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Hunt Planner - Orientation

WELCOME TO MIKE ODIN'S ALASKA ADVENTURES: We would like to invite you to join us for one of the world's finest hunting experiences in Alaska. Alaska is a land of tremendous diversity offering much more than just fantastic hunting. It is one of the world's most popular destinations for the traveling hunter who is searching for a location that offers both outstanding hunting opportunities coupled with outstanding sightseeing venues.

PLANNING YOUR NEXT ALASKA ADVENTURE! Let's get started! After reviewing our website, give us a call to discuss your specific hunting plans in greater detail. We can check the availability of hunt dates and customize your specific hunt. We look forward to hearing from you and planning your next Alaska hunting adventure!

HUNT DESCRIPTIONS/PROFILES: We have three fantastic hunting concessions located on the Alaska Peninsula, Southwest Alaska, and Kodiak Island. Review our hunt descriptions/profiles for the primary specie or secondary species you would like to target. We provide safe, comfortable, and highly successful hunts. We make your Alaska dream hunts come true!

ALASKA HUNTING REGULATIONS: Clients should familiarize themselves with the Alaska Hunting Regulations and are available online at the Alaska Department Fish and Game website. Our guides are very familiar with the Alaska hunting regulations and make sure you are properly licensed, proper tags and permits; and briefed on all regulatory conditions related to your hunting game management unit, including tagging, sealing and reporting requirements, proper handling of the meat, hides, skulls, antlers and capes, and bear, boat and camp safety. Please ask our crew if you have any questions or call AD&FG at 1 (907) 267-2257.

Hunting conditions and methods may vary greatly from what you are accustomed. Please recognize that your guide is a professional and has accumulated experience hunting your species in Alaska. The Guide and Hunter function as a "team effort".

FAIR CHASE: All hunts booked through Mike Odin's Alaska Adventures, LLC will be conducted under the spirit and rules of fair chase. This means that an animal is hunted in a lawful and sportsmanlike manner and is not pursued or harassed with or from any mechanical means of transportation. We will not under any circumstances spot game from the air and proceed to stalk or hunt it. Fair chase also includes the reverence and respect due such fine big game animals in their taking.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE: All clients fly in and out of Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, Anchorage, Alaska. Anchorage airport is the primary hub for Alaska commercial and commuter flights. Commercial and commuter flights connect our clients to Homer, Kodiak or other locations.

TRAVELING TO ALASKA: There are daily commercial flights from the contiguous U.S. (lower 48 U.S. states) and international countries to Anchorage, which is your point of entry to Alaska. We suggest you arrive 2 days prior to your hunt commencing, any commercial flight delays, air charter connections and pick-up any additional hunting gear or personal items you may need in the field.

Commercial flights to Homer or Kodiak, Alaska can be made by contacting the following airlines:

Ravn Alaska (commuter to Homer): 1 (800) 866-8394 (outside of Alaska), 1(907) 266-8394 (in Anchorage). Website: www.flyravn.com.

Alaska Airlines (flights to Kodiak): 1 (800) 426-0333. Website: www.alaskaairlines.com

TRIP INSURANCE: We recommend all our clients purchase travel insurance for unforeseen delays with trip cancellation insurance, as well as a Global Rescue Membership for medical advisory and evacuation. For guidance on these travel protection services and to enroll, contact Global Rescue at phone: 1 (435) 680-2566 or 1 (617) 210-8110 or email: Jwalker@global@globalrescue.com or alaska@globalrescue.com or visit <https://globalrescue.com/mikeodinsalaskaadventures/>. Or contact your local insurance provider partner for additional information on their coverage. Also, we recommend purchasing airline tickets with flexible change policies in the event of bad weather or unforeseen circumstances that may affect your transportation to and from the field.

HOTELS: We use a wide variety of hotel accommodations available. Here's few hotels we use in Anchorage, Homer, and Kodiak. Most of these hotels have airport shuttle and restaurant.

Anchorage, Alaska:

The Lakefront Anchorage hotel (near airport), 4800 Spenard Rd., Anchorage, AK 99517.
Phone: 1 (907) 243-2300 or 1 (866) 866-8086.

Courtyard by Marriott (near airport), 4901 Spenard Rd., Anchorage, AK 99517.
Phone: 1 (907) 245-0322. Website: www.courtyard.com.

Homer, Alaska:

Land's End Resort at the end of Homer spit, 4786 Homer Spit Road, Homer, AK 99603. Phone: 1 (800) 478-0400 or 1 (907) 235-0400. Restaurant available in hotel.

Aspen Suites Hotel Homer, 91 Sterling Hwy, Homer, AK 99603. Phone: 1 (866) 238-4218.

Kodiak, Alaska:

Kodiak Compass Suites, 203 Alder Lane, Kodiak, AK 99615. Phone: 1 (907) 486-1086.

Best Western Kodiak Inn, 236 Rezanof Drive, Kodiak, AK 99615. Phone: 1 (844) 996-3737.

