



NORTH & CENTRAL AMERICAN OVERLAND, (CAP)

Panama City to Anchorage 109 Days, departing 3rd April 2021



TRIP OVERVIEW

Trip Style: Overlanding
Route: Panama City to Anchorage
Duration: 109 Days
Transport: US Style School Bus, Flight, Boat
Accommodation: Comfortable Hotel 29 nights
 Camping 31 nights
 Multishare Hostel 12 nights
 Basic Hotel 13 nights
 Wild Camp 2 nights
Meals: Breakfasts x 49, Lunches x 46, Dinners x 46

Physical Challenge: ● ● ● ○ ○

Depending on the trip, activities may include treks of 3-4 hours at altitude or across hilly terrain, multi-day treks at sea level, horseback riding, canoeing and other adventurous activities. A moderate level of fitness is required.

Lifestyle Challenge: ● ● ● ● ○

This is a fairly challenging trip; you may well be travelling at high altitudes, across deserts or through cold and windy or hot and steamy areas. The terrain and roads may be rough and the facilities can be very basic or non-existent. There may be some long drive days followed by wild camps, and physically and mentally it can be tough, but there will be some rest days and time to relax as well.



DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1 - Panama City (3rd April 2021)

Border information: if you are starting in Panama City, you will most likely enter Panama at Panama City Tocumen International Airport (IATA code: PTY).

There will be an important group meeting at 6:00pm at the joining hotel - please look out at the hotel reception for a note from your leader with more details about this important meeting.

Until the meeting, the day is free to explore the bustling Panamanian capital. Please note that many of the options listed below will only be possible for those with extra time in Panama City before the start of your trip with us - please contact the Sales team if you would like to book pre-tour accommodation with us to have extra time exploring Panama City.

If you are continuing on from Cartagena today then your leader in Colombia will assist you with transport to the airport for your included flight to arrive in Panama in time for the joining meeting.

Accommodation: Hotel Centroamericano

Day 2 - Camino Real (4th April 2021)

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Today we will drive to the Miraflores Visitor Centre at the world-famous Panama Canal, learning about its incredible role in shaping trade and world politics in the 20th century.

We will then continue to Chagres National Park and explore the Grandfather of the Panama Canal: the Camino Real, a cobblestoned road from the Caribbean to the Pacific through the rain forests of Panama, established as the transport route of gold and silver by Spanish conquistadors in the 16th Century. The Camino Real was rediscovered only recently, and we will visit and stay overnight at a community, which worked together with researcher Christian Strassnig to identify the original route of the Camino Real in the jungle.

At Alajuela Lake we take a dugout boat to observe the remains of the Camino Real at the lakeshore, before heading to our Community stay to enjoy a typical Panamanian lunch and see then a presentation of authentic folklore. We will then hike some of the Camino Real, see the original cobblestone and be fascinated by stories of the mule trains, gold and pirates.

Day 3 - Boquete (5th April 2021)

Meals: Breakfast

After early morning coffee we can go for an optional birdwatching hike on a trail with plenty of tropical birds, followed by a hearty breakfast. Afterwards we will drive up into the Chiriqui highlands, arriving at the town of Boquete.

Day 4 - Boquete (6th April 2021)

Today we will have a free day to take part in some of the many optional outdoor activities which the town is famous for, including the opportunity to take the strenuous trek to the 3,478m summit of Volcán Barú, the highest point in Panama.

Day 5 - Manuel Antonio NP (7th April 2021)

Border information: Exit Panama at Paso Canoas, enter Costa Rica at Paso Canoas

Today we will drive across the border into Costa Rica, and arrive at the spectacular beaches of Manuel Antonio National Park on the Pacific coast.

Day 6 - Manuel Antonio NP (8th April 2021)

Today we will have an included guided walk through some of the beautiful trails within park, learning all about its flora and fauna and immersing ourselves in the idyllic landscape. We will have free time in the afternoon to take part in some optional activities or relax on the wonderful beaches.

Day 7 - Monteverde (9th April 2021)

Today we will drive to the town of Tilarán, where we will leave our overland vehicle behind and transfer by taxi to the dense cloud forests and coffee plantations of Monteverde, a stunning area offering an incredible diversity of flora and fauna.

