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Alaska Bear Camp Photo Expedition

A Total Immersion with Brown Bears from Our Private Fly-In Wilderness Base

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Trip Details:

Days
7 Days / Jul

Price
From $10695 (+Air)

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At Nat Hab's Alaska Bear Camp, photographers find matchless encounters with wild brown bears. Here on our private inholding within Lake Clark National Park, we are surrounded by some of the best bear viewing on the planet. Dozens of bears range over the terrain surrounding our camp, and we capture shots of them foraging for protein-rich sedges, digging clams on the tide flats, or catching fish in season. In late summer, when salmon run up the streams from the sea, bears feast on nature's bounty—and all of it is on display before our cameras, often at very close range. Our sustainable bush camp provides a comfortable base for exploration in the bears' midst. New glass-fronted cabins face Chinitna Bay on one side while behind the camp, a two-story viewing platform overlooks a vast meadow where bears graze, facilitating outstanding photos. Our Expedition Leaders are not only top wildlife photographers but some of Alaska's most experienced bear naturalists—their guidance sets you up for success!

Trip Highlights

Exclusive Proximity to Abundant Brown Bears

Alongside expert guides, photograph bears from our deluxe camp on a private inholding within Lake Clark National Park, where they roam, fish and forage around us

Our Naturalist-Photographer Guides Are Bear Experts

Our Expedition Leaders are not only outstanding photographers and instructors, they are seasoned naturalists who interpret every aspect of the bears' behavior

Private Fly-In Access from the Kenai Peninsula

Reach our isolated Bear Camp on Cook Inlet via a scenic chartered bush plane flight from Homer, passing dramatic mountain ranges and glacier-iced volcanoes

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Alaska Bear Camp Photo Expedition Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	Anchorage / Homer
Day 2	Kachemak Bay / Alaska Bear Camp
Days 3–5	Lake Clark National Park
Day 6	Lake Clark / Homer
Day 7	Homer



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Day 1

Anchorage / Homer

Travel from Anchorage to Homer to start your brown bear photo expedition

- Travel by private bus on a scenic drive to Homer on the Kenai Peninsula
- Join your Photo Expedition Leader for a welcome dinner & orientation

Meet at the Wildbirch Hotel in Anchorage at 11 am for our transfer to Homer via private bus. (Please note: If you are flying into Anchorage today, please arrive at the airport no later than 9 am). A scenic drive is in store along Turnagain Arm and over Moose Pass, threading our way south through the Kenai Mountains to reach this fishing town of 5,500 on Kachemak Bay, located near the bottom of the Kenai Peninsula. Known as "the end of the road," Homer is the most southerly point on Alaska's contiguous highway system. Surrounded by 280 acres of protected state land, this critical wildlife habitat sustains more than 100 bird species and a large local moose population. Homer's key geographic feature is the Homer Spit, a 4.5-mile-long gravel bar that extends into the bay. Visitors to the town harbor frequently see fishing boats unloading their catch—Homer is heralded as the Halibut Capital of the World. This evening, gather with our Expedition Leader for a welcome dinner and orientation to the incredible bear photography adventures that lie ahead.

Day 2

Kachemak Bay / Alaska Bear Camp

Photograph seabirds before flying to Nat Hab's private Bear Camp

- Cruise Kachemak Bay in search of sea otters, seals and sea lions
- See puffins and kittiwakes at Gull Island's seabird rookery
- Fly by bush plane across Cook Inlet to a remote camp in prime brown bear habitat

Head out on a private boat cruise this morning into the rich waters and magnificent scenery of Kachemak Bay. Transformed daily by some of the largest tidal fluctuations in the world, the bay is home to coveted sport fish and other plentiful marine life, with sea otters, seals and sea lions being common photo subjects A highlight is Gull Island, a rookery of 10,000 nesting seabirds, where we have a chance to capture shots of puffins, guillemots, kittiwakes, murres and more.

