Supremely Scenic RV Road Trip
KENAI PENINSULA ITINERARY
Anchorage | Girdwood | Portage | Whittier | Hope
Moose Pass | Seward | Cooper Landing
Sterling | Kenai | Soldotna | Kasilof | Clam Gulch | Ninilchik
Anchor Point | Homer
13 Nights, 14 Days Exploring The Kenai’s Treasured Towns

DAY ONE: Anchorage
Arrive in Anchorage, Alaska’s largest city and the launching point for your Kenai Peninsula RV adventure. Pick your motorhome up from ABC Motorhome Rentals or Alaska Motorhome Rentals.

Optional Activities:
• Learn about Alaska’s profound history, traditions and culture at the Anchorage Museum or the Alaska Native Heritage Center
• Explore nature and wildlife at the Alaska Zoo or the Alaska Botanical Garden
• Get above it all with a picturesque panoramic view over the city at Flattop Mountain
• Enjoy a scenic walk with fresh air and incredible views at the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, Kincaid Park or the Delaney Park Strip

Overnight at Anchorage Ship Creek RV Park. Yummy restaurants nearby include Snow City Café, Glacier Brewhouse, Club Paris, Sacks Café, Orso and Fat Ptarmigan.

DAY TWO: Anchorage – Girdwood (40 miles)
Depart Anchorage and head towards the picturesque town of Girdwood, voted as The Best Ski Town in the World by National Geographic.

Take the scenic Seward Highway heading south towards the Kenai Peninsula. The Seward Highway was voted America’s Most Outstanding Scenic Byway by Scenic America, and trust us – it’s a phenomenal driving experience.

Hop in your RV and follow the breathtakingly beautiful Turnagain Arm while enjoying many interpretative rest stops and viewpoints along the way. Depending on the season, it is not unusual to spot beluga whales or dall sheep from your car window. You might even spot a bear munching on berries or roaming throughout the mountainside.

Optional Activities:
• McHugh Creek (Mile 111); enjoy a hike or picnic in the Anchorage foothills of the Chugach State Park
• Beluga Point (Mile 110.5); great opportunities for viewing beluga whales from mid-July through August
• Bird Creek (Mile 101); fisherman’s paradise with observation platforms that photographers will love
• Bird Point (Mile 96); a scenic stop where you can enjoy a long hike or bike ride with spectacular views
• Learn about the local culture and explore all that there is to do in the area with a visit to the local chamber

Turn left at Mile 90 towards the town of Girdwood. Delicious dining options in town include Double Musky Inn, The Bake Shop, Jack Sprat and the picturesque Seven Glaciers Restaurant – located at Alyeska Resort.

Overnight at Alyeska Resort, where you can park your RV in the Daylodge Parking Lot for just $10 per night. Waste disposal and water is available at the nearby Tesoro Gas Station.
DAY THREE: Girdwood – Portage – Whittier (25 miles)
Depart Girdwood and continue south on the scenic Seward Highway. Along the way, enjoy the stunning beauty of Twentymile River to the left while surfers and kite-boarders can be spotted on your right as they ride ‘bore tide’ waves up to ten feet tall.

Turn left onto Portage Glacier Road, roughly 20 miles away from the Alyeska Resort. Drive through the 2.5-mile-long Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel to access the charming coastal town of Whittier. This is the longest combined road/rail tunnel in North America. Spend some time cruising through the tiny town where nearly the entire population lives under one roof, or get out and stretch your legs by walking around the boat harbor.

Hop on an award-winning 26 Glacier Cruise by Phillips Cruises & Tours, LLC and experience the pristine beauty of Prince William Sound. This is truly an unforgettable excursion that will blow your mind.

Optional Activities:
• Go wildlife viewing and stroll the boardwalk through several ponds at the Moose Flats Wetland Trail
• Learn about the historic Portage Valley at the Begich, Boggs Visitor Center
• Hike out around Portage Lake or through the valley to Byron Glacier
• Explore the glaciated waters of Prince William Sound via kayak or water taxi; book a tour HERE
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For an unforgettable dining experience, try the popular Varly’s Swiftwater Seafood Café in Whittier. Spend the night in town at Whittier Parking & Camping or backtrack through the tunnel and out of Whittier before overnighting at Portage Valley Cabins & RV Park.