Day 8 - Monteverde (10th April 2021)

Today we will have an included guided walk on the trails of the Monteverde Cloud Forest National Reserve, followed by a free afternoon to visit some of the town's highlights or enjoy some adventurous activities such as canyoning or horse riding.

Day 9 - La Fortuna (11th April 2021)

Today we will continue by taxi and boat to La Fortuna, a stunning town under the shadow of the mighty Arenal volcano.

Day 10 - La Fortuna (12th April 2021)

Today we will have a free day to take optional treks through the incredible surrounding volcanic landscapes or forest canopies, or get involved in many different adventure activities such as zip-lining, white-water rafting, and canyoning. La Fortuna is also famous for its outstanding hot springs, which we will have the opportunity to visit.

Day 11 - Isla de Ometepe (13th April 2021)

Border information: Exit Costa Rica at Peñas Blancas, enter Nicaragua at Peñas Blancas

This morning we drive across the Nicaraguan border and to the small town of San Jorge on the shores of Lake Nicaragua, Central America's largest lake. Here we will board a ferry to the stunning volcanic island of Ometepe, where we base ourselves in the port village of Moyogalpa and enjoy free time to explore on arrival.

Day 12 - Isla de Ometepe (14th April 2021)

Today we will have free time to explore and take part in optional activities such as the challenging trek to the summit of the Concepción volcano that dominates the island, or seeing some of the mysterious ancient petroglyphs that are dotted through the landscape.

Day 13 - Granada (15th April 2021)

Today we will take the ferry back to San Jorge to rejoin our overland vehicle and take a short drive to Nicaraguas's oldest city of Granada, a beautiful town which oozes with colonial charm! We will have free time to explore the city upon arrival.

Day 14 - Granada (16th April 2021)

Today we will have free time to explore the historic streets of Granada's old town, or take part in some of the myriad of optional activities that are available here.

Day 15 - Leon (17th April 2021)

Today we drive to the university town of León. En route we will have an included visit to the traditional markets in the small town of Masaya, and witness the incredible active caldera of the nearby Masaya volcano (if its volcanic activity isn't too high).

Day 16 - Leon (18th April 2021)

Today we will have free time to explore the town's wonderful colonial architecture or to take part in the many optional activities available here.

Day 17 - Somoto (19th April 2021)

This morning we will drive to the Somoto Canyon, where we will have an included Canyon tour, or village tour if you prefer.

Day 18 - Lake Yojoa (20th April 2021)

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Border information: Exit Nicaragua at Las Manos, enter Honduras at Las Manos.

Today we will have a a full day's drive across the border into Honduras and to the beautiful countryside of Lake Yojoa.

Day 19 - Roatan (21st April 2021)

Meals: Breakfast

Today we will take a short drive to the town of San Pedro Sula and board a short local flight to Roatán, the largest of the famous tropical Bay Islands. On arrival we will transfer to the area of the West End Bay, where we base ourselves for our stay.

Day 20 - Roatan (22nd April 2021)

Today we will enjoy some free time to take part in the wealth of optional activities available on Roatán, and of course to relax and swim on the stunning Caribbean beaches here!

Day 21 - Roatan (23rd April 2021)

Relax on the beach or head out on some activities on our second full day on Roatan.

Day 22 - Copan (24th April 2021)

Today we will start early to transfer back to Roatán's airport and catch our flight back to the mainland, rejoining our overland bus! We will then continue our journey west through Honduras, arriving at the small village of Copán.

Day 23 - Copan (25th April 2021)

Today we will have an included guided visit to the spectacular Mayan ruins of Copán, followed by a free afternoon to explore some of the other highlights in the area.

Day 24 - Suchitoto (26th April 2021)

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Border information: Exit Honduras at El Florido, enter Guatemala at El Florido. Exit Guatemala at Anguiatú, enter El Salvador at Anguiatú.

Today we will have a full day drive into Guatemala and then through to El Salvador, arriving at the beautiful town of Suchitoto.

In Suchitoto we will stay in dormitory rooms at the Centro Arte Para La Paz community centre, which runs many programs for the local communities to build cultural identity, unity, teaching skills, self-sufficiency, environmental equality and a culture of peace.

