

Additional add on excursions will be available:

- * 2-night rail excursion to Denali National Park
- * Rail and glacier cruise from Anchorage
- * 2-night stay in Sitka, AK
- * 7-night Alaskan cruise to Vancouver



St. Innocent Orthodox Cathedral, Anchorage, AK



Spirit houses over loved ones graves in Eklutna, AK

O Blessed Father Herman of Alaska, pray unto God for us!



Spruce Island, Alaska, the dwelling place of St. Herman, America's first Orthodox Saint, offers to those seeking, a peaceful respite from the "noisiness" of urban life.



For terms and conditions, passports, visas, baggage fees, air, additional taxes and travel insurance information visit <https://travefy.com/trip/6yw9rqt2j8tsqz2ay6m2dq5da4qlfkq> or email douglas@culturallycreativetravel.com 713-688-6793

PILGRIMAGE TO ALASKA 2020

Celebrating the 50th anniversary
of the Autocephaly of the
Orthodox Church in America
and the 50th anniversary
of the Glorification of
St. Herman of Alaska.



*"From this day forth, from this hour, from this minute,
let us learn to love God about all else,
and strive to do His holy will."*

-St. Herman of Alaska

Diocesan Pilgrimages

Plan your diocesan pilgrimage from the core package designed for up to 40 people (double occupancy). Add ons to the core package are listed separately.

Join your fellow Orthodox believers in the 50th Anniversary celebrations of St. Herman of Alaska's glorification and the 50th Anniversary of the OCA's autocephaly in 2020. There will be weekly trips to Alaska over the summer of 2020 sponsored by each of the dioceses of the OCA. This will be a special trip for all Orthodox believers. Sign up early and reserve your space.

Core package includes:

- * 7 days/6 nights accommodation
- * Round trip air fare to Kodiak from Anchorage
- * Excursion to Spruce Island
- * Touring and sight seeing as listed in itinerary

Anchorage on Wednesday

Arrive in Anchorage on Wednesday afternoon and be amazed as you gaze on the majestic mountains and brilliant sunshine of the "last frontier." The afternoon is specially designed as "on your own" as you explore this easily walk-able city. Choose fine or casual dining options before returning to your hotel for a casual meet-n-greet in the hotel bar/lounge. Get a good night's rest in your hotel known for the welcoming hospitality of visitors.

Anchorage, Kodiak on Thursday

After breakfast enjoy your time exploring the largest city in Alaska on your own. You may wish to walk the Tony Knowles Bike Trail located within Earthquake Park. The force of nature has left a lasting impact of the 1964 earthquake and tsunami.

You may even want to try your hand at salmon fishing in downtown Anchorage at the Bait Shack (complete fishing tackle rentals available). Visiting the Anchorage Museum may be high on your list as you explore the rich history and art of this beautiful land. You will want to plan your time for the afternoon transfer to Kodiak. Once in Kodiak and after your hotel check in, take time to stroll the downtown area, eat at one of a few local restaurants and head to Holy Resurrection Orthodox Cathedral to join the faithful of the community in prayer at the Akathist to St. Herman. Enjoy a light welcoming tea following the Akathist and learn about your next two days on this beautiful island which (weather permitting) includes an open boat ride (skiff) to Spruce Island.

Visit Spruce Island - Friday

Today take a skiff from Kodiak to Spruce Island and Monk's Lagoon where St. Herman lived, prayed and died. Take time to walk the "quiet" path up to the chapel built over his original burial site. Spend time with fellow pilgrims as you soak in the atmosphere of this holy site while seeking St. Herman's protection and prayers. A box lunch will be included as physical nourishment. Upon your return to Kodiak, spend a leisure evening dining in beautiful downtown Kodiak.

*The trip to Monk's Lagoon on Friday is weather dependent. Saturday is an alternative day.

**The trip to Monk's Lagoon is not recommended for people with mobility limitations. It is not handicapped acceptable. Expect slippery and uneven terrain along the beach and footpaths.



Kodiak, Anchorage - Saturday

Take this day to visit the historic Baranof Museum, Alutiq Museum, St. Herman Seminary and Archives, as well as Kodiak Wildlife Refuge Information Center, all located within walking distance of your hotel. Plan your day for a mid afternoon departure to Anchorage. After your hotel check in, enjoy a leisure dinner and evening of your liking.

Anchorage, Eklutna - Hierarchal Divine Liturgy and Eklutna excursion - Sunday

Sunday morning transportation will be provided to St. Innocent's Cathedral for Divine Liturgy. Enjoy meeting and lunching with the faithful of the cathedral before a 25 minute bus ride to Eklutna. You will visit St. Nicholas Orthodox Church and burial sites located in the Eklutna Historical Park. Enjoy the afternoon bus ride back to Anchorage where you can spend a leisurely evening and choose a dining option fitting to your culinary preferences.

Excursion to Kenai - Monday

Wake up early to a continental breakfast in your hotel and prepare for a 2 hour bus ride to the Kenai Peninsula through the Chugach Mountain range. Visit The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, one of the oldest standing and living temples on Mainland Alaska. Lunch at an eatery in Kenai and ready yourself for an afternoon of wildlife. On the drive back to Anchorage you will stop, stretch your legs and take in the sights at the Alaskan Wildlife Conservation Center. Here you may have a chance to see some of Alaska's famous wildlife up close. The center's mission is to preserve Alaska's wildlife through conservation research, education and equality animal care.

This last evening is at your leisure as you hold on to your memories of this epic Alaskan visit.