





**ALASKA** with KS Nature Photography August 3 - 11, 2023

With its inspirational beauty, Alaska is a wilderness hub. Journey through Cordova—a hidden treasure—with nature photographer Krisztina Scheeff to witness and photograph the spectacular wildlife and landscapes that make Alaska one of North America's natural wonders. Sync with nature at a remote camp, photographing both brown and black bears along the Katalla River; travel along the Prince William Sound to view puffins, murres, kittiwakes, and possibly humpback whales and orcas; enhance your photography skills while exploring the great wilderness and witnessing the dramatic scenery of wild Alaska.

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Seek out wildlife along the Copper River Delta and within the Chugach National Forest.
- Cruise down the Prince William Sound to a puffin nesting area, where humpback whales and orcas also make appearances.
- Explore the surrounding remote camp area for rare photographic opportunities of brown and black bears.
- Participate in aerial photography capturing the delta, coast, and glaciers.
- Spend time photographing sea otters and other marine animals.

## **ITINERARY**

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

## AUGUST 3 - ANCHORAGE

Individual arrivals in Anchorage. Shuttle transfer to hotel for overnight. Dinner on own this evening. *Overnight at The Lakefront Anchorage or similar.* 

#### AUGUST 4 - CORDOVA

This morning, take a shuttle to the airport for your flight to Cordova. Upon arrival, explore the Copper River Delta. Part of the Chugach National Forest, this is a critical habitat area and major nesting area as well. Trumpeter Swans nest within easy lens distance as they raise their cygnets. Search the Power Creek trail for bears and spawning salmon. A highlight of the day will be a visit to the Sheridan Glacier. *Overnight at Orca Adventure Lodge. (BLD)* 

#### AUGUST 5 - CORDOVA

This will be an all-day boat trip to the most known accessible puffin nesting area. It will take two hours of cruising in the beautiful and protected Prince William Sound before reaching your destination. In addition to puffins, murres and kittiwakes nest on these rocks. Whales are a high likelihood on this trip as well, as humpback whales and orcas are frequently in this location. Lunch will be on a remote beach. *Overnight at Orca Adventure Lodge. (BLD)* 

#### AUGUST 6 - CORDOVA

Today, fly out to your remote camp on the beautiful and rugged Gulf coast. This is in prime bear habitat, so multiple guides will accompany the group for enhanced safety. This is also the site of an abandoned town so old relics litter the forest, presenting even more photographic opportunities. A famous shipwreck lies in front of the camp, a sign of its far different past. As the coast is so rich in berries and fish, this locale offers the rare opportunity to view both black and brown bears together; in most other places, the brown bears would chase off their smaller cousins. *Overnight at Orca Camp. (BLD)* 

#### AUGUST 7 - CORDOVA

Enjoy a second full day in the wilderness to explore the area surrounding the Katalla River. *Overnight at Orca Camp. (BLD)* 

#### AUGUST 8 - CORDOVA

Flying back to Cordova, cross the entire Copper River Delta. Try your hand at aerial photography, with views of the coast, the delta, and glaciers that dot the landscape. Compare photographs with dated photos of the same areas to visually show how quickly this area is changing due to uplifting earthquakes and the retreat of glaciers, both due to post ice age retreat, as well as the more recent changes due to global warming. In the afternoon, explore the town and busy harbor area of Cordova. *Overnight at Orca Adventure Lodge. (BLD)* 

## AUGUST 9 - CORDOVA

Today will be spent with the photogenic sea otters! Spend the time needed to get up close and personal with these furry friends. This is the world's largest population, and young pups are often viewed as well. Also spend time with sea ducks you haven't seen on the trip yet, as well as other marine mammals. *Overnight at Orca Adventure Lodge. (BLD)* 

## AUGUST 10 - ANCHORAGE

This morning is at leisure before transferring to the airport for your flight to Anchorage. Upon arrival, you will be met by a driver who will take you to visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center and to explore historic downtown, including the Museum of History and Art. You will have time for dinner on own before transferring to the airport for your evening flight home. *Dayroom at The Lakefront Anchorage or similar. (BL)* 

#### AUGUST 11 - DEPARTURE Flights home.



# ABOUT YOUR LEADER



## **KRISZTINA SCHEEFF**

Photographer / Guide / Owner KS Nature Photography

Krisztina has been photographing the natural world, with an emphasis on wildlife, birds & landscapes, since the age of 18. She has been published in Wild Planet Photo Magazine, Audubon papers, won

awards from National Audubon Society and local organizations. She had numerous art exhibits and she is a workshop leader every year at the San Diego Bird Festival run by San Diego Audubon Society. Her enthusiasm and passion for wildlife photography rubs off on everyone who meets her.