Day 25 - Suchitoto (27th April 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have the chance to explore the town with its cobbled streets and whitewashed houses.

Day 26 - Cerro Verde NP (28th April 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will drive to the stunning Cerro Verde National Park, where we will be surrounded by awe-inspiring volcanoes and countryside. In the afternoon we will take a guided hike up the Santa Ana Volcano.

Day 27 - Antigua (29th April 2021)

Meals: Breakfast

Border information: Exit El Salvador at La Hachadura, enter Guatemala at Ciudad Pedro de Alvarado.

Today we will cross the Guatemalan border to arrive in the stunning colonial city of Antigua. The rest of the day is free to explore the beautiful colonial city and its dramatic surroundings.

Day 28 - Antigua (30th April 2021)

Border information: if joining in Antigua, you will most likely enter Guatemala at Guatemala City La Aurora International Airport (IATA code: GUA).

There will be an important group meeting at 18:00 at the joining hotel - please look out at the hotel reception for a note from your leader with more details about this important meeting.

The rest of the day is free to explore the beautiful colonial city and its dramatic surroundings, and to take part in some optional activities. Please note that many of the options listed below will only be possible for those with extra time in Antigua before the start of your trip with us - please contact the Sales team if you would like to book pre-tour accommodation with us to have extra time exploring Antigua.

Day 29 - Panajachel (1st May 2021)

Today we will head to Panajachel, situated on the shores of the beautiful Lake Atitlan.

Day 30 - Panajachel (2nd May 2021)

Today we will have free time to enjoy some optional activities such as a boat on the lake out to some of the small local villages along the shoreline.

If possible, we will include a visit to the famous Chichicastenango Market during these days, depending on the weekday. *(Please note that the market is only open on Thursdays and Sundays so you may not be able to visit during your trip).*

Day 31 - San Andres Itzapa (3rd May 2021)

Today we will drive day to San Andres Itzapa, a small village located in the mountains around Antigua. We will spend one night at the community centre of Manos Amigas, run by the Italian NGO 'Mani Amiche' in support of local women who have been abandoned and abused, and who are staying in the centre with their children.

In San Andres Itzapa we will stay in dormitories at the community centre (please note that there is no option to upgrade to private accommodation here).

Day 32 - Rio Dulce (4th May 2021)

Today we will drive north to Rio Dulce in Guatemala's beautiful central region.

Day 33 - Rio Dulce (5th May 2021)

Today we will have an included boat trip to the village of Livingston on the Caribbean coast.

Day 34 - Poptun (6th May 2021)

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Today we have a free morning to enjoy some optional activities in Rio Dulce, before heading on a short drive to our eco-lodge near Poptún.

Day 35 - Poptun (7th May 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we have free time to take part in the many optional activities offered at our eco lodge.

Day 36 - Tikal (8th May 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we have a short drive to the phenomenal Mayan ruins of Tikal, where we have an included guided tour. We will likely stop briefly in the colonial town of Flores en route.

Day 37 - San Ignacio (9th May 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Border information: Exit Guatemala at Melchor de Mencos, enter Belize at Benque Viejo del Carmen.

Today we have a short drive in local transport across the border into Belize and on to the village of San Ignacio, home to the country's best archaeological sites and adventure activities!

Please note that in Belize we will travel in local transport, as we are not permitted to use a foreign vehicle. The bus will follow us to our destination.

Day 38 - San Ignacio (10th May 2021)

We will have two full days to take part in the many optional activities available in San Ignacio, including trekking, caving, biking, and exploring the excellent Mayan ruins in the area.

Day 39 - San Ignacio (11th May 2021)

Today we enjoy a second free day for activities in and around San Ignacio.

Day 40 - Caye Caulker (12th May 2021)

Today we will travel north to Belize City, where we board a speed boat to the island paradise of Caye Caulker.

Day 41 - Caye Caulker (13th May 2021)

We will have two full days of free time to explore and enjoy the many optional activities available here, such as snorkelling, diving or taking a scenic flight over the phenomenal Great Blue Hole.

Day 42 - Caye Caulker (14th May 2021)

Relax on the beach or head out for an activity on our second free day on Caye Caulker.

