Dear Fellow Columbian,

The Columbia Alumni Association—a free, no RSVP-required association of all University alumni—keeps you connected to the intellectual and social network of Columbia University. Featuring expert guides, specially chosen destinations and accommodations and inquisitive alumni travelers, the CAA Travel Study Program is your ticket to experiencing the wonders of Alaska.

We invite you to experience Alaska on a 10-day exploration of the state’s rugged coasts, temperate rainforests and rolling inland tundra. Accompany expert local guides as they lead hiking, kayak and canoe excursions through the wilds, or simply relax, sit and soak in the wildlife-rich scenery.

This unique program is limited to 16 guests, allowing intimate access to Alaska’s wilderness and a more personal experience in the far north.

Columbia’s intellectual and social connections have never been more relevant. Join us in explorations and events throughout the year—and stay connected.

Sincerely,

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June and July are some of the very best months to travel in Alaska! We’ve selected this time of season for our tour based on the spectacular highlights available during Alaska’s midsummer:

- Witnessing wildlife—like grizzlies, moose and wolves—as they introduce their young to Alaska’s summer habitat. June is an ideal time to see bear cubs, calves and pups explore new terrain.

- Migrating birds overhead, including aerobatic Arctic Terns and stunning Sandhill Cranes.

- The emergence of Alaska’s beautiful wildflowers, such as lupine and fireweed.

- And lastly, extended daylight hours (up to 18 hours) allow us to make the most out of our Alaska journeys each day!
We invite you to explore some of our favorite places in the Last Frontier on this comprehensive Alaska journey:

Day 1, June 26
Home / Fairbanks, Alaska
Welcome to the 49th State! Start your trip in Alaska's largest northern city, Fairbanks. Visit the Museum of the North on a special tour to learn more about Alaska's unique cultural and natural history. After tonight's welcome dinner, we'll visit the famous Alaska Pipeline. Overnight at Pike's Waterfront Lodge. (D)

Day 2, June 27
Denali National Park
Ride the historic Alaska Railroad to Denali National Park. This afternoon, board a private bus for a narrated Denali wildlife drive. Watch for caribou, moose, Dall sheep, grizzly bears, resident and migratory birds, and weather permitting, the tallest peak in North America, Denali (Mt. McKinley). Settle into your cozy cabin accommodations at Kantishna Roadhouse, in the heart of the park. Overnight at Kantishna Roadhouse. (B, L, D)

Day 3, June 28
Denali National Park
Photograph the stunning landscapes of tundra, glacier-clad peaks and tundra ponds; pan for gold at a real claim; choose your hiking adventure; or take a mountain bike ride before dinner—all at the pace you desire. Enjoy evening presentations in the main lodge or relax at Smoky Joe’s Saloon. Overnight at Kantishna Roadhouse. (B, L, D)

Day 4, June 29
Anchorage
Watch for more wildlife along Denali’s park road. Enjoy a short hike en route to Anchorage. Tonight, stroll the city’s downtown area shops and art galleries under the Midnight Sun. Overnight in Anchorage. (B, L, D)

Day 5, June 30
Kenai Fjords National Park
From the seacoast town of Seward, board a small ship bound for Kenai Fjords National Park—home to an array of glaciers and wildlife such as whales, Steller sea lions, sea otters, puffins and more! A half-day marine wildlife cruise allows us ample time to explore the rugged coastlines. Enjoy lunch in front of a tidewater glacier before arriving at our exclusive lodge destination: Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge.

Nestled in a protected tidal lagoon area, the lodge offers stunning glacier and mountain views, as well as miles of pristine beachfront for combing. Overnight at Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge. (B, L, D)

Day 6, July 1
Kenai Fjords National Park
Choose from an array of guided activities in this immaculate setting: guided kayaking or canoeing tours of the protected Pederson Lagoon area, short explorations and nature strolls or relaxing in a rocking chair with glacier views. Evening presentations on Alaska natural and cultural history offer enlightenment and perspective. Overnight at Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge. (B, L, D)

Day 7, July 2
Kenai Fjords National Park / Anchorage
A return wildlife cruise will bring us to Seward, where we’ll board the historic Alaska Railroad for comfortable rail travel back to Anchorage, through Alaska’s backcountry. Take photographs from the train’s various outdoor viewing platforms and breathe in the fresh Alaska air. Enjoy a festive farewell dinner onboard. Overnight in Anchorage. (B, L, D)

Day 8, July 3
Anchorage / Home
After breakfast, you’ll be transferred to the airport for return flights home, or you may choose to explore Anchorage on your own.

Courtesy airport shuttles from your hotel will be available throughout the day. (B)
TOUR DETAILS

Tour Cost — $5170 per person, plus tax, based on double occupancy.

Single Accommodations — $6300 per person, plus tax, based on single occupancy.
*A limited number of single-occupancy spaces are available. Please contact us for the latest availability.

Airfare — The Tour Cost does not include flights from your home city to/from Alaska. Several carriers service Alaska and more information will be in your welcome packet provided by the tour operator.

Tour Includes — All ground transportation from arrival in Fairbanks on June 26 to departure from Anchorage on July 3; all accommodations as shown on itinerary; all entry fees, activities and excursions per itinerary; meals and non-alcoholic beverages as shown on itinerary; and portage.

Tour Excludes — Airfare to Alaska and related fees and taxes; medical immunizations; passport fees; baggage or trip cancellation insurance; optional excursions or deviation from the scheduled tour; excess baggage charges; medical expenses; meals not specified in the program itinerary or special meals not on the menu; dishes and beverages not part of included meals; alcoholic beverages; laundry; telephone or fax charges; room service; other items of a purely personal nature; and gratuities to local guides.

Tour Size — This tour is limited to 16 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. The minimum group size is 8 guests. Should the minimum not be met, we reserve the right to cancel the program or levy a small group surcharge.

Insurance — We highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance; information will be sent to registrants.

Cancellations — At the time we receive written notice that you must cancel your trip, the following per person fees will apply:

- 120+ days prior to departure: $300 per person
- 120 to 91 days: $500 per person
- 90 to 36 days: 50% of total cost
- Within 35 days: 100% of total cost

UNDERSTANDINGS & RESPONSIBILITIES

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We reserve the right to cancel or substitute lecturers.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

This trip is designed for travelers in average physical condition. You should feel comfortable trail walking for 3 - 4 hours with short breaks. The most important requirements are a spirit of adventure and a positive attitude!

We stay in authentic Alaskan lodging to enhance the Alaska experience. There are two beds in each room or cabin, with private bathroom attached and on-demand heat and electricity.

You only need to bring your personal gear and clothing. We'll send you a complete packing list of recommended clothing after you sign up.

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Wild Alaska Journey 3
Please reserve place(s) on the June 26 - July 3, 2011 Journey.

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To reserve a space on this tour, please send your registration form and deposit check for $600 per person, payable to Alaska Wildland Adventures, to the Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program, 245 Mill St., 2nd Floor, Greenwich, CT, 06830. If paying your deposit by credit card, you may fax it to 203.724.0844. A complete Trip Planning packet, including a Release of Liability, will be forwarded to each applicant upon receipt of deposit.

I/We have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of this Program.

Signature(s) ........................................................................................................................................ Date .................................................................