



TUTKA BAY LODGE ITINERARY

**Please note this is a sample itinerary. Actual adventure offerings and schedules may vary due to guest needs and weather.*

Day 1: Anchorage to Tutka Bay Lodge

8:15AM: Meet your complimentary transfer street side with bags ready for a quick ride to Lake Hood, the world's largest float plane base and your departure point for Tutka Bay Lodge.

9:00AM: Depart by float plane and enjoy views of the Kenai River and Aluetian Range. The flight takes you one hour and a half south of Anchorage. Our lodge managers will greet you dockside and invite you to the main lodge for a brief orientation over coffee/tea and fresh pastry.

Settle in and start your day with a morning walk on our trail system. Learn about the old-growth Sitka Spruce forest that surrounds the property. Hike to Tutka Lake to forage and enjoy views of the surrounding peaks. Sea kayak from the lodge to the Herring Islands to spot for otters, whales, seals, and eagles.

1:00PM: Luncheon is served in the main lodge. Our chefs craft each dish to articulate local wild flavors and inspire continued exploration of Tutka Bay. After lunch, board M/V Sea Salt for a ride to the neighboring bay and visit an oyster farm. Learn the unique conditions of raising oysters and mussels in the cold waters of Alaska and taste them fresh out of the water!

Back at the lodge, join an afternoon stretch/yoga class as you settle into the serenity of your surroundings.

6:30PM: Appetizers are served in the main lodge followed by a three-course dinner served table d'hôte style. After dinner, join our lodge manager for a sea life safari and educational discussion. During low tides, head to the beach and learn about the thirteen intertidal zones distinctive to Kachemak Bay. Sea Stars abound in an array of colors!



Day 2: Excursion

6:00AM: Breakfast is served in the main lodge.

6:30AM: Depart for your full day excursion of either deep sea fishing in Kachemak Bay or bear viewing on the Katmai Peninsula.

Deep Sea Fishing: With an early start, this excursion will take you to the deep, pristine waters of Kachemak Bay. Spend the day fishing for salmon and halibut alongside our informative local captains with all gear included. Kachemak Bay is home to one of the most productive fisheries in the world due to intense tidal fluctuations. Listen to stories from your guide about this unique region. A specialty lunch will be provided from the lodge chefs for your day on the water. At the end of the day, your captain will clean and fillet your catch at the dock. Ship it home or take it to the lodge for the chefs to prepare.

Bear Viewing: This excursion provides an amazing opportunity to explore one of the most populated wild habitat of Alaskan brown bears. The day starts with an early rise at Tutka Bay Lodge and a water taxi over to Homer where you meet your pilot and guide. At the hanger you will be provided with waders for the day and then take off for a one-hour scenic flight.

The destination flight takes you over glaciers, volcanoes, and the rugged coastlines of Katmai National Park and Lake Clark National Park to land on a remote beach. You will walk alongside bears in their natural habitat and depending on the time of year, you can see bears grazing on sedge grass, digging up clams, playing together, courting, resting, and/or fishing. Stream crossings and some light hiking (2-6 miles) can be expected alongside highly knowledgeable and helpful guides. Please note: this is a remote trip and there is no access to facilities.

Upon return unwind with our afternoon stretch and yoga class, or enjoy a book in the hammock on the deck.

6:30PM: Join the lodge managers for wine, local Alaskan brews, and gourmet sodas during our appetizer hour. Following dinner, relax in the hot tub or enjoy the wood fired sauna.

Day 3: Grewingk Glacier

7:00AM: Morning yoga (optional).

8:00AM: Breakfast is served in the main lodge.

After breakfast, explore one of the many trails through Kachemak Bay State Park or travel by boat with your guide to the Grewingk Glacier. View the glacier's exposed gravel field and learn the anatomy of an Alaskan glacier. Take the Glacier Lake hike and admire icebergs in the lake nestled up in the mountains. Make it a full-day adventure and bring a picnic lunch, or plan to return to the lodge for lunch after exploring.

Venture out on stand-up paddle boards from the dock to view marine life, or walk the beach tide pooling with our guides.

Tip: ask your reservation manager about adding a packrafting excursion to your package! (Please note this incurs additional charge).

6:30PM: Join fellow travelers for appetizers and wine and tell stories of the day's adventures. After dinner, join our boat captain for a sunset cruise around our neighborhood watching for whales and other sea life.



Day 4: Tutka Bay to Winterlake Lodge

7:00AM: Morning yoga (optional).

8:00AM: Breakfast is served in the main lodge.

10:00AM: Meet your floatplane at the dock for an hour and a half flight north to Winterlake Lodge.

Settle in and start your stay with a morning walk on our trail system with a stop to meet our sled dogs and learn about the National Historic Iditarod Trail that runs through property.

1:00PM: Luncheon is served in the main lodge. Our chefs craft each dish to articulate local wild flavors and inspire continued exploration of Winterlake Lodge.

After lunch, explore around the lodge. Enjoy a three-hour saddle hike and taking in the views of the Tordrillo Mountains and the Skwentna River Valley. Head back for a cooking class with our lodge chefs at 4:00PM. Join a yoga class or schedule an afternoon massage.

