



Grizzly bear with its salmon catch, Katmai National Park © Andy Rouse

KATMAI NATIONAL PARK

Katmai National Park is famous for brown (or grizzly) bears, fish, volcanoes and rugged wilderness. Originally created in 1918 to preserve the famed Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, the area was designated a National Park in 1980. The park covers an area in excess of 16,000 sq km.

Brown bears are very active in Katmai, with numbers increasing to more than 2,200. As they are not hunted, and food during the summer months is plentiful, the bears are extremely tolerant of humans, and extraordinary viewing is possible. Males can grow to an amazing 3 metres in height and to observe their behaviour at close quarters is a privilege few people will ever experience.

Despite the park's size, there are only a few places where you can view bears in Katmai and we feature Katmai Wilderness Lodge (this page) and Brooks Lodge (p22).

For an unrivalled bear viewing experience, we recommend you incorporate one of the tours on these pages into your itinerary.

KATMAI WILDERNESS LODGE

From 4 days/3 nights

From \$6173 per person twin share

Departs ex Kodiak 31 May-17 Sep

	4D/3N Tue to Fri	5D/4N Fri to Tue	8D/7N Tue to Tue
Tour cost from:			
Twin share or single	\$6173	\$6944	\$8146

INCLUSIONS

Return float plane Kodiak to lodge, full board accommodation, local beer & wine with lunch & dinner, soft drinks, guided trips.

May-June departures: Due to the possibility of fog we recommend you spend the night prior to departure in Kodiak.

Best Western Kodiak Inn:	Twin	Single
May-Sep	\$224	\$447

Katmai Wilderness Lodge claims to offer “the world’s most spectacular bear viewing” and our CEO Steve Cameron was absolutely in agreement when he visited Katmai. On just one afternoon Steve saw 20 bears and was able to approach several individuals

quite closely on foot. The scenery is spectacular and unspoiled as the lodge is the only private establishment on the coast of Katmai National Park’s 3.6 million acre wilderness. The lodge is situated in Kukak Bay against a backdrop of majestic mountains and dramatic glaciers. Comfortable accommodation is provided in modern log cabins and hearty meals are served in the dining room.



Bald Eagle and hatchlings © Katmai Wilderness Lodge



Spectacular Katmai bear viewing © Katmai Wilderness Lodge



Spacious lodge living room © Katmai Wilderness Lodge



Boating excursion © Katmai Wilderness Lodge



Great scenery as a backdrop © Katmai Wilderness Lodge

Day 1 Katmai Wilderness Lodge

Noon transfer by float plane from Kodiak to the lodge, arriving 1330. Afternoon activity.

Days 2/3 Katmai Wilderness Lodge

Each day you will set out by boat with your guide to explore this beautiful wilderness area. Activities include guided bear viewing and photography, guided wilderness hikes, visits to archaeological sites, sea kayaking and fishing. Apart from bears, there are moose and fox in the area and many marine mammals such as orcas and sea lions.

Day 4 Tour ends Kodiak

Breakfast and morning activity before your flight at 1330 to Kodiak Airport. Tour ends.



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