Day 43 - Tulum (15th May 2021)

Meals: Dinner

Border information: Exit Belize at Santa Elena, enter Mexico at Subteniente López.

Today we will head back to the mainland, Before continuing our drive to the stunning coastal village of Tulum.

Day 44 - Tulum (16th May 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

This morning we visit the Tulum ruins, one of the last cities built by the Maya and one of the best preserved coastal Maya sites. We will have a free afternoon to explore the beaches or take part in some optional activities.

Day 45 - Merida (17th May 2021)

Meals: Breakfast

Today we will have an early start to drive to the world-famous Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World - we have an included guided tour around this spectacular site before continuing our drive to the beautiful and artistic colonial town of Mérida, the capital of the Yucatan state.

Day 46 - Palenque (18th May 2021)

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have a full day drive to the village of Palenque.

Day 47 - Palenque (19th May 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have an included guided visit to the incredible Mayan ruins of Palenque, which rise out of the thick jungle surrounding them. In the afternoon we will have free time to go on a jungle tour, visit the on site museum, or travel to the nearby waterfall of Misol Ha.

Day 48 - Frontera Corozal (20th May 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have a drive to the remote town of Frontera Corozal, on the Guatemalan border. In the afternoon we will have an included guided visit to the remote ancient Mayan city of Yaxchilán, which is only accessible via a boat trip down the river.

Day 49 - San Cristobal de las Casas (21st May 2021)

Meals: Breakfast

Today we have a full day drive to the stunning old colonial town of San Cristóbal de las Casas, one of Mexico's most beautiful towns. and well known as the heart of the indigenous Tzotzil Maya culture. En route, we may have time for an optional stop at the stunning waterfalls of Agua Azul.

Day 50 - San Cristobal de las Casas (22nd May 2021)

Today we will have a free day for exploration and to take part in some optional activities such as taking a tour to the fascinating Maya village of San Juan Chamula, or exploring the nearby Lagunas de Montebello National Park.

Day 51 - San Cristobal de las Casas (23rd May 2021)

Today we will have an included boat trip down the phenomenal Sumidero Canyon, viewing its colossal cliffs from the base and searching for the resident wildlife.

Day 52 - Oaxaca (24th May 2021)

Today we have a full day drive to the wonderful laid-back colonial town of Oaxaca, famous for its cuisine and indigenous cultures.

Day 53 - Oaxaca (25th May 2021)

Today we will have an included guided visit of the ruined Zapotec city of Monte Alban, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the afternoon we will have free time to further explore the area's highlights.

Day 54 - Mexico City (26th May 2021)

Today we will have a full day drive to Mexico's incredible bustling capital of Mexico City.

Day 55 - Mexico City (27th May 2021)

Border information: if joining in Mexico City, you will most likely enter Mexico at Mexico City Benito Juárez International Airport (IATA code: MEX).

There will be an important group meeting at 18:00 at the joining hotel - please look out at the hotel reception for a note from your leader with more details about this important meeting.

Day 56 - Mexico City (28th May 2021)

Today is free to explore Mexico's incredible capital and to take part in some optional activities.

Day 57 - Angahuan (29th May 2021)

Today we will leave the capital behind and have a full day drive to Angahuan. This village is inhabited by the Purépecha people, who have been indigenous to the area since one thousand years before the Spanish invasion. Angahuan is the gateway to the Parícutin volcano, the only volcano in the world to have been born in modern times.

Day 58 - Angahuan (30th May 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have a free day to explore the village of Angahuan or to go for optional walks around the area of the Parícutín volcano. The creation of the volcano in 1943 buried two nearby villages, and it's still possible to see the spire of the cathedral of San Juan Parangaricutiro sticking up from the lava field.

Day 59 - Tequila (31st May 2021)

Today we will drive to the town of Tequila, where we will have time for an optional visit to the town's famous distilleries (either today or on the following morning).

Day 60 - Sayulita (1st June 2021)

Today we will drive to the surfing town of Sayulita on Pacific coast and enjoy some free time on arrival.

Day 61 - Sayulita (2nd June 2021)

Today we will have free time to explore the Playa Los Muertos beach and possibly try your hand at surfing!

