

Backpacking and Sea Kayaking

in Alaska's most magnificent wilderness...

12 Day all-inclusive multi-sport itinerary

\$3,995 per person

Departures July 13th and August 10th, 2009

*Offered by [St. Elias Alpine Guides](#) in cooperation with [Pangaea Adventures](#)
in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Prince William Sound, Alaska*

Are you adventurous and looking for a unique and spectacular way to see the best of Alaska? The Iceberg Lake/Columbia Glacier Trip is a wilderness based multi-sport adventure that allows you to experience some of the most magnificent scenery in the state up close and personal. Wrangell-St. Elias National Park is the largest in the country and one of the most spectacular, yet is far less crowded than Denali with many more acres of phenomenal mountain scenery. Prince William Sound has hundreds of calving glaciers, an abundance of wildlife and endless miles of shoreline just waiting to be explored by the small number of people who venture into it by kayak each summer. This trip combines our favorite hiking trip with our favorite sea kayaking adventure. Take it from the locals – it doesn't get any better than this!

Itinerary:

Day 0: Arrive in Anchorage, pick up any last minute items. Lodging this night not included.

Day 1: Your guide will pick you up at 8am for the scenic drive through the Chugach Mountains to Chitina, at the edge of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. Fly into McCarthy on the first of several spectacularly scenic flights, go over your gear with your guides and prepare to depart for Iceberg Lake in the morning. Accommodations and meals at a local lodge included.

Days 2-5: [Iceberg Lake Basecamp](#) – Fly in by bush plane to spend four days in a remote valley of the Chugach Mountains. A wide variety of hiking options are available, from moderate wandering along the valley floor to hiking through alpine meadows to climbing the surrounding peaks and crossing glaciers. Return to McCarthy the afternoon of Day 5. Lodging and meals included this night.

Day 6: Take a half or full day glacier hike on the Root Glacier, try your hand at ice climbing, enjoy a tour of the historic copper mining town of Kennecott. An upgrade to river rafting is also available. Lodging and meals included.

Day 7: Fly to Chitina, then drive over the stunning Thompson Pass to Valdez. Meet with your sea kayaking guide, do some laundry, and prepare to head off to the Columbia Glacier the following morning. Lodging included, meals on your own.

Days 8-11: [Columbia Glacier Sea Kayaking](#) – Take a water taxi through magnificent Prince William Sound to Columbia Glacier Bay. Spend 4 days kayaking amongst ice bergs, taking side hikes for awe-inspiring views, exploring Glacier Island and the abundant marine wildlife, including sea lions, otters, seals, many different birds, bears, and possible whale and porpoise sightings. Return to Valdez the afternoon of Day 11. Lodging this night included, meals on your own.

Day 12: Take a commercial flight today back to Anchorage (several times available). Included. Goodbye!

\$3,995 per person, includes guides, group gear, food (except for meals while in Valdez) and all

transportation and lodging starting and ending in Anchorage. Price does not include alcohol or gratuities.

We hope you'll join us!

Please don't hesitate to call with any questions or to sign up for the trip. You can reach us toll-free at 888-933-5427 or email gaia@steliasguides.com.