



Spectacular Katmai bear viewing © Lynn Rogers

**KATMAI NATIONAL PARK**

Katmai National Park and Reserve is famous for volcanoes, Brown (or Grizzly) Bears, fish 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 2,000. 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 10 feet 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 both Brooks Lodge (p20) and Katmai Wilderness Lodge (this page).

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  
Lodge

Departs ex Kodiak 23 May-30 Sep

	4D/3N	5D/4N	8D/7N
	Sun to Wed	Wed to Sun	Sun to Sun
<b>Tour cost:*</b>			Wed to Wed
Twin share or single	\$3511	\$3990	\$4735

\*Optional flights to/from the lodge on days other than a Sunday or Wednesday incur an additional surcharge.

**Price per person includes:** return float plane Kodiak to lodge, full board accommodation, beer, wine, soft drinks, guided trips.

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

<b>Best Western Kodiak Inn:</b>	Twin	Single
23 May-30 Sep	\$124	\$248

**K**atmai Wilderness Lodge claims to offer "the world's most spectacular bear viewing" and our MD 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 deluxe meals are served in the dining room.



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Cute Grizzly cub - A few metres away on foot!



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Grizzly & cub



© Stephen Cameron

Katmai Wilderness Lodge, Dining Room



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Lynn Rogers in the field in Katmai

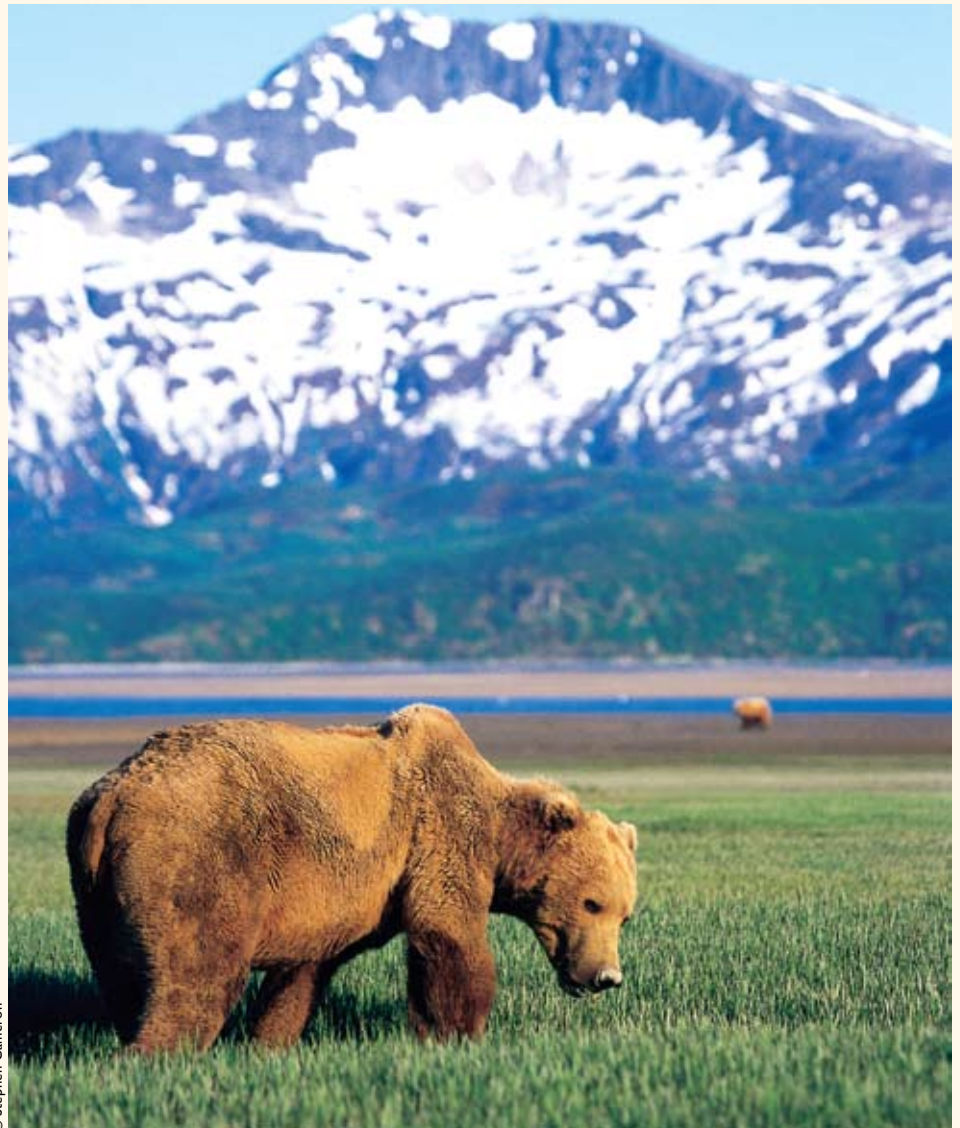
**Day 1 Katmai Wilderness Lodge**  
Noon transfer by float plane from Kodiak to the lodge, arriving 13.30. Afternoon game activity.

