



ALASKA

KAYAKING AT SHERIDAN GLACIER BY FRCC FACULTY

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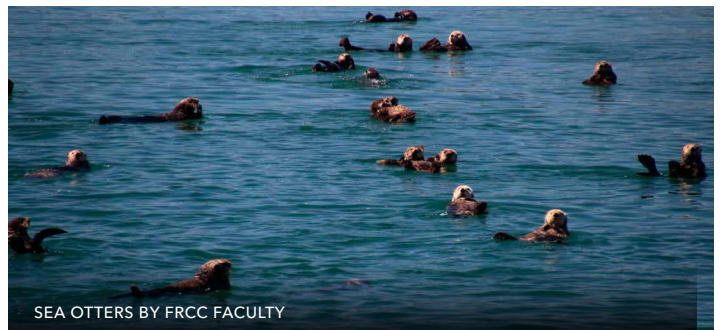
Embark on an educational adventure with Front Range Community College to experience the natural wonders and scenic beauty of Alaska! Cordova is a small, coastal town surrounded by glacier-carved mountains and nestled at the head of Orca Inlet in Eastern Prince William Sound. Examine topics of geology, plate tectonics, glaciology, marine biology, and avian biology amid the area's rich wetlands, lush forests, and countless waterways. Explore the natural grandeur with exciting activities such as hiking, kayaking, boating, and flightseeing, and gain a deeper understanding of the balance between humans and natural resources.

Alaska enchants with its majestic mountain peaks, temperate forests, and coastal waters; visitors can expect to encounter abundant wildlife, go kayaking and hiking, and discover the region's importance in conservation and ecology.

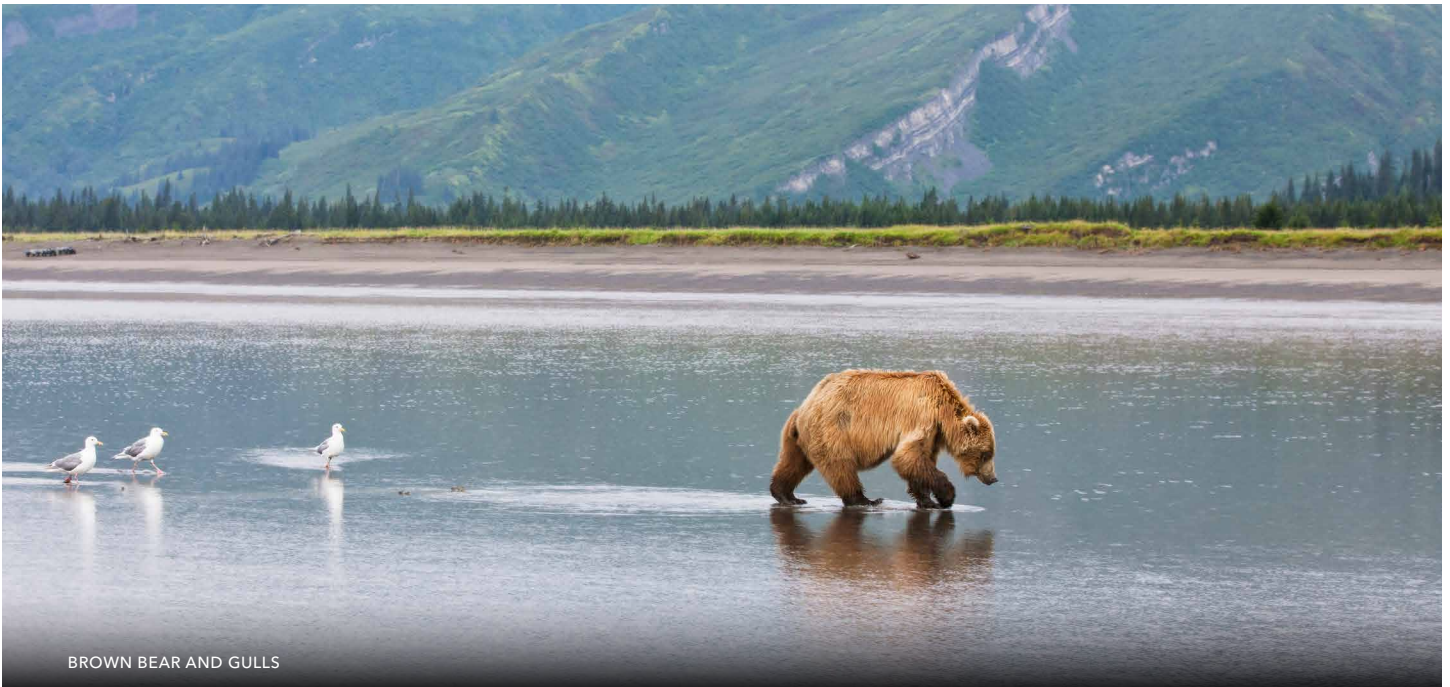
Important: A \$200 deposit is due by December 3, 2021 to reserve your space on this trip.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Participate in a service project to help restore salmon habitat on the Eyak Lake drainage.
- Hike through three complete ecosystems on the Heney Ridge Trail, where birds and wildlife can be spotted.
- Take a boat trip to the panoramic Orca Inlet to see the world's largest population of sea otters.
- Travel the old railroad bed of the Copper River and Northwestern Railroad, stopping for exploration and wildlife viewing.
- Embark on a hike-and-kayak excursion, offering dramatic views of Sheridan Glacier.