6:30PM: Appetizers are served in the main lodge followed by a three-course dinner served table d'hôte style. After dinner, gather around the table for games, drinks, and conversation. Finish the evening paddling on Winter Lake; look for loons, swans, and shoreline wildlife.

Day 5: Winterlake Heli-Day

7:00AM: Morning yoga (optional).

8:00AM: Breakfast is served in the main lodge. After breakfast, join your guide for a helicopter supported adventure.

Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Options Include:

Heli-hiking

Board our Robinson R-44 helicopter with your guide to the summit of Wolverine Ridge or the surrounding area mountains in the Tordrillo Range. Spend the day hiking along the ridge or exploring the tundra ecosystem; watch for caribou, brown bear and moose. Other favorite spots include Lupine Falls and Glacier Ridge for views of Tremble Glacier and illustrious patches of blueberries and wild flowers.

Glacier Trekking

Explore the features and ancient beauty of our precious glacial surroundings. During the flight spot for moulins, glacial pools, animals traversing the moraine, and dramatic crevasses, then land on the ice to explore. Glacier experience is not needed for this opportunity. Try sledding or snowshoeing in the summertime!

Happy River Float

Fly from the lodge to meet your river guide the Happy River. Meander along this rarely visited glacier fed class three river looking for bears, eagles, Dall's sheep, or salmon. This is one of our favorite spots; the deep gorge and surrounding mountains offer outstanding views and serenity.

Fly-Fishing

Set out to one of the many secluded rivers – all gear included. Throughout the summer our guides scout to find top-secret spots to fish for salmon, rainbow trout, or Dolly Varden. Either float or walk and wade down a quiet Alaskan river in this pristine region.

6:30PM: Join the lodge managers for a wine and cheese tasting, appetizers, local Alaskan brews and gourmet sodas. Following dinner at 7:00PM, relax in the hot tub or enjoy the wood fired sauna.

Day 6: Red Lake

7:00AM: Morning yoga (optional).

8:00AM: Breakfast is served in the main lodge.

Today hike down an old trap line trail to explore Red Lake; spot for moose, black bears, swans and loons. Canoe the lake with your guide and paddle to the Iditarod trail. Along the way, fish for grayling in the lake. The way back will loop you back to the lodge through an old growth boreal forest filled with wild berries.

Head out for a big adventure challenge to summit Wolverine Ridge (*full day adventure*).

1:00PM: Return to the lodge for lunch. After lunch, enjoy complimentary massage and join the afternoon stretch class. Grab a stand up paddle board with your guide to explore the lake or read a book on the deck rocking chairs.

4:00PM: Meet back in the kitchen to learn how to bake with wild berries, or learn a new recipe using Alaskan ingredients.

6:30 PM: Join fellow travelers over appetizers and wine to share stories of the day's adventures. Dinner is served at 7:00PM. After dinner, practice your fly fishing cast on the lake in the Minn Kota. Watch for wildlife on the shoreline as you cast.

Day 7: Departure to Anchorage

7:00AM: Morning yoga (optional).

8:00AM: Breakfast is served in the main lodge. Bid your farewells to fellow travelers, favorite lodge employees, and resident sled dogs.

9:00AM: Rust's Flying Service will pick you up from the lodge and have you on your way back to Anchorage.

Thank you for adventuring in Alaska with your friends at Within The Wild Adventure Company!



Rates & Reservations Info

Please inquire for receive our custom rates for adults and children 12 years old and under.

Package includes:

- All float plane travel between Anchorage and lodges
- All meals, snacks, coffee, tea and house wines
- 1 day Robinson R-44 helicopter-assisted excursion
- 1 Bear viewing excursion to Katmai Peninsula
- Or- 1 Deep sea fishing day in Kachemak Bay
- 1 50-minute massage per guest per lodge
- Twice-daily yoga classes
- Daily cooking class
- Accommodations in private cabin
- Wireless internet in the Main Lodge
- L'Occitane in-room amenities
- Daily housekeeping and evening turndown services
- All lodge guided activities
- Use of adventure gear
- Mat-Su Borough tax



Package does not include:

- Fishing licenses
- Premium wines and alcohol
- Lodge staff gratuity (at your discretion)

****Additional excursions can be supplemented or added. Please inquire for custom interests****

Considerations:

Travel Insurance: Within the Wild cannot provide refunds for travel delays or cancellations including excursions due to weather. We highly recommend the purchase of trip insurance.

Reservations: We require a 50% deposit to confirm your reservation. Balance is due 60 days prior to your arrival at the lodge. A refund is available prior to 60 days arrival less a \$100.00 per person administrative fee. Cancellations after 60 days are non-refundable regardless of the reason.

Arrivals and Departures: Typical travel time to the lodge is 8:00AM, custom travel times can be arranged on the day of your arrival, but departure is required at 9:00AM on your last day.

Complimentary Air Taxi Transfers: Our primary air taxi Rust's Flying Service can provide a complimentary ground transfer to and from the airport, downtown or airport hotels only. For airport pick ups guests will need to call Rust's at (907) 243-1595 after collecting their bags for curb side pickup. Within The Wild can also arrange private transfers.

Please note due to location remoteness there is limited access to communication allowing wilderness to be the main experience. It is imperative we receive all special requests, dietary concerns, and health information before arrival.