After lunch, it's time to board our private chartered bush plane across Cook Inlet to Nat Hab's Alaska Bear Camp. Weather in this region is often unpredictable, so we are prepared to work with our pilot to determine the best window of opportunity and adapt our timing as needed. Once we're in the air, if the skies are clear, the view is staggering as we pass snow-clad volcanoes and jagged glaciers winding down from icefields. Our destination, where the Aleutian and Alaska ranges meet, is Lake Clark National Park, some of the world's most critical brown bear habitat. Look for bears along the shoreline as we come in for a landing, taxiing down the beach. Bear Camp is located on a historic homestead, a rare private inholding of coastal land surrounded by the roadless wilderness of Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. These 4 million protected acres are the ancestral homelands of the Dena'ina people, preserving an intact ecosystem at the headwaters of the largest sockeye salmon fishery in the world. Accessible only by plane or boat, Bear Camp is ours alone for an unparalleled immersion in pristine brown bear habitat.

Once we reach Bear Camp, gather for an orientation and safety talk with coaching on bear etiquette before heading out with our naturalist Expedition Leaders to meet the bears. Here at Bear Camp, we have some of the best, most consistent photo opportunities anywhere in Alaska, due to the season-long availability of food. In the spring, sedge grass awaits the bears as they emerge from their dens, protein-rich food that supports rapid growth. Bears also dig clams from the beach as they await their late summer feast: by late July or early August, the region's salmon runs help provide the fat that enables the bears to survive a long winter. All season long, nature serves a steady bounty to these omnivores. And since the bears are sated by this abundance, they see us humans merely as part of the scenery, allowing us to move safely in their midst on guided outings, at times observing them from just a few yards away. Two viewing platforms, one elevated for a territorial view, enable us to photograph bears nearby and at a distance. And we often watch them right from camp, which is surrounded by electrified wires, ensuring our safety on site. After an exhilarating day, settle into your cabin before gathering in the dining tent for dinner—you'll be impressed by the outstanding meals our resident chef prepares in such a remote location. Fresh local fare is on the menu, including Alaskan salmon and other offerings from the region's seasonal abundance.

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Days 3–5

Lake Clark National Park

Capture images of coastal brown bears at close range in Lake Clark

- Photograph North America's largest land predators as they forage, rest and interact
- Watch for mothers with cubs, mating behavior or bears fishing in salmon streams
- Refine your techniques with seasoned bear naturalists and professional wildlife photographers

Prior to this rare opportunity, most of us will have seen bears only in zoos or nature documentaries. Yet there's nothing that comes close to this immersive experience, being among them in their wild home. Against a backdrop of sheer-sided peaks rising above the green valley floor, the bears are sometimes near enough that we can hear them chewing their food and communicating with one another in woofs, purrs and growls. Alaska's mighty brown bears—the coastal version of the interior grizzly bear (which is the same species, *Ursus arctos*)—are the largest land predators in North America. Adult males can weigh up to 1,500 pounds!

While bear activity will vary according to the season, weather conditions, and timing of the salmon runs, and we can never predict exactly what behavior we'll witness, there's always something riveting going on. Earlier in the season, we might get to photograph mating activity. Later on, we could get endearing shots of mothers with playful cubs. Once the salmon start running by mid- to late summer, we may photograph bears fishing in streams. And while bears are usually plentiful right in the vicinity of camp, we also go into adjacent Lake Clark National Park for added variety. At every turn, we explore the area in the careful company of our Expedition Leaders, seasoned bear naturalists who offer thorough coaching in respectful "bear etiquette" to ensure your safety while pursuing extraordinary images. Our low-impact presence ensures that we never disturb the bears, and they in turn grant us comfortable access to capture shots of them as they go about their daily routines.

Day 6

Lake Clark / Homer

Spend a final morning photographing Lake Clark's brown bears

- Photograph bears along the tidal flats, sedge meadows and salmon streams
- Fly by bush plane back to Homer above Cook Inlet's rugged shoreline
- Explore the galleries, shops and working waterfront of the Homer Spit

Enjoy one last morning to photograph the bears in Lake Clark National Park, admiring their majesty and whimsy alike. Few travelers ever have such an encounter with solitude and wilderness on the scale that surrounds us here. The size of the landscape, the raw beauty, the profound silence—these things alone would make for a life-transforming experience. But the chance to watch Alaskan brown bears, these incomparable icons of the wild, on their turf, their terms...it's a wonder to have bears welcome us into their world. And one thing is certain: no one leaves here unmoved by the bears' plight, intensely aware of the threats from mining, climate change and other potential impacts to the health of this vital ecosystem on which the bears rely. We depart as ambassadors for the bears, our time among them leaving an indelible mark on us, inspiring us to do all we can to protect them.

