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ALASKA'S BROWN BEARS ALONG THE KATMAI COAST

A Wildlife Viewing & Photography Expedition with Jenny E. Ross
September 13 through September 20, 2007



A salmon-fishing brown (grizzly) bear. Copyright Jenny E. Ross, all rights reserved.

The coast of Alaska's Katmai National Park is a spectacular wilderness area, with towering snow-capped volcanic peaks, pristine shorelines, verdant meadows, and salmon-filled streams. This magnificent place is arguably the best location in the world to observe and photograph brown (grizzly) bears. In addition, it is home to a marvelous variety of other animals and birds, including whales, sea lions, otters, eagles, and puffins. Join Jenny E. Ross for a wonderful wilderness adventure that will offer extraordinary wildlife viewing and superb photographic opportunities.

On this trip during the September salmon run, we will be based on a comfortable small boat in Kinak Bay – a beautiful wilderness area along the coast of Katmai National Park. Each day we will travel by skiff a short distance from our boat to shore, and we'll observe and photograph bears as they fish for salmon, interact with one another, and live their daily lives in the wild. The opportunities to photograph bears at close range will be exceptional. Moreover, the scenery in this pristine location is spectacular, and the landscape photography possibilities will also be excellent. In addition to our encounters with bears, we may have the chance to see and photograph various species of birds, including eagles, as well as other animals, such as whales, otters, and endangered stellar sea lions.

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Itinerary – September 13 through September 20, 2007

DAY 1 (September 13):

Arrive in Kodiak, Alaska. Meet for dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at the Shelikof Lodge.

DAY 2 (September 14):

Morning departure from Kodiak to our boat, the Coastal Explorer, via floatplane. The Captain of our vessel is Charles (Chuck) Keim, owner of Coastal Outfitters. He has more than 25 years of experience as a licensed boat Captain, and for many years has been leading coastal cruises for wildlife viewing and bear photography in the Katmai area of Alaska. He is thoroughly familiar with this population of bears, and knows where to find them. Upon our arrival, we'll get settled on the boat and then depart by skiff for shore and our first encounters with salmon-fishing bears. Our small group will remain close together, and – with careful attention to how we behave in the presence of the animals – we will have unparalleled opportunities to observe and photograph bears from relatively close proximity in safety. We may see a variety of bears, including females with cubs, sub-adults, and large adult males. The animals will be fishing for salmon and interacting with one another, and they may also be grazing on sedges and other vegetation. It is even possible to see females nursing their cubs. This population of bears is unconcerned about the presence of a small group of people, and the animals will typically pay little attention to our presence. Our trip will offer extraordinary opportunities to observe and photograph these magnificent animals as they live their lives in the wilderness.

DAY 3 – DAY 6 (September 15 – 18):

After an early breakfast each day, we'll travel by small skiff to shore, and then proceed on foot. We'll find, observe, and photograph brown bears.

DAY 7 (September 19):

After a half day of wildlife viewing, we will return to Kodiak by floatplane in the afternoon. Dinner in Kodiak at a local restaurant. Overnight at the Shelikof Lodge.

DAY 8 (September 20):

Depart Kodiak for home.

COST: \$4095

Tour Price Includes:

- Two nights accommodations (double-occupancy) in Kodiak, AK at the Shelikof Lodge
- Transfers to and from the Kodiak airport to the Shelikof Lodge on Day 1 and Day 8
- Transfers to and from the floatplane on Day 2 and Day 7
- Roundtrip floatplane transport from Kodiak to the Coastal Explorer on the Katmai coast
- Accommodations (double-occupancy) and all meals on the Coastal Explorer
- Guide services and photography instruction throughout the trip

NOTE: Single accommodations may be available in Kodiak for an additional cost. Please inquire.
There are no single accommodations on the Coastal Explorer.

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Tour Price Does Not Include:

- Roundtrip airfare to Kodiak, AK from home
- Meals in Kodiak, AK

Number of Participants: **Maximum of six.**

Questions:

- Please contact Jenny E. Ross by email or phone if you have questions regarding the trip.

Reservations:

- Please contact Jenny E. Ross by email (info@jennyross.com) or phone (530.582.4344) to reserve a space on the trip and arrange payment of your deposit (\$400 per person).
- Your booking will then be finalized by payment to Chuck Keim at Coastal Outfitters. Please contact Chuck at 907.286.2290 with any questions regarding payment terms.

PLEASE NOTE: The specific day-to-day itinerary, the exact locations we may visit along the Katmai coast, and the wildlife viewing opportunities we may encounter are subject to weather conditions and animal activity, both of which are unpredictable. Rain storms and fog are always possible in Kodiak, in Katmai, and elsewhere in Alaska. Weather-related flight delays and/or changes in flight schedules can occur, and neither Coastal Outfitters nor Jenny E. Ross Photography can be held responsible for any additional costs participants may incur due to such delays and/or changes.