

Chinitna Bay Bear Viewing

6 Hours

Anchorage, AK

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This tour is fully customizable when operated as a Private Tour exclusive to you (subject to availability).

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Note: This tour is rated at a moderate activity level as it requires some walking on uneven, unpaved terrain. Once the wheel plane reaches the lodge, guides give a brief overview of bear safety followed by a brief drive up the beach to a few viewing areas. The bears you will see are in grassy fields or walking along the beach. We do have an age limit of **6 years old** on this trip.

Tour Operates: May to August

Tour Departs: 7:30 AM and 2:00 PM



Highlights

- The activity level is moderate on this tour as it may require walking on uneven, off trail terrain.
- Intimate, 90-minute scenic flight from Anchorage
- Up-close guided bear viewing in Lake Clark National Park.
- Travel by small 4wd bus and on foot to where the bears are most active.
- Observe brown bears digging for clams and frolicking on the beach.
- Spotting scope available for viewing and photographing if bears are further out in bay.

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Includes

- ✓ A window seat and 2-way headset.
- ✓ Detailed knowledge (and personality) of an Alaska bush pilot.
- ✓ Meticulous attention to comfort and safety.
- ✓ Bear Viewing experience lead by a naturalist guide.
- ✓ Snack box.
- ✓ Taxes.

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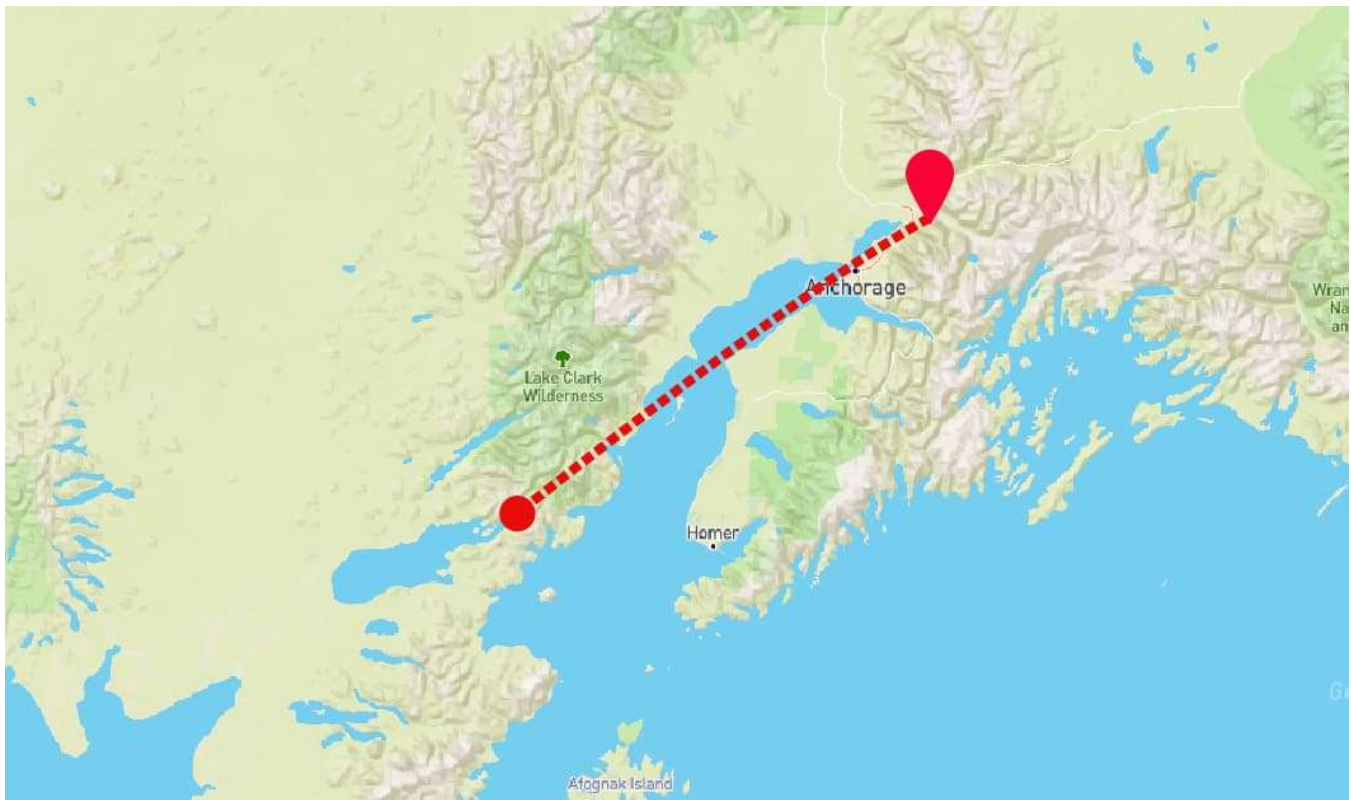
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Restrictions related to this tour/soft adventure activity:

