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David Bercovici
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Alaska Family Adventure

July 1 – 9, 2019
Dear Yale Traveler

I invite you to join Yale on a family program to Alaska next July and create memories to last a lifetime!

Explore Alaska’s natural beauty and stay at remote wilderness lodges. Travel from the tundra-covered interior deep inside Denali National Park to the expansive coastline in Southcentral Alaska, taking time to explore soon to be favorite destinations in between. Witness Alaska’s iconic wildlife – bears, caribou, moose, wolves, whales, sea lions, puffins and more!

Capture memories of a life-time with your family as they pan for gold inside the Kantishna region of Denali, known for its rich goldmining history; hike through various ecosystems to learn about the state’s abundant flora and fauna; and kayak amid icebergs in a protected lagoon, in the face of a massive glacier. The best part? No experience is necessary and varying activity levels are offered to best suit one’s preferences.

Traveling from start to finish will be Professor David Bercovici. He is sure to add a great deal to your family’s Alaska experience.

Space is limited on this exclusive land program; call 203-432-1952 today to hold your spot on this delightful trip to Alaska. Or visit www.yaleedtravel.org/alaska19 to register online.

All the best from Yale,

Lauren Summers
Senior Director
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David Bercovici is the Frederick William Beinecke Professor of Geophysics and the current Chair of the Department of Geology & Geophysics. Professor Bercovici has been at Yale since 2001, and prior to that he was a professor for 10 years at the University of Hawaii. His undergraduate degree is from Harvey Mudd College and he received his PhD from UCLA, after which he was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution on Cape Cod. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts & Sciences. His research ranges from flow and convection in planetary interiors, to volcanic eruptions and lava flows, to carbon sequestration and energy. He is the author of many scientific papers and the popular science book The Origins of Everything in 100 Pages (More or Less). Professor Bercovici teaches the popular Yale College courses “Natural Disasters” and has taken undergraduates on “natural disaster” field trips to Hawaii, Dominica, Martinique, Costa Rica and the Azores Islands to explore areas prone to earthquakes, tsunami, hurricanes and especially volcanic activity.

Want to learn more about the history and culture of Alaska?

Here’s a good start:

Coming in to the Country
by John McPhee
An outstanding portrayal of frontier life in Alaska, this is among the finest of this gifted writer’s works. Beautifully written, it’s an even-handed look at environmental issues as well as a hilarious portrait of some unforgettable Alaskan characters. Originally published in “The New Yorker.”

Stickeen
by John Muir
Muir’s exhilarating tale of crossing the treacherous Brady Glacier in Alaska during a storm with a brave little dog. This edition includes illustrations by Carl Buell and an afterward by Malcolm Margolin. Polished with decades of re-telling, a shorter version of the tale is included in his Travels in Alaska.

Upcoming Trips

Costa Rica Family Program
December 26, 2018–January 3, 2019
Professor Harvey Goldblatt

National Parks of the Southwest
July 7-16, 2019
Professor Maureen Long

Peru: A Family Holiday
December 26, 2019-January 3, 2020
Professor Paul Turner

Explore the most famed national parks in Alaska – Denali and Kenai Fjords. Scan for North America’s tallest peak one day, and then witness calving tidewater glaciers the next! Feast upon wildberries during guided outings by day, and savor delicious, homemade family-style meals at night. Alaska offers a bounty for the senses! Build memories with your family and other like-minded travelers which will last a lifetime. Our small group focus will yield big experiences and big smiles!
Welcome Phone Call

Thursday, June 13
Join the group at 4pm EST for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Bercovici in order to learn more about what to expect and to get the chance to ask any questions you may have.

ARRIVE FAIRBANKS (D)

Monday, July 1
Independent arrival into Alaska’s largest interior city, Fairbanks. Visit the popular Museum of the North to gain valuable understanding of native cultures and traditional Alaskan life, followed by a visit to the famous Alaska Pipeline. This evening, enjoy dinner and orientation. 
*Overnight Pikes Waterfront Lodge*

DENALI (B/L/D)

Tuesday, July 2
After breakfast, board the historic Alaska Railroad to Denali National Park. Once we reach the park, embark on a 5-6 hour Denali wildlife drive through the park, watching for caribou, moose, Dall sheep, grizzly bears, resident and migratory birds. Our backdrop is the awe-inspiring Alaska Range, and when conditions are clear, gaze at the wonder of North America’s highest peak, Denali! Settle in to our backcountry retreat with savory dinner, in the heart of Denali’s exclusive Kantishna Valley.
*Overnight Denali Backcountry Lodge*