## Photography is an adventure, just like life itself. Come join me on this journey exploring the beautiful world of wildlife and landscapes!

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# LAND PRICING

**\$6,750** (based on minimum 6 participants)

Price includes accommodations, meals, activities and entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary, transportation within Alaska (including internal flights and boat and ground transport as indicated), full-time guide for duration of program, additional guides at remote camp, most tips/gratuities except main guide(s) and driver, and carbon offset.

Does not include round-trip airfare to Anchorage from your home city, gratuities for guide(s) or driver, or items of a personal nature. Holbrook can assist with your flight arrangements if desired.

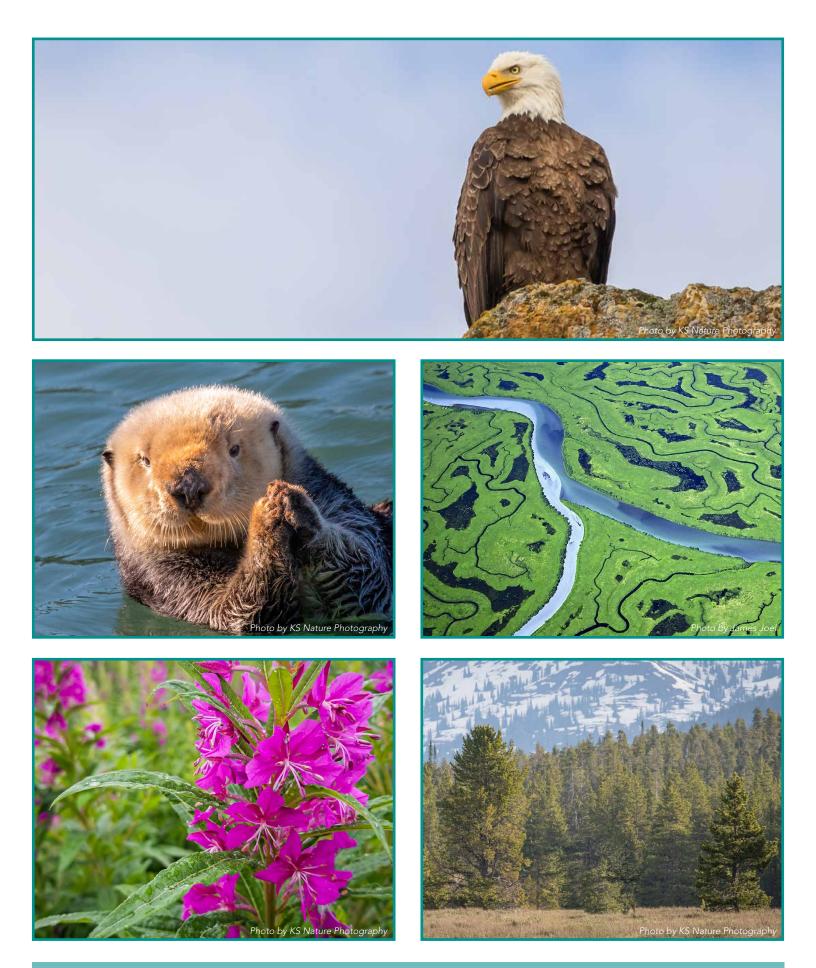
# TRAVEL PROTECTION

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.

# THE FINE PRINT

Price is based on double occupancy with individual beds. For a single room throughout the trip, add \$580 per person. A \$500 per person nonrefundable deposit and enrollment form are required to hold your space on the trip. Final payment is due January 28, 2023.



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