SEA OTTERS BY FRCC FACULTY



BROWN BEAR AND GULLS

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DAY 1 | WED | 15 JUN | CORDOVA

Depart Denver for Anchorage and then fly to Cordova. Upon arrival transfer to Orca Adventure Lodge.

ORCA ADVENTURE LODGE

DAY 2 | THU | 16 JUN | CORDOVA

This morning, your group will be working with the Copper River Watershed Project on their salmon habitat restoration project. After an orientation on the CRWP, your group will be divided into teams to assist in salmon restoration on the Eyak Lake drainage. Learn how even in this remote environment critical habitat is easily damaged and the steps that can be taken to restore this fragile area. General themes include geology of the area, plate tectonics, glaciology, marine biology and avian biology. Explore the rich diversity of the area's flora and fauna.

BREAKFAST-LUNCH-DINNER

ORCA ADVENTURE LODGE



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DAY 3 | FRI | 17 JUN | CORDOVA

Enjoy a hike through the Heney Ridge Trail to explore the rainforest. Hike through three complete ecosystems in the trail's seven-mile route. As this activity is the most strenuous of your program, there will be additional guides to accommodate the group's different levels of hikers.

BREAKFAST-LUNCH-DINNER

ORCA ADVENTURE LODGE

DAY 4 | SAT | 18 JUN | CORDOVA

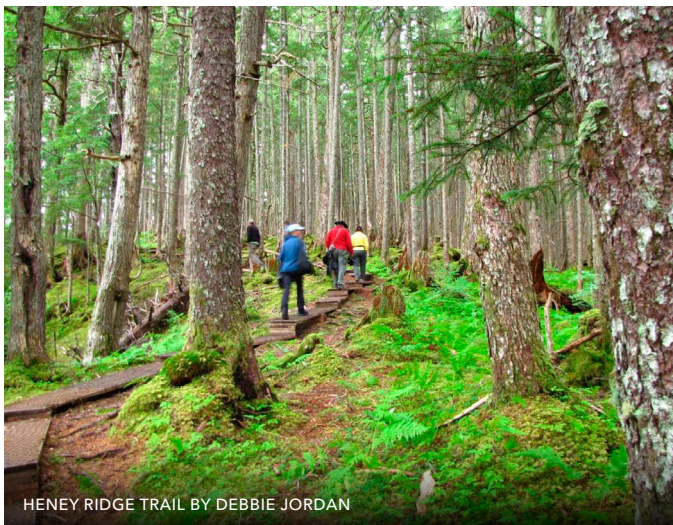
After breakfast take a boat trip to Orca Inlet, and have the opportunity to see the world's largest population of sea otters and observe their interaction within the pod. Your guide for the day has been involved in sea otter studies for over 15 years. Afterwards, stop at a remote beach and explore the tidal pools with laminated ID charts, plastic aquariums and dip nets in hand. This afternoon boat to a river system and get great fishing opportunities as well as excellent wildlife viewing. In the late afternoon, upon returning to Cordova, visit the museum and Eyak Cultural Center.

BREAKFAST-LUNCH-DINNER

ORCA ADVENTURE LODGE

DAY 5 | SUN | 19 JUN | CORDOVA

Depart for a full-day tour of the Copper River Delta, the highlight being a float down the Alaganik Slough. As we travel the historic Copper River Highway-built on the old railroad bed of the Copper River and Northwestern Railroad-take in



HENEY RIDGE TRAIL BY DEBBIE JORDAN

expansive views of marsh and wetland habitats while watching for moose, eagles, beavers, and the occasional bear. Our guide will point out examples of two geological phenomena, uplift and subsidence, that resulted from the 1964 earthquake and explain how it affected this area. Search for wildlife on our trek "out the road" to view the mighty Copper River at Mile 27. After a brief break to explore the dunes of the Copper River and a discussion about the salmon habitat and commercial fishing seasons, travel back to Mile 22 and the site of the sacred Eyak village of Alaganik. Here, we can imagine the village as it once was, full of bustling activity around the old trading post, longhouses, and Shaman's Cave that used to inhabit this spot.

After a quick introduction to some medicinal uses for local plants, with handouts provided to identify plants on our own, launch canoes with your guide. Float from Mile 22 to Mile 17 on the Alaganik Slough, watching for wildlife along the way. See areas where the US Forest Service attempted to help restore the Dusky Canada Goose and Tundra Swan populations by anchoring nest islands in the ponds. Experience the dynamic delta ecosystem up close from our vantage point at water level. Finally, disembark at the Mile 17 ramp and hike the boardwalk birding path. Stay alert for more wildlife viewing opportunities on the return trip to the lodge.