Day 62 - Mazatlan (3rd June 2021)

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Over the next two days we will drive north along the Pacific coast, staying close to the towns of Mazatlán and Guaymas en route.

Day 63 - Guaymas (4th June 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

We continue our overland adventure north, where we will aim to stay near Guayamas.

Day 64 - Nogales (5th June 2021)

Border information: Exit Mexico at Nogales, enter USA at Nogales.

Today we will cross the border into the US state of Arizona.

Day 65 - Phoenix (6th June 2021)

Today we start to drive north through Arizona to the area near Phoenix.

In the Phoenix area we will most likely stay in a rustic campsite to the north of the city, where we may have the opportunity to take some short horse rides.

Day 66 - The Grand Canyon (7th June 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will continue north to one of the most spectacular highlights of the USA - the world-famous Grand Canyon. On arrival we will head up to one of the stunning viewpoints over the Grand Canyon for sunset.

Day 67 - The Grand Canyon (8th June 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have free time to explore the Grand Canyon area and take optional treks and scenic helicopter flights over the canyon. The entrance to the Grand Canyon is included on the trip, but as there are many options once inside the National Park the day will be free to explore in your own way.

Day 68 - Las Vegas (9th June 2021)

Meals: Breakfast

Today we will have a full day drive to the bustling and energetic city of Las Vegas.

Day 69 - Las Vegas (10th June 2021)

Meals: Breakfast

Today we will have free time to fully explore the fascinating city of Las Vegas and enjoy its world-famous all-night entertainment options, including its casinos and shows!

Day 70 - Zion National Park (11th June 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have a short drive into the state of Utah to the stunning Zion National Park, where we will have free time to explore, trek or take scenic drives through the spectacular deserts and rock formations.

Day 71 - Zion National Park (12th June 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we have a day to explore Zion National Park.

Day 72 - Bryce Canyon National Park (13th June 2021)

Today we will head on a very scenic drive out of Zion National Park and on to the incredible Bryce Canyon National Park. We will have a few hours here to take some optional treks to its hoodoos (odd-shaped pillars of rock left standing from the forces of erosion), before taking another short drive to the wonderful Kodachrome Basin State Park.

Day 73 - Page (14th June 2021)

Today we will continue our drive to the beautiful town of Page near the stunning Lake Powell.

Day 74 - Monument Valley (15th June 2021)

Today we will drive to the incredible Monument Valley, the iconic landscape symbolic of the American West. On arrival we will head out on an included jeep tour of the Monument Valley Tribal Park, seeing the stunning rock formations up close and learning about the local Navajo culture.

In Monument Valley we will spend the night in a traditional Navajo 'Hogan' (an igloo-shaped dwelling of wood and earth where 6-8 people sleep together on the ground in a circle).

Day 75 - Moab (16th June 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have a full day drive to the town of Moab, perfectly located next to the rugged wildernesses of Arches and Canyonlands National Parks.

We will spend the next day exploring and trekking in Arches National Park or Canyonlands National Park, and taking part in some optional activities in and around Moab.

Day 76 - Moab (17th June 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

We will spend the next day exploring and trekking in Arches National Park or Canyonlands National Park, and taking part in some optional activities in and around Moab.

Day 77 - Salt Lake City (18th June 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will drive to Utah's state capital of Salt Lake City, where we will have some time to explore the city centre and its famous Temple Square. We will then head to the nearby Antelope Island State Park, known for its abundant population of American bison and pronghorns.

Day 78 - Jackson Hole (19th June 2021)

Meals: Breakfast

Today we will drive north into the state of Wyoming and the beautiful town of Jackson Hole.

We then have a full day for white water rafting or to explore Jackson.

Day 79 - Jackson Hole (20th June 2021)

Today we have a free day for activities

Day 80 - Yellowstone National Park (21st June 2021)

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Today we will drive north through the stunning Grand Teton National Park and take a stop at the spectacular Jenny Lake, where we'll have some free time to explore the lake and possibly take a short boat trip. We will then continue to the famous Yellowstone National Park, home to magnificent landscapes, fantastic treks, and the incredible Old Faithful geyser.