If the weather cooperates, we plan to depart Bear Camp for Homer after lunch. Boarding our bush plane, we look for a last glimpse of bears on the shoreline as we go. Back in Homer, we transfer to our hotel at the very end of the Homer Spit, edging the beach with broad views of Kachemak Bay and the Kenai Mountains beyond. There may be time to wander around the spit, lined with shops and galleries featuring Alaskan art and handicrafts. Later this evening, celebrate our adventures at a farewell dinner.

Day 7

Homer

Depart Homer after your Alaska bear photo expedition

- Transfer to the airport for homeward flights

Our Alaska bear photography safari comes to a close today as we transfer to the airport for onward travels.

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Alaska Bear Camp Photo Expedition Accommodations

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Nat Hab's Alaska Bear Camp

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Land's End Resort

At the end of the road on the Kenai Peninsula, on the tip of the famous Homer Spit, our beachfront rooms have expansive views of Kachemak Bay and the Kenai Mountains.

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/alaska-nature-tours/nat-hab-bear-camp-photo-expedition/accommodations.

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Bear Camp Is a Matchless Photography Opportunity!

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If you're coming to Alaska to photograph bears, you have options. Numerous outfitters offer bear-viewing experiences, from a one-day excursion lasting a few hours to multi-day backcountry adventures like ours. If getting the best possible photos of bears in the wilds of Alaska is your quest, a stay at Nat Hab's Alaska Bear Camp offers some compelling advantages.

1 **Stay Within Some of Alaska's Best Brown Bear Habitat**

Lake Clark National Park is renowned for its brown bear encounters. Our fly-in wilderness camp is surrounded by rich bear habitat, and bears are often on view directly from camp as well on the shoreline and in the surrounding meadows. You won't find a better setting for bear photography!

2 **Unparalleled Access & Privacy from Our Fly-In Wilderness Camp**

Nat Hab's Alaska Bear Camp sits on a private 15-acre inholding within Lake Clark National Park, which we reach via chartered small plane from Homer. Because we're on private land, and the camp is ours alone, you'll enjoy exclusive accommodations away from other travelers in the national park.

3 **Exceptional Comfort in a Truly Remote Setting**

Bear Camp is out there—way out there. But our isolated wilderness setting doesn't mean you'll lack for creature comforts. New cabins are spacious, heated and furnished with warm beds, a desk, a sink with hot running water, and an en suite flush toilet. Hot showers are available in the nearby bathhouse. Meals are a highlight, created by our resident chef who makes the most of fresh local seafood and other regional fare.

4 **A Scenic Roundtrip Flight is a Special Bonus**

Many visitors to Alaska add a flightseeing trip to their itinerary, since there's nothing that tops an aerial view when it comes to appreciating the scale and grandeur of the Alaskan landscape. Such an adventure is part of getting to Bear Camp! And it may offer exciting photo prospects when the weather cooperates. We charter small planes out of Homer, crossing Cook Inlet and passing the snow-clad volcanoes of Redoubt and Iliamna, where the Aleutian Range meets the glaciated Alaska Range, before landing on the beach in front of camp.

5 **Varied Locations for Bear Photography**

From our base at camp, we watch bears from a private two-story viewing platform. And sometimes we see bears on the beach right in front of camp! We also observe on foot on walks with our naturalist guides, using our private Bear Mobile, a rugged vehicle that transports us between bear-viewing platforms. At each stop, we step out to photograph bears in their natural habitat. And while we enjoy total privacy at Bear Camp, we also have direct access into Lake Clark National Park for additional photo opportunities.

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6 **Shoot Alongside Pro Photographers Who Are Also Expert Bear Naturalists**

Our Expedition Leaders are not only accomplished photographers, adept instructors, and professional naturalists, but they're also bear experts. They have spent years observing *Ursus arctos*, and their wealth of knowledge adds immeasurably to your experience, whether it's sharing tips and techniques to improve your images, or imparting their knowledge of the natural world. They are seasoned guides when it comes to understanding bear behavior and your safety, coaching us in proper etiquette for respectful viewing. See our Expedition Leader bios with traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

7 **Our Quality-Value Guarantee Promises You an Outstanding Adventure**

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive guarantee, stating clearly that we will meet the lofty expectations we set forth in our promotional materials. We think this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company. Read our important promise.

