

**Exploring Seward & Portage  
2-Day / 1-Night Tour**

Depart Anchorage in your own rental car for a 2½-hour drive to Seward. Or Step aboard the Historic Alaska Railroad for a 4½-hour train ride to Seward. You'll travel along the breathtaking Turnagain Arm, famous for its unusual bore tide. This drive has been voted one of the Top Ten Most Scenic Drives in America by Conde Nast Magazine. Watch for eagles, Dall sheep and moose. You'll pass through Portage where the 1964 earthquake caused the land to drop between 6 and 12 feet along the Turnagain Arm. High tides flooded the area, forcing the estimated 50 to 100 residents of Portage to move. Rustic old buildings and Ghost Forests are visible signs of remains by the invading saltwater. Once in Seward you'll embark on a magnificent day of cruising the spectacular fjords of Resurrection Bay and Kenai Fjords National Park. This wildlife and glacier cruise takes you through Resurrection Bay and around Aialik Cape to the very face of an active tidewater glacier. Here you will spend time watching glaciers calve giant splinters of blue ice into the ocean. Visit the Chiswell Islands, part of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, where thousands of colorful seabirds nest and a small island where over 20,000 horned and tufted puffins make their nests every summer. Look for graceful humpback whales, Orcas, playful otters, and hear Stellar sea lions bellow from rocky cliffs. At the conclusion of your cruise, enjoy dinner at various restaurants in Seward and relax at the Seward Windsong Lodge. The next day you will encounter an unforgettable sled dog experience at a local Iditarod musher's summer training site. Here you will enter the world of sled dogs and experience the wonders of dog mushing in comfort and style. Step aboard a custom wheeled sled where your tour guides (several of which are Junior Iditarod mushers) provide lively narration of trail lore and experiences of the historic Iditarod Trail. Afterwards pose for photos in a genuine dog sled or holding adorable husky puppies! Your next adventure finds you at Exit Glacier, the only glacier in Kenai Fjords National Park that is accessible by road. With only a short walk, you can stand right next to the glacier. Then take a self-guided tour through the Alaska SeaLife Center, a multi-million dollar marine and viewing facility.

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This world-class marine research facility allows you to watch, touch, and learn about the various marine wildlife in the area and interact with scientists. You will also get a chance to explore the unique gift shops of Seward. Afterwards you'll be on your way to Portage. Once there you will explore Big Game Alaska, Alaska's only drive-through wildlife viewing exhibit. This will be your opportunity to capture a glimpse of a grizzly

bear, reindeer, buffalo, elk, musk ox, moose, eagles, or a Sitka blacktail deer. Then make a stop in Girdwood for dinner, or just continue on to Anchorage.

**Option # 1 – Rental Car**

**Tour Includes:** Rental Car for 2-Days, 6-Hour Narrated Wildlife & Glacier Cruise with Lunch, Overnight Accommodations in Seward, 1-Hour and 15-Minute Sled Dog Experience, Admission to the Alaska SeaLife Center, Admission to Big Game Alaska and Logistics Staff Coordination.

**Daily Departure From Anchorage:** Day One Depart Anchorage at 8:00AM and Day Two Return to Anchorage at Approximately 7:00PM.

**Option # 2 – Train**

**Tour Includes:** Narrated Round Trip 4½-Hour Train Ride, Transfer To and From Rail Depot in Seward to the Seward Windsong Lodge, 6-Hour Narrated Wildlife & Glacier Cruise with Lunch, Overnight Accommodations in Seward, 1-Hour and 15-Minute Sled Dog Experience, Admission to the Alaska SeaLife Center and Logistics Staff Coordination. **Tour Stops Operation September 11, 2005.**

**Daily Departure From Anchorage:** Day One Depart Anchorage Railroad Depot at 6:45AM and Day Two Return to Anchorage Railroad Depot at Approximately 10:30PM.

**Note:** Meals are on own unless otherwise noted. The \$5.00 Admission fee per car to Exit Glacier is not included. If you choose to take the train, the Big Game Alaska Tour and Exit Glacier will not be included. Also, your method of transportation upon arrival into Seward will be the Seward Windsong Lodge Shuttle. The shuttle will pick you up at the Seward dock after your cruise and shuttle you to the lodge. The shuttle will also be available to take you into Seward, the Alaska SeaLife Center and to the Iditaride Tour Office.