DAY FOUR: Whittier – Hope (50 miles)
Depart Whittier and continue south on the Seward Highway. Immediately after turning onto the Seward Highway, be sure to take a sharp right turn into the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center.

With a mission dedicated to providing refuge for orphaned, injured and ill animals who cannot survive in the wild – you’ll feel good about the small $10 - $15 fee it costs to get in. Throw on a good pair of walking shoes and get ready to experience this 200-acre animal paradise filled with moose, bears, caribou, elk, deer, wolves, wood bison, birds and more. We guarantee that won’t be able to contain your excitement when you see all of these adorable, majestic critters up-close-and-personal.

For the next 30 miles, you’ll wind through the mountainous Turnagain Pass (mile 68.3) passing by the gorgeous east fork of Sixmile Creek (mile 61.7) before crossing the gold-bearing Canyon Creek (mile 56.7). Stop along the way and enjoy the scenic pullouts that your heart desires.

Next, turn right at Hope Junction. Follow the road into the town of Hope, known as the historical mountain hideaway by the sea.

Optional Activities:
• Enjoy a leisurely outdoor activities such as hiking, fishing or beach combing
• If you’re looking for a thrill, hop on a whitewater rafting excursion down Sixmile Creek; book a tour HERE
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Overnight at Porcupine Campground or the Seaview Café, which also has great food. Another delicious dining option in town is Tito’s Discovery Café.
DAY FIVE & SIX: Hope – Moose Pass – Seward (72 miles)

Head out of one road leading into Hope and make your way back towards the Seward Highway. At Hope Junction, turn right onto the Seward Highway heading south towards the charming coastal town of Seward.

Continue going straight past the Sterling Highway cut-off continuing south. Directly after this point, turn right and enjoy a scenic stop at Tern Lake. Here you can enjoy a plethora of wildlife viewing opportunities as you snap photos of the majestic mountains reflecting like a mirror into the waters below.

Make your way eight miles down the road where you’ll drive through the picturesque town of Moose Pass. Stop for lunch and a peaceful stroll on the shores of Trail Lake Lodge. This is also an excellent town to enjoy wetting a line before making your way down the road to Seward.

Optional Activities:

• Soak up the sunshine with a hike up to the easily-accessible Exit Glacier, guided excursions available HERE
• View mountains, glaciers & wildlife inside Kenai Fjords National Park on a day cruise; book a tour HERE
• Stay indoors and observe adorable marine mammals, fish, birds and more at the Alaska Sealife Center
• Get elevated on a flightseeing, helicopter or glacier landing adventure; book a tour HERE
• Go sea-kayaking or stand-up paddle boarding around Resurrection Bay and Kenai Fjords; book a tour HERE
• Submerge yourself in the local culture with the remarkable experience of a dog sled tour; book a tour HERE
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Spend two nights at Miller’s Landing where you’ll have a million dollar view overlooking Resurrection Bay from Lowell Point Beach. Miller’s Landing is also your one-stop headquarters for hopping on just about any excursion under the sun. Not what you’re looking for? Additional accommodation options in Seward are available HERE.

Delicious dining options in town include Christo’s Palace, Exit Glacier Salmon Bake, Breeze Inn and Resurrection Roadhouse at the Seward Windsong Lodge. Additional dining options are available HERE.

DAY SEVEN & EIGHT: Seward – Cooper Landing (48 miles)

Backtrack out of Seward heading north on the Seward Highway towards the Sterling Highway cut-off, where you’ll turn left approximately 36 miles out of town at Tern Lake.

Follow the road for about 12 miles as it twists and turns into the town of Cooper Landing. Along the way, the striking beauty of the towering Kenai Mountains and the fiercely-blue Kenai Lake will give you a major dose of eye-candy. The breathtakingly beautiful glacial waters of the world-renowned Kenai River will leave you gasping for air.
Optional Activities:

- Take a scenic stroll on the shores of Kenai Lake down Snug Harbor Road
- Venture to the Russian River and enjoy walking the well-maintained trails or fishing for trout and salmon
- Take a two-mile hike up to the Russian River Falls where you’ll likely find bears feasting on salmon
- Adventure Guru Paddle Boarding: Paddle around Kenai Lake, Cooper Lake, Rainbow Lake or the Kenai River
- Enjoy guided fishing or scenic floats on the spectacular Kenai River; book a tour HERE
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Overnight at Kenai Princess RV Park with a second night in town at Kenai Riverside Campground & RV Park. Stop for supplies at Wildman’s or grab a hearty meal with a cold beverage at the historic Gwin’s Lodge. Sackett’s Kenai Grill is another great option for grabbing a quick and delicious lunch or dinner.

