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Itinerary for Lodge Based Kayak Adventure

Day 1

Arrive Valdez, check into our comfortable accommodations at the Best Western Inn located right at the small boat harbor and directly across the bay from the famous Trans Alaska Pipeline Terminus. Dinner and plenty of daylight left to do some exploring around town.

Day 2

Enjoy a leisure breakfast. Depart mid morning via van for adventure and sight seeing. We first visit Keystone Canyon and take in the beautiful Horse Tail and Bridal Veil Falls on the fast moving Lowe River. From there we proceed north into Thompson Pass for breathtaking views of the Chugach Mountains, forests, valleys and rivers formed by the massive snow runoff. After that, it's on to the Worthington Glacier National Park to explore one of the most accessible and magnificent glaciers in Alaska.

Returning mid afternoon for a late lunch and then on to our outfitters for a briefing on our trip and pick up gear prepare for our departure. We will show you how to pack your gear in dry bags and review what you will need to take.

Days 3-6

After breakfast we head for the docks to meet our water taxi which will transport us to the beautiful Columbia Glacier for a day of paddling among the moraines and ice flows. Some of the ice we will paddle thru has been in the glacier for hundreds of years and is truly amazing to see up close with the magical blues and greens that are part of the ice bergs.

After a full day, we will be picked up by our taxi and transported about 25 miles to our lodge near the native village of Tatitlek where our host will greet us and prepare the first of many gourmet meals that you will enjoy over the next 3 days.

Relax and unwind in the wood fired sauna or take a walk on the beach before dinner.

The next two days you can take a daily tour of this rugged coastline by kayak, hike the trails, or hang out, kick your feet up and read a book.

On the 4th day we will be picked up by our water taxi and be delivered to Glacier Island for a day of paddling and exploring this remarkable place. You will see sea lions, sea otters, river otters and eagles as well as orca and humpback whales.

After a full day our taxi will pick us up for our return to Valdez.

Day 7

We've set this day aside for you to pick from a variety of activities that allow you to be as active [or not] as you desire. You can hike the beautiful Mineral Trail, rent a mountain bike and head north on the Richardson Hwy to the Valdez Glacier or if you want to do some more kayaking we can arrange a day trip to Shoup Glacier or Saw Mill Bay.

Half and full day fishing charters are available for salmon or halibut

Day 8

Early breakfast and board the van for our trip north to Copper Center for our day of whitewater rafting and hiking on the beautiful Klutina River. We will have a blast on these perfectly clear class 3 rapids stopping along the way to hike and have a delicious lunch prepared by our hosts. Return to Valdez in the PM.

*Note that for those who wish to salmon fish we will arrange for you to take a raft that will be set up for fishing. This will be for the best of the best Alaska Wild King Salmon. Guaranteed, you'll catch your limit.

Day 9

Enjoy breakfast at your leisure. Spend the day visiting the unique shops, soak up the culture and be intrigued at the Valdez Museum, or simply explore the quaint town until we head for the airport and our flight to Anchorage.