BREAKFAST-LUNCH-DINNER

ORCA ADVENTURE LODGE

DAY 6 | MON | 20 JUN | CORDOVA

Take a ten minute flight, traveling Alaskan style, to explore Egg Island. This barrier island hosts a wide variety of bird species, including the largest population of Glaucous-winged Gulls found anywhere. During your exploration of the island, either participate in an ongoing study or gather data for an interested local biologist. Following the project and lunch, there will be time for beachcombing. Return to the lodge in the early afternoon for a kayaking activity followed by a discussion of the life cycle of salmon.

BREAKFAST-LUNCH-DINNER

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DAY 7 | TUE | 21 JUN | CORDOVA

After breakfast your guide will talk about plate tectonics and the dramatic changes this area has undergone in recent decades. Look at specific, unique geological formations and rock samples, then engage in a discussion on climate change before heading to Sheridan Glacier. Sheridan is one of the most accessible glaciers in Alaska, and after a short hike through the moraine, we'll kayak along the crystal blue caves and jagged crevasses observing the ever-changing glacier.

BREAKFAST-LUNCH-DINNER

ORCA ADVENTURE LODGE



BALD EAGLE BY JAKE SCOTT

DAY 8 | WED | 22 JUN | ANCHORAGE

Spend your last day in Cordova before heading to the airport for your flight to Anchorage then on to Denver.

BREAKFAST-LUNCH

DAY 9 | THU | 23 JUN | ARRIVAL

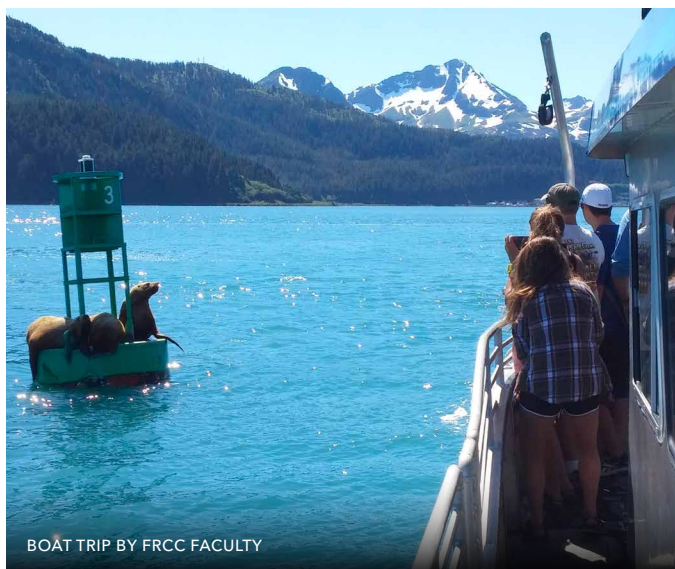
Arrive back in the lower 48.



CORDOVA BAY BY CHRIS BENSLEY



ORCA ADVENTURE LODGE



BOAT TRIP BY FRCC FACULTY

PRICING DETAILS

\$3,420 (\$2,695 + \$725 flights from Denver)

Price includes:

- Sightseeing and activities as described, including entrance fees
- Round-trip airfare from Denver and flights within Alaska as indicated
- Private vehicle transportation and driver
- Full-time guide for duration of the program
- Non-alcoholic beverages with meals
- Post-departure travel protection (see below)

Price does not include: Trip cancellation insurance, gratuities, drinks purchased on own, or items of a personal nature.

THE FINE PRINT

Cost is based on a minimum of 14 participants in triple/quad occupancy. A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form is due by **December 3, 2021** to hold your space on this trip. This deposit is refundable 95 days prior to departure excluding a \$100 cancellation fee. Cancellations after this date will result in loss of full deposit. Final non-refundable payment is due **March 1, 2022**.

Please note: Your participation as a traveler indicates acceptance of Holbrook Travel's Covid-19 protocols in place at time of travel. Holbrook Travel strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance for medical emergencies while traveling and to protect your investment. Please note the purchase of Cancel for Any Reason Coverage or to exclude pre-existing conditions with Trip Cancellation coverage may require policy purchase within 10-14 days of your initial deposit, depending upon the provider.

TRAVEL PROTECTION

Holbrook Travel purchases Travel Protection on behalf of all participants. These plans help provide coverage once the trip has departed and offer benefits for Baggage/Personal Effects, Accident & Sickness Medical Expenses, Emergency Evacuation and more.

Optional additional coverage is available in the form of the Group Deluxe Plan, which offers benefits for Trip Cancellation/Interruption, in addition to many other insurance benefits and non-insurance assistance services. If interested in this optional plan, we can provide you with rates and plan details.

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