Please note the following terms & conditions and restrictions apply to participants undertaking this tour:

- **Medical/Physical, Mobility Issues:** This tour/soft adventure is not recommended for persons with heart or back condition, mobility issues, pregnant women, etc. Please let us know of any physical/health condition that you may have so we can confirm your acceptance on this tour/soft adventure.
- **Age restrictions:** Children below 6 years of age are not accepted on this tour.
- **Activity Level:** Moderate - requires some walking on uneven, unpaved terrain.
- **Experience:** No prior experience is required as such. You will be given proper briefing before start of this tour.
- **Check in:** Please check in at our Lake Hood Office 30 minutes prior to departure. For safety of weight and balance of the plane, we will need accurate weights of individuals or of the entire group.
- **Parking:** There is free, although limited parking at the operator's base. You will need to leave your car keys with the office. Our operator also picks up from major hotels. You are welcome to leave baggage at the operator's office at no additional charge.
- **What to bring:** Sunglasses, bug spray, camera and binoculars. Dress comfortably and in layers; Alaska weather can change dramatically. A sunny and warm day in Anchorage can turn windy, rainy, and cool in the National Park. Please bring prescription medications.
- **Flight Pattern:** Depart from Lake Hood Seaplane Base in Anchorage and fly southwest over Cook Inlet. Watch for the Chigmit Mountains, where Alaska and Aleutian Ranges meet, and two active volcanoes – Mt. Redoubt and Mt. Iliamna – before landing on the beach in Chinitna Bay in Lake Clark National Park.
- **Waiver:** In most cases, signing a Waiver is required. Your tour/soft adventure includes components that is considered as a soft adventure activity, and therefore you to required to sign a Liability Waiver issued by the operator of that tour or soft adventure activity. This requirement will be clearly indicated at the time of booking and on your tour voucher. Additionally, for all participants under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign the Waiver on their behalf.
- **Should we purchase Travel Insurance?** Clients are absolute required to be in possession of sufficient travel insurance to cover all eventualities including, but not limited to accident, medical, etc.

Map:



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- An approximate 1.5-hour plane ride from Anchorage each way, your knowledgeable pilot, will point out areas of interest along the route. This included mountains, glaciers, and volcanos as well as spotting for wildlife.
- Upon arrival to Chinitna Bay, your pilot will land on a remote beach in front of Bear Mountain Lodge where you will meet your guide. Listen as your expert guide shares tales of the resident bears and their families.
- You'll travel with your guide by customized 4WD bus/vehicle to where the brown bears are most active. Once at best location, you will disembark the bus and witness these magnificent animals digging for clams, sunning on the beach, feeding in the meadow or out in the bay. You'll be amazed at the sheer mass of the male brown bear and fall in love with the cubs as they wrestle and play.

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Exclusions

- × Airfare to Anchorage. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Accommodations. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Meals unless listed under inclusions.
- × Travel Insurance is strongly recommended to all travelers. Travel Agents, please note - If your client chooses to decline your offer to sell them Travel Insurance, you must secure a signed Liability Waiver, as required by the TICO, the Provincial Travel Regulatory Authorities of Ontario, Canada. DMCi Inc. sells Travel Insurance to residents of Ontario who are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants (Permanent Residence Card Holders) only. Non-Canadians and non-residents of Ontario or international clients must purchase Travel Insurance in their respective province, state, or country of residence.
- × Visa and Documentation Fees.
- × Any personal expenses.
- × Gratuities for Guides (expected).

