



The Spirit of Alpinism

- Expedition Itinerary -

Denali (20,320 ft/6193 m) - West Rib

Meeting Location: The Best Western Golden Lion Inn at 1000 East 36th Ave, Anchorage, AK

Meeting Time: There will be a pre-trip meeting for all team members at 2pm on the day before the first day of your program (Day 0). Guides and climbers will meet in the main lobby at the hotel and commence with the gear check and packing procedures shortly thereafter.

**As a reminder, this itinerary can and will change from trip to trip. Climbing days and rest days are often dictated by weather and conditions. This day-to-day plan is rough and should be used for general reference only.*

Day 0

2pm gear check and orientation at the hotel in Anchorage. After the gear check we will run any needed errands and guides will shop for fresh food items. There will be an optional dinner at a local eatery in the evening.

Day 1

Depart for Talkeetna via a ground shuttle. The ride is about 2.5 hours with a brief stop along the way. Once in Talkeetna (set altimeters for 358 feet) we will check in at the ranger station and have an orientation and slide show from one of the Park Rangers. After the orientation we will have lunch in town and pack for the glacier flight. We should be able to fly onto the glacier and establish base camp in the afternoon. Once on the glacier we will settle into Base Camp at 7200'/2194m on the Southeast Fork of the Kahiltna Glacier, and discuss camp building, camp etiquette, cook tent procedures and the roles of each team member on the expedition.

Most AAI teams opt for a single carry strategy between Base Camp and Camp 1 as opposed to carrying and caching at Camp 1 and returning to Base Camp. There are advantages and disadvantages to both strategies and the guides will decide which is best for the team based on several factors including weather, conditions on the mountain, and assessment of the group. The itinerary below will reflect the single carry strategy.

Day 2

Move to Camp 1 on Buttress. Leave cache for return trip up NE Fork. 3-4 days worth of food and fuel.

Day 3

Single carry to 11,200 ft and Camp 2

Day 4

Carry and cache around Windy Corner.

Day 5

Move to 14,200 ft Camp

Day 6

Back carry from 13,500 ft.

Day 7

Rest and acclimate day.

Day 8

Carry and cache to 16,400 ft on Rib. Spend the night at 16,400 ft.

Day 9

Return to 14,000 ft.

Day 10

Day trip up the fixed lines to high camp on Buttress.

Day 11

Descend to Camp 1 and repack for the Rib.

Day 12

Move to camp at 11,200 ft below the Rib couloir.

Day 13

Move to 13,300 ft above the Wishbone Camp.

Days 14

Move to 15,200 ft.

Days 15

Move to stocked high camp at 16,400.

Day 16--19

Summit and contingency days.

Day 20

Descend.

Day 21

If the weather is good, we will fly off the glacier and sort gear in Talkeetna. It is not entirely uncommon to be delayed for a day or more while waiting for the weather to clear up enough for glacier planes to land. Upon return to town, most climbers opt to spend the night in Talkeetna and enjoy one of the fine dining and drinking establishments with fellow climbers in town. Lodging will be arranged when we get back to town and your guides can help you make needed reservations for shuttle rides once we are settled in and unpacked.