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Reservations are now open for 2010 summer tours into Denali National Park
This year independent visitors have more choices than ever for tours into Denali

Anchorage, AK (March 8, 2010) > The Doyon/ARAMARK Joint Venture, an authorized concessionaire of the National Park Service (NPS), announced that travelers can now make reservations for bus tours into Denali National Park for the 2010 summer tour season. A decline in cruise ships across the Gulf of Alaska has created opportunities for independent visitors to make advance bookings for access on Denali bus tours not seen in years. Reservations can be made at www.reservedenali.com or by phone at 866-761-6629.

“Visitors to Alaska want to experience Denali National Park in an up close and personal way,” said Carol Fraser, director of sales & marketing for ARAMARK Alaska. “To avoid the disappointment of arriving at the park only to learn that the tours are sold out, now is a great time to reserve space on any of the three guided day tours into the park that we operate with our partners, Doyon, Limited.”

The three tours operated by the Doyon/ARAMARK Joint Venture, now available for booking are:

Kantishna Experience Tour

Offered daily from June 8, 2010 through September 15, 2010

Adults \$165 per person; children 14 and under \$77.50 per person

The Kantishna Experience is a 12-hour journey deep into Denali National Park featuring interpretive narration provided jointly by a driver guide and a NPS ranger that joins the trip at Wonder Lake. The round trip includes lunch and a stop at the historic cabin of Fannie Quigley, who settled in the area during its Gold Rush heyday in the early 1900s and remained there until her death in 1944. The trip, offered once each day, takes visitors to the historic mining district of Kantishna, known as "The End of the Road" and "The Heart of Denali National Park."

Passengers for this tour can be picked up at several local hotels.

Tundra Wilderness Tour

Multiple morning and afternoon departures offered daily from May 20, 2010 through September 15, 2010

Adults \$113 per person; children 14 and under \$51.50 per person

This six-eight hour adventure departs twice daily from area hotels. Traveling 53 miles into Denali National Park, this tour is hosted by a driver-guide who interprets the flora and fauna seen during the tour. Guests will enjoy incredible scenery and some of the best opportunities to spot and watch the park's wildlife. This tour can also allow for spectacular views of Mt. McKinley on clear days. A box lunch is included in the tour price. A DVD featuring footage from the tour may also be purchased.

Denali Natural History Tour

Multiple morning and afternoon departures offered daily from May 13, 2010 through September 16, 2010

Adults \$70.75 per person; children 14 and under \$30.50 per person

This tour focuses on the rich, diverse cultural history of the Denali area. It lasts from four to five hours, departs from area hotels and travels first to the Wilderness Access Center for a viewing of the award winning short film "Across Time and Tundra". Proceeding to the still used ranger cabin at Savage River provides a glimpse into history, and the native Alaskan presentation at the Primrose turnaround enlightens visitors with regards to how the land has been used for nearly ten thousand years.

The price for each tour includes a \$10 national park entrance fee. For holders of a Federal recreation pass, the entrance fee will be removed at the time of booking. Visitors to Denali National Park can also use the toll free number and website to make reservations to stay overnight at McKinley Chalet Resort and McKinley Village Lodge, raft down the Nenana River or be entertained at the Alaska Cabin Night Dinner Theater.

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About Denali Park Resorts

Denali Park Resorts is managed by ARAMARK Parks and Destinations. DPR owns and operates the McKinley Chalet Resort, which features 345 pine-paneled two-room suites in cedar lodges along the river less than a mile from the park entrance, and the McKinley Village Lodge, which features 188 guest rooms in several intimate lodges set on the banks of the Nenana River in a serene forest setting eight miles south of the park entrance. In addition, Denali Park Resorts hosts the spirited Cabin Nite Dinner Theater in an authentic roadhouse at the McKinley Chalet Resort; operates Alaska Raft Adventures, which provides raft trips on the Nenana River; and Explore Denali, which offers guided hikes throughout the area. To make reservations or receive more information about tours and activities, call 1-866-297-0327, or visit www.reservedenali.com.

Doyon/ARAMARK Joint Venture, operator of bus tours, park shuttles, food and beverage outlets, campground and retail outlets within Denali National Park, is an authorized concessionaire of the National Park Service.

About ARAMARK Parks and Destinations

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