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Alaska
Coastal Grizzly Bears of Lake Clark
June 23-26, 2021



Grizzly Bear ©Hugh Rose

TRIP OVERVIEW

Take a bush flight to the seldom visited Lake Clark National Park to walk amongst Alaska brown bears in the wild. Enjoy this unique experience that begins with a magnificent bush plane flight along the bases of active steaming volcanoes of the Alaska Peninsula and ends with a landing on the beach in front of the lodge. Spend three days walking amongst these giants of the bear world as they go about their daily lives of eating, playing, and sleeping. Take home countless memories and photographs under the expert guidance of Alaska resident and naturalist, Bill Mohrwinkel.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take a bush airplane flight from Anchorage to Silver Salmon Creek, passing steaming glacier draped volcanoes in the Alaska Range, and ending with a landing on the beach in front of the lodge.
- Walk on the ground up-close with Alaska brown bears as they go about their daily activities of eating, playing, and sleeping at Silver Salmon Creek Lodge, a private reserve within Lake Clark National Park.
- Take a boat ride to islands where seabirds such as tufted and horned puffins' nest and photograph them up-close on flower covered slopes.
- Enjoy Alaska hospitality at this exclusive family-owned lodge.

WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT? With over 25 years of experience conducting small group photo and natural history tours we have gotten to know our subjects and places better than anyone. This allows us to better predict wildlife behavior and have you ready and in position when the action begins and to have minimal impact on the wildlife we are observing and photographing. We have been conducting bear viewing tours for over 25 years and are committed to the highest quality, safest experience for you, with the least impact on the bears. In-addition we include everything in the tour price, no hidden costs.

LEADERS: Bill Mohrwinkel.

DAYS: 3, including estimated travel time.

GROUP SIZE: Minimum 4/Maximum 8

COST: \$4,500 per person, double occupancy (two people per room). If you want a **guaranteed** single room at Silver Salmon Creek a "single supplement" of \$2240 is added, making the total \$6740 per person. If you are a single traveler and don't mind sharing a room, we will pair you with another traveler and the cost remains \$4500 per person. If you agree to take a roommate and we cannot find you one we do not charge the single supplement, thus the cost remains \$4500 per person. This trip can be combined with the 3-day Denali Adventure beginning in Anchorage on June 23, and will be discounted \$250 per person if combined with Denali.

TRANSPORTATION: Travel in our private, custom-designed 12-seater Mercedes Sprinter and by Alaska bush plane charter flight to Silver Salmon Creek (Cessna 206 or DeHavilland DHC-2 "Beaver").

CONDITIONS: This tour is for people who desire spending the maximum time in nature.

Date	Description	Accommodation	Meals
Jun 22	Arrive in Anchorage, Overnight at local hotel dinner on your own many good restaurants within walking distance.	Susitna Place B&B or equivalent, Anchorage	

Jun 23	9:00am, fly to Silver Salmon Creek, orientation and settle in with morning, afternoon, and evening bear viewing/photography	Silver Salmon Creek Lodge	B, L, D
Jun 24	Early morning for those who want to photograph/view bears before breakfast. Half day of bear viewing and half day boat trip to "Puffin Island" (weather permitting) for puffin and other bird viewing/photography	Silver Salmon Creek Lodge	B, L,D
Jun 25	Early morning for those who want to photograph/view bears before breakfast. Half day of bear viewing and half day of exploration on the endless beaches of Cook Inlet, looking for bears and other wildlife. If weather was inclement the previous day this is another opportunity for a trip to "Puffin Island" for puffin and other bird viewing/photography	Silver Salmon Creek Lodge	B, L, D
Jun 26	Early morning for those who want one last outing with the bears before breakfast. After breakfast pack up and prepare for one-hour flight back to Anchorage (mid-morning)		B
June 26	Arrive back in Anchorage mid-day. Transfer to your overnight accommodations in Anchorage or Anchorage International Airport for flights home		

LEADER

Bill Mohrwinkel



Living and guiding in Alaska for 25 years, Bill has vast knowledge to share. He was part owner of an Arctic tour business for 10 years and has guided sea kayaking trips in Prince William Sound, polar and brown bear trips, and birding trips. His love of the polar regions has led Bill to also guide in Antarctica and South Georgia Island. Though he is not a photographer, he has extensive experience guiding photo trips and works hard to help clients accomplish their goals for the tour. His true passion is natural history and sharing that passion with participants, and he loves to have fun!