Day 81 - Yellowstone National Park (22nd June 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have a free day to fully explore Yellowstone National Park and take part in optional treks and other activities.

Day 82 - Yellowstone National Park (23rd June 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

We can enjoy another free day in Yellowstone to explore and take part in activities.

Day 83 - Glacier National Park (24th June 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have a long drive north into the state of Montana, to our campground on the eastern shore of the Hungry Horse Reservoir in the Flathead National Forest

Day 84 - Glacier National Park (25th June 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have free time to fully explore the pristine ecosystem of Glacier National Park and take some optional treks or scenic drives up the Going-to-the-Sun Road to Logan Pass and other scenic points.

Day 85 - Banff (26th June 2021)

Meals: Breakfast

Border information: Exit USA at Chief Mountain, enter Canada at Chief Mountain.

Today we will have a full day drive over the Canadian border to the town of Banff, stopping en route at the fascinating Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, a cliff that aboriginal people used for hunting for almost 6000 years.

Day 86 - Banff (27th June 2021)

Border information: If you are joining in Banff, you will most likely enter Canada at Calgary International Airport (IATA code: YYC).

There will be an important group meeting at 18:00 at the joining hotel - please look out at the hotel reception for a note from your leader with more details about this important meeting.

The rest of the day is free to explore Banff and its stunning surroundings. Please note that many of the options listed below will only be possible for those with extra time in Banff before the start of your trip with us - please contact the Sales team if you would like to book pre-tour accommodation with us to have extra time exploring Banff.

NB: At certain times of the year, due to public holidays and the volume of tourists we may opt to camp in Banff

Day 87 - Banff (28th June 2021)

We will have a full day to explore the spectacular Banff National Park.

Day 88 - Jasper (29th June 2021)

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Today we have a scenic drive along the Icefields Parkway to the town of Jasper, travelling through both Banff and Jasper National Parks. En route we will have an included visit to Lake Louise and the Athabasca Falls.

Day 89 - Jasper (30th June 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have a free day to explore the stunning Jasper National Park or take part in optional activities such as hiking, rafting, biking, or taking the Skytram up the near Whistlers' Mountain.

Day 90 - Francois Lake (1st July 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will drive away from the Rocky Mountains to stay at the area of Francois Lake.

Day 91 - Stewart (2nd July 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will drive to the town of Hazelton and have an included tour of the historical Ksan Indian Village to learn all about the life and history of the Gitksan people. After our visit we will continue our drive to the town of Stewart.

Day 92 - Stewart (3rd July 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we have an included day trip over the border to Alaska and the 'ghost town' of Hyder. In Bear season, we will visit the Fish Creek Observation Site where we will hopefully spot Alaskan brown grizzlies or black bears fishing for salmon. We will also visit the huge Salmon Glacier before returning to Stewart for the night.

Day 93 - Watson Lake (4th July 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will drive through the beautiful countryside of British Columbia.

Day 94 - Whitehorse (5th July 2021)

Meals: Breakfast

Today we will have an included visit to the fascinating Sign Post Forest in Watson Lake before continuing our journey into the province of Yukon and its capital of Whitehorse.

Day 95 - Whitehorse (6th July 2021)

Today we have a free day to relax in Whitehorse.

Day 96 - Dawson City (7th July 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will drive through the Yukon province to the famous Klondike area and the city of Dawson, once a hive of activity for gold prospectors. En route we will stop for a tour of one of the incredible original mobile mining rigs near Dawson, Dredge No. 4.

Day 97 - Dawson City (8th July 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have free time to explore the area and take part in optional activities such as taking a tour of the old gold mines, trekking up the nearby Midnight Dome, or taking in a can-can show at the Diamond Tooth Gertie's Gambling Hall!

Day 98 - Tok (9th July 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Border information: Exit Canada at Little Gold Creek, enter the USA at Pokar Creek.

Today we will travel along the spectacular 'Top of the World Highway' to cross into Alaska at North America's northernmost border. We will drive as far as the small town of Tok.

Day 99 - McCarthy (10th July 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will drive to the historic remote outpost of McCarthy, once a thriving copper mining town and the gateway town to the stunning Wrangell-St Elias National Park.