8 **Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey**

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.

9 **Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner**

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our adventures, World Wildlife Fund—the world's leading environmental conservation organization—has named Natural Habitat Adventures as its worldwide travel partner, a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!



Dates & Pricing Summary:

Price
From $10695 (+Air)

Group Size
Limited to 14 Travelers

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2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jul 6 - Jul 12, 2027	**$10695** +internal air	
Jul 16 - Jul 22, 2027	**$10695** +internal air	
Jul 23 - Jul 29, 2027	**$10695** +internal air	

2028 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Prices and dates not confirmed for 2028		
Jul 11 - Jul 17, 2028	**From $10695** +internal air	
Jul 21 - Jul 27, 2028	**From $10695** +internal air	
Jul 28 - Aug 3, 2028	**From $10695** +internal air	

See https://www.nathab.com/alaska-nature-tours/nat-hab-bear-camp-photo-expedition/dates-fees for the latest pricing details.

Included

Trip price includes: Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s), local guides and camp staff, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, private wildlife cruise on Kachemak Bay, camp gear (rain jackets, rubber boots, mosquito nets, Swarovski binoculars, scopes and tripods), some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.

Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

Internal air: Chartered flights from Anchorage to Homer as well as chartered bush flights between Homer and Bear Camp (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

Important Information About This Trip

Our Bear Camp adventure offers a rare opportunity for an immersive encounter with one of the world's bear viewing locations, while luxury camping allows guests to stay in complete comfort. Since this trip takes place way off the grid and a 45-minute flight from the nearest town, guests must be prepared for all the vagaries that come with travel to such an isolated destination. These include inclement weather and limited operational materials, all of which makes a journey to our exclusive Alaska Bear Camp an adventure in the truest sense. At times, flights may be canceled or delayed due to poor weather, and some amenities may become unavailable until a new shipment arrives. But the adventure is part of the excitement, and we will use our decades of operating experience in Alaska to make the best of even substantial itinerary changes, should they occur.

Please understand that the hearty and tasty meals at camp are specially planned and prepared for well in advance. Dietary requirements due to serious medical conditions or strict personal restrictions can be met, with ample notice, but must be adhered to during the trip. If you have a very restricted diet, we recommend bringing some of your preferred snacks along, with the appreciation that certain foods are limited in this remote part of the world and there might not be many options.

Getting There & Getting Home

This trip begins in Anchorage, Alaska, and ends in Homer, Alaska. Guests will meet in Anchorage at 11am on Day 1 for the transfer to Homer via private bus.

If you are flying in on Day 1, please ensure your flight arrives in time for the 11 am group meeting and private bus transfer to Homer. Because travel delays are possible, we recommend arriving in Anchorage one day early to allow for weather or travel delays. For guests who come in early, recommended hotels will be included in your pre-departure materials.

You may depart from Homer at any time on the final day.

Our Natural Habitat Adventures Nat Hab Air Team can best assist with your travel reservations, as our staff is familiar with the specific requirements of this program and can help arrange the most efficient itinerary. Please call us at 800-543-8917. While we

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offer the best available rates to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may occasionally find special web rates or lower fares online.

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Alaska Bear Camp Photo Expedition Extensions

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Grizzly Ship Photo Expedition: Kodiak to Katmai

Based aboard our private small ship, just eight guests photograph brown bears in the roadless Katmai wilderness, going ashore with an expert bear naturalist and photography pro who knows these animals intimately.

$12795 (+air)



Ultimate Alaska Photo Expedition

A truly epic photography adventure! Alongside expert guides, get aerial shots of Denali from deep within the park, capture brown bear portraits at close range, and shoot glaciers, whales, puffins and more in Kenai Fjords.

$19995 (+air)



Alaska's Grizzly Ship: Kodiak to Katmai

An exclusive small-ship adventure to view giant brown bears—the world's largest "coastal grizzlies"—up close! Walk the shores as bears dig for clams, forage for sedges and pursue salmon in season in tidal streams.

$11995 (+air)



Ultimate Alaska Wildlife Safari

See more of wild Alaska on this wide-ranging, small-group adventure including Alaskan brown bears, a fly-in backcountry lodge in Denali National Park, marine life of Kenai Fjords, and the scenic Alaska Railroad to Seward.

$18995 (+air)

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