Tour Operates

- May to August

Deposit & Payment Policy

- 91-days or more prior to start date of tour - \$250 per person.
- Full payment required 45-days prior to start date of your tour.

Change & Cancellation Policy

- 91-days or more prior to start date of tour – 100% refundable less \$250 per person.
 - 16 – 90 days – 50% refundable less \$250 per person.
 - 15-days or less – 100% non-refundable.
 - No Show – 100% non-refundable.
 - Unused Services - non-refundable.
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FAQ

- **Is this a private or a shared experience?** This tour/soft adventure activity is a shared experience. There will be other participants on this tour/soft adventure activity.
- **Is this tour customizable?** Subject to availability, we can operate this tour/soft adventure activity as a fully customized Private Tour experience, exclusive to you. Additional costs will apply. Please check with us for more details.
- **Are there fixed dates of departure for this tour?** Yes. There are specific dates in the season when this tour operates.
- **Is it necessary to sign a Waiver to participate in your tours?** In most cases, signing a Waiver is required. Your tour includes a component that is considered a soft adventure activity, and therefore you are obliged to sign a Liability Waiver issued by the operator of that tour or activity. This requirement will be clearly indicated on your tour voucher. Additionally, for all participants under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign the Waiver on their behalf.
- **Are there any specific dress code requirements for participating in the tours?** There are strict dress code guidelines that must be followed for safety purposes. These specific requirements will be communicated to you at the time your tour is confirmed.
- **Is it safe to undertake this tour if I have a certain health condition?** The nature of certain tours and soft adventure activities is such that clients with heart, back conditions, mobility issues, pregnant women, etc should refrain from participating in such tours and soft adventure activities. This information will be pointed out to you under restrictions.
- **Are children allowed to participate in certain tours and soft adventure activities?** Yes. Once again, such restrictions are pointed out under “Restrictions”.
- **Can we expect to see wildlife on these tours?** While there is always a chance to spot wildlife during our tours, and such sightings are not uncommon, we must clarify that seeing wildlife is not a guaranteed aspect of our tours. Our guides possess extensive knowledge about the animals in the park and will gladly share information about them, should you see any wildlife or have questions about the local fauna.
- **Is it safe to approach or touch wild animals based on their behavior?** Absolutely not. Under no circumstances should you approach, touch, or exit your vehicle to photograph wild animals, regardless of their apparent calmness or friendliness. Interacting with wild animals poses significant risks to both humans and the animals themselves.
- **Is it mandatory to present Service Vouchers received from DMCi for availing confirmed services during our tour, including hotel accommodations and tours?** Yes, it is mandatory. To avail of the services confirmed for your tour, including hotel accommodations and tours, you must present a digital or printed copy of the Service Voucher provided to you by DMCi or your travel agent at the time-of-service confirmation. Failure to present this voucher may result in denial of services. Please note that in such circumstances, no refunds, substitutions, or alternative tours or services will be provided.

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- **What is the policy in case your client's flight gets cancelled or delayed, or if they are unable to travel and join the tour for other reasons?** – DMCi Inc., our service providers, employees, contractors & sub-contractors etc. are responsible only for services booked through us. Therefore, your client's inability to travel or join the tour on time due any reasons including but not limited to delayed/cancelled flights, denied boarding, delayed/cancelled visas, refused admission into the country at the point of entry, health conditions, death in the family, etc. are not reasons for a refund or a substitution tour. If your client/s are unable to join the tour or fail to join the tour on time, no refund/substitution tour will be provided. DMCi Inc. is not responsible for any disruptions caused because of weather, traffic, road conditions, etc. All such circumstances should be covered by their Travel Insurance.

For More Information on this Tour Package, Operating Dates & Tariffs,

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