

## NCPAA TOUR INFORMATION

### Group Tours – Wednesday, May 6, 2009:

#### Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center and Alyeska Jade Shop Tour



Travel south on the Seward Highway, along the Turnagain Arm of Cook Inlet, a National Scenic Byway. Keep an eye out for moose in the fields or ponds, dall sheep on the mountainsides or bald eagles along this highway. The featured stop is at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. In route, as the motorcoach comes across the flats towards Portage, guests will see abandoned buildings and tree stumps still standing since the 1964 earthquake, which dropped the

entire area over two feet. The AWCC opened to the public in 1993, and is located on 160 acres at the southern edge of Turnagain Arm and the entrance to Portage Valley. The AWCC is an educational and rehabilitation center providing homes for orphaned or injured wildlife. Begin with a narrated drive-through tour of the park followed by free time to explore the wildlife enclosures as well as the beautiful log gift shop (with some of the best prices in the area!). Some of the wildlife you may have the opportunity to view includes Brown Bear, Black Bear, Bald Eagle, Sitka Black Tail Deer, Elk, Musk Ox, and Bison. The final stop will be at the Kobuk Valley Jade Shop, just 30 minutes north, in the quaint resort town of Girdwood. Located at the base of



Mt. Alyeska, since 1968, guests can watch while giant jade boulders are cut and polished. Alaskan jade items such as rings, bolo ties, pins, earrings, necklaces, bracelets and cuff links are available for purchase. The company also sells raw jade, Eskimo-carved walrus ivory and other handcrafted products. There is also an extensive collection of artifacts from the owner's personal collection on display. Just outside the shop is a beautiful totem pole, as well as the large raw jade boulders from which the jewelry is made. Following the Jade Shop visit, participants will return to the Hilton Hotel.

**Price:** **\$99.00 per person**  
**Minimum:** 8  
**Maximum:** 16  
**Times:** 12:30pm – 5:30pm

#### Alaska Five Stand Shooting Range

Established in 1957 on 70 acres, this park has expanded to 92 acres and has become Alaska's largest shooting facility. The shotgun range has 12 trap, 4 skeet, 2 five-stand, and a 100-target sporting clay range. Moose and brown bear are often seen in this area during events. The five-stand shooter takes five shots from each of five locations per round. There is a ½ hour safety orientation before the 2 hour shoot. Price includes shotgun, 50 rounds of ammunition, 50 clays, transfers to and from Anchorage. Must be 18 years or older.

**Price :** **\$125.00 per person**  
**Minimum:** 8  
**Maximum:** 14  
**Times:** 12:30pm – 4:00pm

### Optional Any Day Tours:

#### Guided Mountain Biking

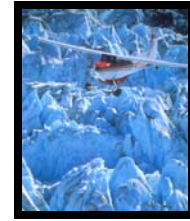


Enjoy a guided tour on Anchorage's "Tony Knowles Coastal Trail" (named after a former mayor of Anchorage and Governor), along the Knik Arm to Earthquake Park. This trail was voted best trail to see a moose! Enjoy panoramic views of the Cook Inlet and an opportunity to view Mt. McKinley along this paved trail. This trail is non-technical and good for all levels. 1.5 hours ride time, approximately 15 miles.

**Price:** **\$85.00**  
**Minimum:** 4  
**Times:** 12:00pm – 3:00pm

### **Fixed Wing Flight Seeing**

To get a feel for how large Alaska really is, a flight seeing tour is a must. You will be awestruck by the pristine beauty and massive size of Alaska. The *Denali National Park Tour* flies within six miles of the 20,320' summit of Mt. McKinley, North America's highest peak. Fly over the foothills of Denali to view the the Ruth Glacier, the Great Gorge and the massive south face of McKinley.



**Price:** **\$365.00 per person**

**Minimum:** 2

**Times:** 12:30pm – 4:30pm daily (weather dependent)

### **Post Conference Group Tour – Saturday, May 9, 2009:**

#### **Gray Whale Watch Tour**

Travel south on the Seward Highway, along the Turnagain Arm of Cook Inlet. With the Chugach Mountain Range on one side of the highway, a glimpse of the Alaska Range across the inlet and the Kenai Range ahead, the views are spectacular. Keep an eye out for dall sheep and eagles along this stretch of highway. As the coach comes across the flats towards Portage, view



abandoned buildings and trees still standing since the 1964 earthquake, which dropped the entire area over two feet. This 2.5-hour drive to Seward takes you up and over the Kenai

Mountain Range via picturesque Turnagain Pass. The scenic drive alone is worth the trip. On arrival in Seward, board a cruise boat with inside seating and a heated cabin for a 4-hour Gray Whale Watching Tour. Experience the opportunity to witness the amazing annual migration of California Gray Whales, traveling over 5,000 miles from Baja California to the nutrient rich waters of Alaska's Bering Sea. Enjoy a front row

seat as your informative boat captain assists in spotting these magnificent mammals, the only whales without dorsal fins, as they pass by the mouth of Resurrection Bay. Watch for their bushy, heart-shaped blow rising up to 13 feet in the air. There may even be an opportunity to view new offspring as well. Alaska's fertile waters serve as a nursery for these newborn mammals to grow and strengthen themselves for the annual winter migration. Lunch included on cruise. Following the cruise, the motorcoach will be waiting for the transfer back to Anchorage.

**Price:** **\$165.00 per person**

**Minimum:** 10

**Times:** 9:00am – 7:30pm