DAY NINE: Cooper Landing – Sterling – Kenai (57 miles)

Continue heading south on the Sterling Highway through the town of Sterling, making your way towards the town of Kenai. When driving through Sterling, turn left down Skilak Lake Road or further into town towards Bings Landing. Both locations provide ample opportunities to go hiking, fishing, wildlife viewing and more. If at any time you get tired of driving and want to call it a day, you can also overnight in the RV at either of these great locations.

When you hit the second stoplight at the Kenai Spur Highway, take a sharp right and follow the road into the historic town of Kenai.

For a truly mesmerizing experience, overnight at the Beluga Lookout Lodge & RV Park located in Old Town Kenai. You’ll have a million dollar view overlooking the mouth of the Kenai River, Cook Inlet, Mount Redoubt and Mount Iliamna. Enjoy premium wildlife viewing opportunities from the comfort of your cozy RV. Watch for eagles soaring above you, caribou herds passing through and moose grazing nearby. You’ll might even be able to spot beluga whales and seals swimming in the waters below you overlooking the bluff.

Optional Activities:

- Go beach combing or horseback riding on Kenai Beach
- Head north to the Captain Cook State Recreation Area in Nikiski for hiking or ATV’ing fun
- Go to the driving range or hit a round of 18 holes at the Kenai Golf Course
- Enjoy the prolific fisheries on the renowned Kenai River on a guided fishing excursion; book a tour HERE
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Another great RV camping option in town is Diamond M Ranch. Not only are you close to all the action, but you’re tucked away in a private location where you’re sure to have a peaceful night’s sleep.

A few great restaurants in Kenai include Veronica’s Café, Everything Bagels, Main Street Tap & Grill, Acapulco Mexican Restaurant, Iditarod Café, Jersey Subs and many more options available, HERE.

DAY TEN & ELEVEN: Kenai – Soldotna (11 miles)

The neighboring town of Soldotna is just a quick drive from Kenai. Hop on Bridge Access Road where you’ll drive by the Kenai River Estuary, a popular place for viewing a vast array of bird species. Keep your eyes peeled for caribou herds lingering on ‘the flats’ and beluga whales swimming in the Kenai River beneath the bridge.
After your scenic drive into town, make your way over to the heavily wooded Centennial Campground, a wilderness escape within city limits. Here you can enjoy miles of walking trails and a scenic boardwalk winding along the shores of the Kenai River.

Park your RV for the night and enjoy a dinner by campfire after a long afternoon of fishing for salmon. Grill up your fresh catch from the day and finish the night off with the sweetness of a delicious s’mores treat, just like when you were a kid!

Optional Activities:

• Enjoy a nice run, bike ride or hike at the nearby Tsalteshi Trails
• Check out a variety of fun local events, great fishing and scenic boardwalk sights at Soldotna Creek Park
• Float plane fly-out’s and bear viewing in Lake Clark National Park and beyond; book a tour HERE
• From the bush to the bottle” shopping and organic wine tasting at Alaska Berries
• Reel in delicious salmon and much more on a guided fishing excursion; book a tour HERE
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Because there is simply too much fun to be had here in Alaska’s Kenai River City, stay an extra night and go RV camping at the nearby Swiftwater Park. RW’s Fishing & Big Eddy Resort also has RV rental spots available for another option for night two. More RV options in town are available HERE.

Great dining options in town include The Moose Is Loose Bakery, Mykel’s Restaurant, Froso’s Family Dining, Golden International, Pizza Boys, Odie’s Deli, Acapulco Mexican Restaurant and many more options available, HERE.

If you choose to overnight in Ninilchik, Volcano View RV Park & Cabins offers 23 RV sites with awe-inspiring views. If you want to combine an overnight RV camping experience with a once-in-a-lifetime saltwater fishing excursion, check out Reel Em’ Inn Cook Inlet Charters or A Fish Hunt Charters. Additional RV camping locations in the area are available HERE.