Day 100 - McCarthy (11th July 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have free time to explore Wrangell-St Elias National Park and the historic towns of McCarthy and Kennicott. We will have the chance to take part in an abundance of optional activities such as hiking, historic mine tours, scenic flights, glacier walks and ice climbing.

Day 101 - Denali Highway (12th July 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we a drive to the start point of our Alaskan glacier camp adventure. We will head out along the river on boats to an area deep in the Alaskan wilderness, where we will be able to trek to a nearby glacier, explore the surrounding wilderness, and then wild camp for the next two nights.

Day 102 - Denali Highway (13th July 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will explore the area near our camp.

Day 103 - Denali NP (14th July 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will travel back downstream from our wilderness camp to rejoin our bus. We will then drive to Denali National Park, the home of Denali, the highest mountain in North America.

Day 104 - Denali NP (15th July 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have an included trip into Denali National Park. We will take a shuttle bus through the park to the area of Eielson Visitor Centre, where we will be able to explore and enjoy some excellent hiking and wildlife viewing opportunities.

Day 105 - Denali NP (16th July 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we have a free day in the National Park or take part in some of the many optional activities available here..

Day 106 - Seward (17th July 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will drive to the town of Seward on Alaska's southern coast.

Day 107 - Seward (18th July 2021)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today we will have free time to explore Seward and take part in optional activities such as a boat trip to the nearby Kenai Fjords National Park.

Day 108 - Anchorage (19th July 2021)

Meals: Breakfast

Today our journey ends with a short drive to the city of Anchorage, possibly via a short detour to the Portage Glacier. We will have free time to explore and relax on arrival.

Day 109 - Anchorage (20th July 2021)

Border information: If you are leaving in Anchorage, you will most likely exit the USA at Anchorage Ted Stevens International Airport (IATA code: ANC).

Today is the end day for passengers finishing their trip in Anchorage. Please note there is no accommodation included on the trip tonight - please contact your sales agent if you are interested in booking extra nights of accommodation in order to fully explore and take part in some of the optional activities listed below.

Accommodation:

ITINERARY DISCLAIMER

The routes, activities and places visited described in these notes are intentions and are meant as a rough guide only. By their very nature, overland itineraries need to be flexible and the regions that we are travelling through are often unpredictable. We intend to follow the planned route but exact night stops and inclusions cannot be guaranteed and it sometimes happens that we decide to make a change to our planned itinerary. This may be for a variety of reasons; climatic, road or bureaucratic conditions may demand it. Changes to the itinerary may occur with little notice so please be prepared for modifications to your trip.

Drive Times

Drive times are listed in the day-to-day itinerary. These are the approximate number of hours that the vehicle will be in motion, and does not include any time taken for coffee or lunch stops, border crossings, photo stops, activities en route, comfort breaks, shopping stops, toilet stops, etc. The times given are approximate estimates only and whilst given with the best of intentions, the drive times are heavily dependent on traffic, road conditions, weather, police roadblocks, and many other factors.

Accommodation and Meals Included

The type of accommodation and included meals are listed for each day of the itinerary. These listings show our intention and on most departures the listings will be accurate. However due to the flexible nature of overland itineraries, climatic, bureaucratic or road conditions may demand changes to our listed intentions or groups may simply decide to amend the plans from time to time.

Optional Activities

A selection of optional activities is listed in the day-to-day itinerary. This list is designed to be a helpful guide as to what is commonly available in each location, and is neither an exhaustive list, a guarantee that the activity is available, or an endorsement or recommendation. Certain activities may not be available on your particular visit and it may not be possible to do all the activities listed in the time available at each destination. It is recommended to give yourself extra time in your joining or ending city if you would like to participate in some optional activities there. Prices listed are for entrance only and do not include transport costs to and from the sites or local guides unless indicated. The prices are displayed according to our latest information and in the best faith, but prices do fluctuate due to exchange rates, season, numbers of participants, and simple increases from the operator, and therefore any prices listed are a guide only and cannot be guaranteed. If you partake in any optional activities, you do so at your own risk and it must be clearly understood that your participation is your own decision and does not form part of your contract with Dragoman. You may be required to sign/complete a waiver form or optional activity form for some optional activities. For more information around activity safety and insurance, please see the Essential Information document.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In the event of a real emergency once you have left your home country, please contact us on our out of office hours number. If you cannot get through on the phone, please leave a message with your name, reference number, contact details and a message with the help that you need and we will get back to you. Please bear in mind that real progress or action may not be possible until normal office hours, depending on the issue.

