

Kodiak Treks Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q: Can we come for a day trip?
A: Sorry, no. We offer a **minimum 3-day stay**, and some guests choose to be with us for up to 7 days. Air taxi and boat traffic in bear country impact bears and the habitat. It can also change bear behavior. Our goal is to minimize adverse effects on bears, wildlife, and habitat. Therefore we offer a **minimum 3-day stay**. Please build extra time into your itinerary to allow you to respectfully view Alaska's wildlife with a minimal-impact approach.
2. Q: When do we need to arrive in the city of Kodiak from mainland Alaska (either by ferry or plane)?
A: Guests should plan to arrive Kodiak *no later than* the evening before their flight out to the lodge. Flights from Kodiak to Uyak Bay and back are generally scheduled to bring out new groups and pick-up outbound groups. In this way, flight costs are shared and kept to a minimum. In order to minimize connection problems for multiple groups, please arrive no later than the evening before your charter flight with Kodiak Treks. It's prudent to be realistic when planning your Alaska visit, and build flexibility into your itinerary. Travel insurance is also recommended.
3. Q: What should we bring?
A: [Please review the attached packing document and refund policy document.](#)
4. Q: How heavy a pack should I expect to carry while trekking?
A: Guests should be prepared to carry items they wish to have with them during the day. Boat-based trips from the Aleut Island lodge are generally for a few hours. Hikes from the out-camp are for the entire day. Recommended items include extra clothing (jackets and clothing items that can be layered), binoculars, water bottle, and camera equipment. Guests should bring a comfortable pack in which to carry personal items in the field.
5. Q: How physical are Kodiak Treks trips?
A: Kodiak Treks trips are physical. Not because we go for speed on the trail, but because this is Alaska. Our approach to observing bears and wildlife is to walk unobtrusively through Kodiak bear country and stop and sit often in order to maximize wildlife viewing opportunities. Rugged country with abundant wildlife means a lack of amenities and groomed trails (and we hope it stays this way!) Reasonably fit individuals do well. If a 4-hr flight-seeing trip is more your speed, we're happy to recommend local air taxi services. [The attached client questionnaire solicits relevant information from guests so we can advise you further.](#)