DETAILED ITINERARY

Jun 22 ~ Arrive in Anchorage, Alaska

Arrive in Anchorage, Alaska from Denali National Park after your stay in Kantishna.



Jun 23–25 ~ Silver Salmon Creek Lodge for Brown Bears and other wildlife

From Anchorage you will take a one-hour flight to Silver Salmon Creek Lodge, situated on the coast of Cook Inlet within Lake Clark National Park. The scenic, low-level flight will end with a beach or lagoon landing for a unique Alaska experience. Silver Salmon Creek Lodge is on 40 acres of private land within the coastal region of the expansive park, offering views of the coast and towering volcanic peaks.

The opportunity to observe concentrations of coastal brown bears in their natural habitat is the primary attraction of this remote wilderness area. Due to their high-protein salmon diet, coastal brown bears are often significantly larger than their cousins found in the interior of Alaska (both are subspecies of brown bear, *Ursus arctos*). Most of the time spent here will be observing and photographing the phenomenal bear activity, sometimes even from the deck of your cabin. You will spend time with mothers with cubs as well as larger male bears as they dig for clams at low tide and forage for grass in the meadows. Patches of lupine, wild geranium, and other wildflowers add a splash of color to your photos. As you move into the habitat of the bear, you may witness seldom-seen behaviors, such as courting, mating, and nursing. Keep your eye out for wolves, moose and other wildlife that inhabit the park as well.

Birding around Silver Salmon Creek Lodge is excellent with an abundance of shorebirds, songbirds, and birds of prey, such as peregrine falcons and northern harriers. Small islands just off the coast host nesting pelagic birds. Horned and tufted puffins, parakeet auklets, murrelets, eiders, and more are found here during the short Alaskan summer. If time and weather permits, you will make a half day boat voyage to "Bird Island," a major nesting ground for horned and tufted puffins and common murrelets with excellent photography opportunities. If you wish to go on a half day halibut fishing charter this can be arranged for a minimum of two people (max 6) for an extra cost.

Jun 26 ~ Wildlife viewing and scenic flight to Anchorage.

You will have the morning for one last bear viewing opportunity and to take in the wildlife and scenery around Silver Salmon Creek before departing for the flight back to Anchorage. Arrival in Anchorage will be mid-day, in time for you to catch flights home from Anchorage International Airport later this afternoon. You may also choose to spend one last night in Alaska in Anchorage before flying home on June 27. When making return flights, please do not schedule departures before 5 pm to allow time for any possible weather delays.

Jun 27 ~ Fly home



COSTS (all costs are in US Dollars)

Cost

Type	Cost per Person
Trip Cost, double occupancy	\$4,500
Single Supplement (Guaranteed single room)	\$2240

Costs are per person, double occupancy, no hidden costs.

We reserve the right to charge for cost increases that occur between when we set tour prices and the date of travel, for example, changes due to the cost of lodging and transportation. If you are a single traveler and you are willing to have a roommate, we will find a roommate for you, and if we cannot, we will not charge you a single supplement fee. Single rooms are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed throughout the trip.

Payment Schedule

Payment	Due Date	Amount per Person
Deposit	Due now to reserve your space	\$500
Second	March 1, 2021	\$2,000
Final	May 1, 2021	Remaining Balance

Payments will be due based on the schedule above. All reservations require a deposit to confirm reservation of your space. For reservations made after a due date, all past payments will be due with registration. By sending your initial deposit, you agree to accept our payment schedule and cancellation policy as a contract. If payments are still outstanding two weeks after the due date, your space may be forfeited.

Cancellations

Until the Final Payment due date, deposits are refundable except for a cancellation fee of \$400 per person, which can be applied toward another tour if reserved within six months of the cancelled trip's departure date. Cancellations are non-transferrable. No refunds are given after the Final Payment due date.

Included

- All activities, leaders, transport, park entry, taxes and user fees, landing fees and permits unless described as optional.
- Accommodations for the nights of June 23 through June 25.
- Meals from breakfast on June 23 through breakfast on June 26.
- Round-trip flights between Anchorage and Silver Salmon Creek Lodge.
- Trip Materials - information about flights, packing, entry and departure requirements, airport transfers, gratuities, etc.

