Alaska Railroad + Denali

Depending on the amount of time total that you have to spend in Alaska, you might want to consider flying from Juneau or Sitka to Anchorage, Seward or Fairbanks and take an Alaska Rail Tour to Denali and back. “Just the Basics” 5-day tour - [https://www.alaskarailroad.com/travel-planning/packages/just-the-basics](https://www.alaskarailroad.com/travel-planning/packages/just-the-basics)

Other packages [https://www.alaskarailroad.com/travel-planning/packages/summer-packages](https://www.alaskarailroad.com/travel-planning/packages/summer-packages)

The Alaska Railroad runs from Seward in the south up to Fairbanks in the north – with stops along the way. They offer a variety of summer tour packages or you can build your own.

I recently called the Alaska Railroad reservations at [800-544-0552](tel:8005440552) for another Boat Company client and spoke to a lady in reservations who told me that AK Railroad puts their guests up at one of several hotels at the entrance to Denali:

- Denali Parks Hotel, [http://www.denaliparkhotel.com](http://www.denaliparkhotel.com)
- Denali Crow's Nest Cabins, [https://www.denalicrowsnestcabins.com](https://www.denalicrowsnestcabins.com)

These hotels connect guests to a selection of Park Tours [https://www.nps.gov/dena/planyourvisit/visiting-denali.htm#CP_JUMP_5183115](https://www.nps.gov/dena/planyourvisit/visiting-denali.htm#CP_JUMP_5183115) such as:

- Denali Backcountry Lodge Adventure Tour, [https://bit.ly/2UNoXmP](https://bit.ly/2UNoXmP)
- Denali Air Flightseeing (fixed wing), [http://www.denalair.com/](http://www.denalair.com/)
- Denali Jeep Backcountry Safari, [https://www.denalijeep.com](https://www.denalijeep.com)

It looks like you can mix and match a Denali trip on an à la carte basis.

Other options that don’t include Denali are side trips to The Kenai Peninsula [http://www.kenaipeninsula.org/things-do](http://www.kenaipeninsula.org/things-do) (you can see the area at the bottom left of the railroad map)

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Homer Alaska – “The Town at the End of the Road” is a quirky, popular destination.

Talkeetna – on the way to Denali – is another ‘slice of small-town Alaska’.

In Anchorage itself, there are a number of things to see (my personal favorite is the Musk Ox farm in nearby Palmer):

  Anchorage visitors & Convention Bureau [http://www.anchorage.net/]
  Alaska Native Culture [http://www.anchorage.net/things-to-do/museums-culture-heritage/]

**Anchorage Museum**
Experience the Museum’s extraordinary permanent collection depicting 10,000 years of Alaska history - Native subsistence lifestyles, European exploration, Russian America, and contemporary times. View art of the North. Restaurant and gift shop. Open daily, May to Sept., and Wednesdays – Sundays from October to April. 7th Ave. & A Street. [www.anchoragemuseum.org](http://www.anchoragemuseum.org)

**Oomingmak - Musk Ox Producers' Co-operative in downtown Anchorage**
The Alaskan co-operative that has brought exquisite Qiviut items to you as a unique northern gift since 1969. Qiviut (pronounced "kiv-ee-ute"), the downy-soft under wool from the Arctic musk ox, is shed naturally each year during the spring months. Eight times warmer than wool and extraordinarily lightweight, Qiviut is one of the finest natural fibers known to man. The Co-Operative is owned by approximately 250 Native Alaskan women from remote coastal villages of Alaska who knit each item by hand. Each village has a signature pattern derived from traditional aspects of village life and the Eskimo culture; they may come from an ancient artifact or a beadwork design. [http://www.qiviut.com/store/index.cfm?target=home&CFID=3133361&CFTOKEN=90572406](http://www.qiviut.com/store/index.cfm?target=home&CFID=3133361&CFTOKEN=90572406)

**The Musk Ox Farm in Palmer - [http://www.muskoxfarm.org/](http://www.muskoxfarm.org/)**
(about 50 miles from Anchorage – map [https://www.muskoxfarm.org/location-and-times](https://www.muskoxfarm.org/location-and-times))
A private non-profit organization dedicated to the development and domestication of the musk ox, *Ovibos moschatus* for the purpose of providing additional subsistence income opportunities for Alaska’s first people. The Musk Ox Project began to introduce a gentle, non-intrusive form of agriculture to the Arctic in 1954. Our musk oxen are the foundation of an Alaskan cottage industry for natives living in remote coastal villages. Qiviut knit items, yarn and fibers are available here [https://www.muskoxfarm.org/qiviut-1](https://www.muskoxfarm.org/qiviut-1)