**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 sea mammals such as Orcas and sea lions.

**Day 4 Tour ends Kodiak**  
Breakfast and morning activity before your midday flight to Kodiak airport. Tour ends.



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Great scenery as a backdrop



Brooks Falls, lots of action! © Scott Cindrich: www.flickr.com/scottmichaels

## BROOKS LODGE

From 3 days/2 nights

Departs daily ex Anchorage Jun-Sep

<b>Twin share (approx):</b>	3D/2N	4D/3N
21 Jun-09 Aug & 26 Aug-18 Sep	\$1701	\$2109
01-20 Jun & 10-25 Aug (special package)	\$1701	

**Price per person includes:** transfers to/from Anchorage, 2 or 3 nights accommodation at Brooks Lodge (room only), all park fees and the *Valley of 10,000 Smokes* tour including lunch.

**Day trip from Anchorage** \$779

Includes round trip air transportation Anchorage/Brooks Lodge via King Salmon and half day at Brooks Falls.

**B**rooks Lodge overlooks famous Brooks Falls in the heart of Katmai National Park. Each year from mid June to mid September large numbers of bears congregate here to catch spawning salmon. The lodge offers 16 ensuite rooms accommodating up to 4 people each. The Brooks area can become crowded during peak season and guests seeking a more intimate experience with bears should consider Katmai Wilderness Lodge (p18).



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Lodge visitor

### Day 1 Brooks Lodge

Fly Anchorage to King Salmon and by float plane to Brooks Lodge. Afternoon is available for bear viewing.

### Day 2 Brooks Lodge

Full day tour of the *Valley of 10,000 Smokes*, a stunning landscape filled with ash flow from the eruption of Novarupta in 1912.

### Days 3 or 4 Tour ends Anchorage

Return transfer by air to Anchorage via King Salmon.

## REDOUBT BAY LODGE

Day tour and 2 or more nights

Departs daily ex Anchorage Jun-Aug

**Tour cost per person:#**

6 hr Bear Viewing Day Tour ex Anchorage	\$677
Overnight Bear Viewing Tour ex Anchorage	\$1432
3 days/2 nights	\$2255
4 days/3 nights	\$3060

#Prices based on a 24 hr period. Arrive 12.30, depart 12.30.

**Price per person includes:** Transfers by float plane between Anchorage and Redoubt Bay Lodge, guided nature excursions, accommodation, meals as specified.

**A**ccessed by float plane, Redoubt Bay Lodge nestles amongst spectacular scenery at the entrance to Lake Clark National Park. Activities include wildlife viewing by boat or on foot with a naturalist guide, fishing and canoeing. There is a main log cabin with dining room, and 3 guest cabins. Enthusiastic staff, a professionally trained chef and excellent food ensure a memorable stay.

### SIX HOUR DAY TOUR EX ANCHORAGE

Depart Anchorage on a 50 minute scenic flight to Redoubt Bay Lodge. During your 4 hour visit you will enjoy a guided natural history tour with opportunities to see bears in their native habitat, and lunch at the lodge. Return flight to Anchorage.

### REDOUBT BAY LODGE PACKAGE Days 1/2 Redoubt Bay Lodge

Air transfer from Anchorage to Redoubt Bay Lodge. Enjoy wildlife viewing with your guide and canoeing on the lake in the long summer evening. Breakfast, lunch and gourmet dinner at the lodge.

### Days 3 or 4 Tour ends Anchorage

After breakfast fly back to Anchorage. Tour ends.



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Bears galore!