildlife of Denali National Park

**\$1135pp Kantishna Wildlife Tour + Adventure Class Rail / \$1285pp Kantishna Wildlife Tour + GoldStar First Class Rail**  
**\$1059pp Tundra Wilderness Tour + Adventure Class Rail / \$1209pp Tundra Wilderness Tour + GoldStar First Class Rail**

Upon arrival in Anchorage, overnight at the Lakefront Hotel. Early the next morning, you will transfer to the Alaska Railroad for a ride north to Denali National Park. Overnight at Denali Bluffs Riverview for 2 nights. On your first morning in Denali, join a wildlife viewing tour for a 6-8 hour journey (Tundra Wilderness Tour) or a 8-10 hour journey (Kantishna Wildlife Tour) into the heart of the park, viewing moose, caribou, dall sheep, wolves and bear. The morning of day three, return to Anchorage via rail for an overnight in downtown Anchorage.

**Package Includes:** Transportation to/from Denali via rail; 2 nights stay in Denali; 2 nights stay in Anchorage; Your choice of Denali wildlife tour.

**Additional Costs:** Guests are responsible for meals.



## MORNING ACTIVITIES

### Morning Activities Available To Non-Convention Participants: July 14th - July 16th, 2020

For those guests who are traveling with convention participants and would like to explore the area while their traveling companions are involved in convention activities, here are a few activities that you may participate in.

**To enjoy any of these adventures, reservations must be made by April 15th, 2020.**

### Peony Farm Tour & Pampering **\$160 per person**

Depart Anchorage on a one hour drive to Alaska Blooms flower farm. In this beautiful setting the farm's owners will take you on a tour of the farm. You'll be amazed at the variety of flower colors and sizes grown here. Return to Anchorage for a late morning manicure or pedicure treatment at the award winning, Rose Hip Salon. Rose Hip Salon uses only organic products and will provide coffee and pastries during your spa session\*. Return to your hotel by noon. \*Please let us know which nail service you prefer at the time of booking.

**Package Includes:** Transportation to/from Talkeetna; Alaska Blooms flower farm tour; 1 Rose Hip Salon manicure or pedicure service.  
**8am departure. Maximum capacity of 8 passengers per day.**

### Anchorage Breakfast, Brews & Museum **\$110 per person**

Begin with an Alaskan style breakfast in town, hosted by one of Anchorage's most famous designers and boutique owners. Following breakfast, you will visit a local cafe to meet and greet one of Alaska's coffee pioneers who will introduce you to the in's and out's of Alaska's coffee industry. Afterwards you will be given entrance to the colorful Anchorage Museum with a guided tour and then time on your own to dig deeper into the exhibits. Return to your hotel by noon.

**Package Includes:** Transportation around downtown Anchorage; Breakfast, Coffee break; Anchorage Museum admission ticket and tour.  
**8am departure. Maximum capacity of 10 passengers per day.**