Rosco’s Pizza is a delicious dining option in the town of Ninilchik while Freddie’s Roadhouse is a great option if you choose to venture higher up into the Caribou Hills. Or save your appetite and enjoy dinner at the Anchor River Inn.

DAY TWELVE: Soldotna – Kasilof – Clam Gulch – Ninilchik – Anchor Point (60 miles)

Hop back on to the Seward Highway heading even further south down the picturesque Kenai Peninsula.

Enjoy breakfast at Rocky’s Café in Kasilof and be sure to stock up on supplies in the adjoining mercantile before continuing on the road down through Clam Gulch, into Ninilchik and on towards Anchor Point.

As you wind down the Sterling Highway cruising alongside the bluff, be sure to take advantage of as many photo op’s as possible. The phenomenal panoramic views overlooking the ocean with soaring mountains in the distance are impossible to ignore.
Optional Activities:

- Head up into the Caribou Hills to enjoy ATV'ing, wildlife viewing, hiking and more
- Enjoy a guided freshwater or saltwater fishing excursion for halibut, salmon and more; book a tour HERE
- Visit Anchor Point Tours & Travel for a list of wow-worthy excursions sure to satisfy everyone in your crowd
- Scenic pullouts at Falls Creek, Ninilchik River, Deep Creek, Stariski Creek, Whiskey Gulch or the Anchor River
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Overnight the supremely scenic Kyllonen's RV Park, the most westerly RV Park in North America established in 1984. Additional overnight accommodations in Anchor Point are available HERE.

**DAY THIRTEEN: Anchor Point – Homer (16 miles)**

Sleep in to the sounds of waves crashing against the shoreline just steps away from your RV camping spot. After you’re fully rested, hit the Sterling Highway heading south towards your final destination; Homer! This oasis by the sea is known as the ‘halibut fishing capital of the world’ and has been voted as the Happiest Seaside Town in America by Coastal Magazine.

Once you pull over than final hill leading you into Homer you’ll be greeted by majestic mountains, ocean and glacier views as far as the eyes can see. Head down the 4.5 mile stretch of land jutting out into the renowned Kachemak Bay, known as the Homer Spit. Spend the afternoon beach combing, wildlife viewing on the harbor docks, shopping on the boardwalks and trying out the local cuisine.

Homer has so many great RV parks to choose from. Plus when the peak summer season hits, it’s not uncommon to see these popular spots fill up – so we decided to give you some options to choose from. Check out Heritage RV Park right next to some of the best fishing spots on the Homer Spit. Oceanview RV Park on the peaceful bluff overlooking Kachemak Bay is just walking distance from the downtown district, also known as the arts capital of Alaska. Driftwood Inn Charters & RV Park is located in Old Town and has incredible ocean views as far as the eyes can see.

Delightful restaurants in Homer include AJ’s Old Town Steakhouse, Chart Room at Land’s End Resort, Wasabi’s Bistro, Little Mermaid Café, Café Cups, Cosmic Kitchen and Two Sisters Bakery.

**Optional Activities:**

- Go bear viewing across the bay for a once-in-a-lifetime experience; book a tour HERE
- Take a water taxi to Halibut Cove for dinner and floating amphitheater concert at Halibut Cove Live
- Enjoy a guided wildlife viewing or birding tour while hearing the waves crash around you; book a tour HERE
- Flightseeing with incredible aerial perspectives from Katmai to Lake Clark National Park; book a tour HERE
- Reel in massive fish from halibut to salmon on a guided saltwater trip; book a tour HERE
- Take the Seldovia Bay Ferry to the tiny little idyllic town of Seldovia for a scenic day trip, sans the crowds
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**DAY FOURTEEN: Return to Anchorage (221 miles)**

Don’t leave town without experiencing one of the best breakfasts of your life at Duncan House Diner.

With so much to do in Homer, we wouldn’t be surprised if you decided to stay a few extra days. But when it’s time to wrap up your vacation, backtrack north on the Sterling Highway. Make your way to the Seward Highway junction where you’ll turn left and continue all the way into the city of Anchorage.