If your flight is delayed, please inform us as soon as you can and then make your way to the joining hotel as instructed in the Joining Point section of these notes.

Out of hours Number: +44 (0) 7985 106564

A FEW RULES

We expect all group members to act respectfully towards our staff and other group members. Bullying will not be tolerated.

Engaging in commercial or exploitative sexual activities, committing acts of violence or threatening violence towards local people, other group members or any member of our staff is not allowed. Any customer engaging in such activities will be required to leave the trip immediately with no refund of the trip price.

You must at all times comply with the laws, customs, foreign exchange and drug regulations of all countries visited and conduct yourself in accordance with our responsible travel policy. Any customer found contravening such laws or regulations will be required to leave the trip immediately with no refund of the trip price.

Although we are aware that in some parts of the world taking, carrying or selling drugs, or carrying weapons may be legal, it is not acceptable for Dragoman customers and our tour leaders have the right to ask you to leave the trip immediately with no refund of the trip price if you are found to be engaging in such activities.

ISSUES ON THE TRIP

While we always endeavour to provide the best possible holiday experience, due to the nature of travel and the areas we visit sometimes things can and do go wrong. Should any issue occur while you are on your trip, it is imperative that you discuss this with your group leader or our local partner straight away so that they can do their best to rectify the problem and save any potential negative impact on the rest of your trip.

We recognise that there may be times when your group leader may not be able to resolve a situation to your satisfaction. If this is the case please contact our customer relations department on customer-relations@dragoman.co.uk.

You may also choose to provide details in your feedback questionnaire which we ask you to complete at the end of your trip, but we do ask you to be aware that it is very difficult for us to provide any practical help after the trip is complete.

IMPORTANT NOTES

OVERLANDING LIFESTYLE

Dragoman was founded in 1981, and has had many years of experience of leading overland trips across 4 continents. Overlanding is all about sharing a great travelling experience with like-minded people. On your trip you'll travel in one of Dragoman's purpose-built iconic expedition vehicles on an off-the-beaten-track adventure along rugged roads, experiencing the sights, sounds and smells of the world up-close. Your journey will be overland, sometimes across vast distances, so some long days spent driving are inevitable - but these will be interspersed with breaks of a day or two at a destination or activity.

On an overland journey, you are more than just a passenger and everyone gets involved setting up camp - we supply the tent but it's up to you to pitch it! As part of your trip, you will be assigned a truck job which could be collecting firewood or water, luggage loading, organising food, stores, etc. Like all great adventures, the more you put in the more you'll get out! For more details of how an overlanding trip works, please see the Essential Information document.

SAFETY STANDARDS

We run adventure journeys in off the beaten track areas, which often have poor infrastructure. You should expect that some of these areas do not adhere to 'Western' safety standards. For more information, please see the Essential Information document

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN REMOTE AREAS

We will be travelling to areas in remote locations where medical assistance will not be available, and communications may be sparse. We do not carry satellite phones on our regular trips. Therefore, if you have a medical condition such as a heart condition that would put you at risk, we would suggest that this is not the trip for you. Also, please be aware that should an emergency occur, there is likely to be a considerable delay in accessing medical care, and by joining our trip you accept this risk.

VISAS, HEALTH, INSURANCE & MONEY

Before you travel there are vital things to consider such as:

- Any visas needed for your trip
- Any vaccinations needed (please consult your GP or travel clinic)
- Organising your local payment (the kitty)
- Buying travel insurance (insurance is compulsory to be allowed to join our trips)

For more information on these topics, please see the Essential Information Document.

PANAMA NOTES

GUATEMALA NOTES

COSTA RICA NOTES

NICARAGUA NOTES

HONDURAS NOTES

EL SALVADOR NOTES

MEXICO NOTES

BELIZE NOTES

CANADA NOTES

USA NOTES

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