Wednesday, July 3
Explore Denali in the way which best speaks to you: hike, bike, gold pan, fish or simply relax at the lodge with yoga. Learn about the area’s rich goldmining past and visit historic structures. Optional add-on flightseeing tours provide a bird’s eye perspective of the park.
*Overnight Denali Backcountry Lodge*
Thursday, July 4
Following a return Denali scenic drive out of the park, venture south to the charming small town of Talkeetna, where three major rivers converge to the Big Susitna drainage. Along the way, enjoy an outdoor picnic lunch and short hike through Denali State Park. Once in Talkeetna, tour the quaint “downtown” and get a taste of local life.
Overnight Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge

Friday, July 5
Travel to the seacoast town of Seward for an introduction to Alaska’s stunning seacoast with a special visit to the Alaska SeaLife Center, a marine wildlife and maritime museum. The Center’s 2-story aquarium allows visitors to watch playful puffins dive and “fly” underwater. Next, gain up-close, intimate views of the massive Exit Glacier on a guided hike. Learn about glacial history and tectonic activity while snapping photos of the icy blue wonder, and recap the day’s activity during a fabulous dinner at Resurrection Roadhouse.
Overnight Seward Windsong Lodge

Saturday, July 6
Board a small boat bound for Kenai Fjords National Park – home to an array of glaciers and marine wildlife including whales, Steller sea lions, sea otters, puffins and more! A half-day marine wildlife cruise will allow us to explore the rugged coastlines. Enjoy lunch in front of a calving glacier before arriving at the exclusive lodge destination: Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge. Nestled in a protected tidal lagoon area, the Glacier Lodge offers miles of pristine beachfront for exploring and views of the stunning Pedersen Glacier. This afternoon, meet your guides for a lodge orientation and settle into a private cabin. Enjoy dinner and evening presentations.
Overnight Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge

What is Included:
- Program of lectures and discussions with David Bercovici
- Accommodation based on double occupancy (two Queen beds per room standard); limited triple and quadruple occupancy rooms available on first-come, first-serve basis
- All park entrance and user fees
- All activities as outlined in daily itinerary
- Services of Tour Manager during the tour
- Welcome and Farewell Dinner (including glasses of domestic wine/beer)
- All tipping for drivers, boat captains, helpers, hotels, meals, bathroom stops, local guide and the accompanying Tour Manager
- Complimentary transfers from Fairbanks airport to hotel upon arrival and final hotel to Anchorage airport upon departure from Alaska
- Porterage and luggage handling throughout tour
- BPA-free reusable water bottles (1 per person, to keep during and after trip) with fresh, potable water at all locations
- Emergency medical evacuation insurance through UHC Global Travel Assist

What is Not Included:
- Expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone/fax calls, alcoholic beverages, camera/video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airport departure tax etc.
- Any Insurance.
- Any meals or beverages that are not specified in the above inclusions.
- Domestic or international airfares.
- Expenses caused by factors beyond our control like rail and air plane delays, roadblocks, vehicle malfunctions, political disturbances, taxes, lost luggage, etc.
- Any other services not mentioned in the inclusions.
The base cost this program is:
$6950 per adult
$5950 per youth (7-18 years old)
(based on double occupancy, plus tax)

Single Supplement:
$8450 per single, plus tax

Group size limited to 24 participants

Note: Itinerary subject to minor changes. Some excursions in this program involve moderate levels of walking, with more passive options available.

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner.

Accommodations

**Denali Backcountry Lodge**
Nestled deep inside Denali National Park on the banks of Moose Creek, Denali Backcountry Lodge has direct access to the local Kantishna Hills area to host amazing guided hikes. Non-guided activities such as goldpanning, biking and casual flyfishing included.

**Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge**
As the only lodge inside Kenai Fjords National Park, this exclusive property boasts private guest cabins situated in a wooded setting, overlooking Pedersen lagoon, with glacier views. Keep an eye out for curious sea otters and seals in the lagoon which may pop up to say, “Hi!”
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To register, return this form with your deposit of $1,000 per person to YET. Final payment is due April 2, 2019.

PAYMENT OPTIONS
- pay by check made out to “Alaska Wildland Adventures” and mail to YET with this form
- AMEX  VISA  MASTERCARD  DISCOVER CARD

Please charge the deposit of $1,000 per person to:

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRATION DATE SECURITY CODE

ACCOMMODATIONS

PREFERENCE
- I WISH TO HAVE A SINGLE (LIMITED AVAILABILITY – PLEASE CALL)
- I WILL SHARE ACCOMMODATIONS WITH:

TRAVEL OPTIONS

- I/We confirm that I/We have carefully read the Terms and Conditions and Responsibility section of this brochure and agree to their terms on behalf of myself and the members of my party named above.

SIGNATURE(S) DATE

To book, return the above form with credit card authorization or check payable to “Alaska Wildland Adventures” to Association of Yale Alumni, P.O. Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010. Phone: (203) 432-1952. Fax: (203) 432-0587.

or Visit www.yaleedtravel.org/alaska19 to book online
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Bond with family and new friends along the way, and make once-in-a-lifetime memories in the Land of the Midnight Sun!