Not included

- Airfare from your home to Alaska, airport and departure taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Airport transfers in Anchorage.
- Gratuities for the guide and staff at Silver Salmon Creek Lodge: tipping is, of course, discretionary. It is customary to tip about \$60–\$70 *per participant* for our bear guide and about \$50–\$60 *per participant* to be split among the lodge staff.
- Additional night(s) and meals in Anchorage or Silver Salmon Creek Lodge if weather delays the flight.
- Emergency medical and evacuation insurance and trip cancellation insurance.
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, medical costs or hospitalization,

room service, alcoholic and other beverages, items not on the regular menu, etc. If you have special dietary needs, please indicate them on your Reservation/Release Form.

SIGN UP

Please contact us first to check availability, reserve your space, and obtain a Reservation/Release Form. To confirm your reservation, we require a deposit and signed form from each participant.

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OTHER DETAILS

Climate

The Alaska Peninsula where Silver Salmon Creek is located generally enjoys warm dry weather at this time of year and lies within a temperate weather zone. Daytime high temperatures can range from 70 to 50, with evenings dipping down into the high 40's. It is best to come prepared with layers to put on and off depending on the conditions. A rain jacket and rain pants as well as sunscreen are a must to pack. Plan for weather conditions to change quickly. We supply comfortable rubber boots for you to wear on all outings at the lodge

Fitness Level

At Silver Salmon Creek Lodge, we move around the area in a wheeled cart that is towed by an ATV. When we spot bear(s), we stop the ATV and everyone gets out of the cart and we slowly approach the bear(s) on foot. You may walk over a mile each day on flat, but uneven terrain at a slow pace. There can be opportunities for hiking if you prefer more physical activity.

Transportation

Travel in our private, custom-designed 12-seater Mercedes Sprinter, specifically adapted for photography, including windows that open on both sides.

Scenic round-trip flight in a small aircraft (either Cessna 206 or DeHavilland DHC-2 "Beaver") between Anchorage and Silver Salmon Creek Lodge.

Ride in a cart towed behind an ATV at Silver Salmon Creek

Accommodations

Lodging at Silver Salmon Creek is extremely comfortable. The location is very remote, but you will be pleasantly surprised at the comfort and amenities of the lodge. At Silver Salmon Creek most rooms have a private bath in the room, however, in a few cases the bathroom may be located adjacent to your room.

Wi-Fi and Cellular Connectivity

Cellular connectivity and cellular wi-fi are spotty at Silver Salmon Creek, but a strong enough signal to download text emails and make voice calls is strong enough most days with most service providers (weather does affect the signal). The lodge also offers access to their HughesNet Satellite wi-fi for text-only emails 24/7 at the main lodge

Flights

Flights you (or a travel agent) book: Depart Anchorage, Alaska (ANC) any time after June 26 at 5:00pm AKDT. You will be arriving by van from Denali to Anchorage on the evening of June 22 and accommodations are supplied as part of the last night of this tour. You will be arriving at Fairbanks on June 16 or before as part of your conference so you would be booking a ticket that arrives in Fairbanks (FAI) and departs from Anchorage.

Flights we book for you: The round-trip flights between Anchorage and Silver Salmon Creek Lodge in Lake Clark National Park. The cost of this round-trip booking is included in the tour cost.

Conditions

- **Maximum time in nature:** We try to spend as much time in nature as possible, sometimes resulting in long days but giving you a more in-depth experience.
- **Itinerary route:** The itinerary route, stops, and plans are subject to change by unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, such as weather or road conditions.
- **Additional forms:** For some of our tours, you may be asked to fill out additional forms (e.g., medical questionnaire).
- **Medical conditions and travel risks:** Travel to remote places is exciting, but it is important to understand and accept the risks, both medical and logistical. Minor medical problems can usually be treated (Bill Mohrwinkel is a certified Wilderness First Responder (WFR)), but because we are often far from medical facilities, there can be no expectation for immediate medical treatment or evacuation, even in cases of trauma. Anyone with health problems needing close medical supervision should not consider going on this tour. Bring enough medication for the duration of the trip for any chronic medical needs since pharmacies are usually not available. When you send your deposit and signed Reservation/Release Form, you certify to us that you do not knowingly have any physical or other conditions that would create a risk for yourself or for other trip participants.

Conservation

Hugh Rose Photography is passionate about conserving the precious regions that we travel to and supports many conservation efforts. By visiting these areas, we contribute to sustainable conservation of these valuable wildlife habitats. We also urge you to join a conservation organization to help protect Alaskan wildlife, such as Defenders of Wildlife, the Wilderness Society, Alaska Wilderness League, or the Audubon Society.