ALASKA HUNTING LICENSE AND TAG FEES: Alaska Big Game Hunting Licenses and Big Game Locking tags may be purchased on-line with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game or at many vendors in Anchorage or throughout Alaska. You can print your license and receipt for tags online. Locking tags are mailed to your mailing address in 10 business days.

Go to: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=hunting.main>

Click on **Buy License & Tags** tab and follow instructions.

PERMITS AND HARVEST TICKETS ONLINE:

You are required to have registration permits, harvest tickets, or draw permits for the species you are hunting. Permits and Harvest Tickets are available online below.

Go to: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=hunting.main>

Click on **Get Your Permit/Harvest Tickets** tab and follow instructions.

RIFLES AND SHOOTING DISTANCES: Shots vary from less than 50 yards to 200 yards. If you are choosing a rifle for hunting in Alaska, you should strongly consider a modern bolt action rifle made of stainless steel bedded in a synthetic stock. A bolt action is recommended because it is mechanically simple, can be partially disassembled in the field for cleaning, and is the most reliable action under harsh weather conditions. Stainless steel is excellent for most Alaska hunting because it resists rust caused by rain or snow and salt water.

Popular calibers for Brown Bear and Moose hunts are: .338 Win Mag, .340 WBY Mag, .338 RUM, .375 H&H, and .375 Ruger. Most guides carry .338 and .375.

Popular calibers for mountain hunts are: 6.5-284, 6.5-280, .270 Win, .280 AI, .270 WSM, 7 mm Rem, 30-06, .308 Win, .300 WSM, .300 Win Mag or 300 PRC. There are many custom-built mountain rifles.

Use premium quality bullets that will do the job with good shot placement. Recommend top quality scopes and mounts. Practice shooting from prone, standing, and sitting positions.

SUGGESTED PERSONAL GEAR: We have a prepared suggested gear list to prepare for Alaska hunting adventures. See Gear List tab.

IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS (NON-RESIDENT ALIENS): A "Nonresident Alien" is a person who is not a citizen of the United States and whose permanent place of abode is not in the United States.

Hunters coming from a country other than the United States of America are required to purchase a Nonresident Alien hunting license. This can be done easily once you have booked your trip. You can go online to <http://www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/license/> where you can buy the hunting license and print it out on your printer at home. Please e-mail us a copy for the license once you have obtained it.

Once you have your hunting license, then you need to complete the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) form 6NIA (5330.3D Application/Permit for Temporary Importation of Firearms and Ammunition by Nonimmigrant Aliens). Go to their website and print out this form: <https://www.atf.gov/firearms/docs/form/form-6nia-applicationpermit-temporary-importation-firearms-and-ammunition>.

Once this is completed, FAX it to ATF along with your hunting license. Note that your Alaska hunting license must have your signature. ATF office requires e-form 6NIA and Alaska hunting license in duplicate (two copies). Ensure e-form 6NIA and Alaska hunting license are both signed. BATF FAX numbers are: 1 (304) 616-4554 or 1 (304) 616-4555. NOTE: Reminder, please add your countries exit code (International access code) in front of these fax numbers. Also, e-mail me a copy of the completed form. This form we cannot complete for you; it is something that only you can do. ATF telephone number is 1 (304) 616-4550. If mailed, typically it takes ATF 6 - 8 weeks to process firearms applications. ATF mailing address is:

Bureau of Alaska, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch
244 Needy Road
Martinsburg, WV 25405 USA

These requirements are simple to fulfill but must be completed as soon as possible. Once these items are completed the rest is simple. If you have any questions or problems with these items, please let me know.

AIR CHARTERS:

We assist clients in coordinating air charter service to/from base camp. Air charter fees are for passenger seat, 100 pounds of gear, rifle/case, and trophy during return flight on scheduled flight.

Alaska Peninsula Hunts:

Beluga Air, LLC at 3409 Lampert Loop, Homer, Alaska 99603 near Homer airport.

Phone: 1 (877) 621-8368 or 1-907-235-8256. E-mail: angela@belugaair.com or wes@belugaair.com.

Sasquatch Alaska Adventures at 2260 Kachemak Dr., Homer, AK 99603 at Homer airport.

Phone: 1 (907) 299-7272. E-mail:

Southwest Alaska Hunts:

Regal Air at 4506 Lakeshore Dr, Anchorage, Alaska 99502 on Lake Hood near the Anchorage airport.

Phone: 1(877) 621-8368 or 1 (907) 235-8256. Email: tony@regal-air.com.

Sportsman's Air Service at 4504 Lakeshore Dr, Anchorage, Alaska 99502 on Lake Hood.

Phone: 1 (907) 301-2638.

Kodiak Island Hunts:

Seahawk Air at 506 Trident Way, Kodiak, Alaska 99615.

Phone: 1 (800) 770-4295 or 1 (907) 486-8282. Email: info@seahawkair.com.

Island Air Service at 500 Trident Way, Kodiak, Alaska 99615.

Phone: 1 (907) 487-500. E-mail: info@flyadq.com.

Air charter flight to/from our Kodiak property (Kodiak Brown Dog Beach) from the City of Kodiak is the responsibility of the hunters. We assist clients in coordinating air charter service.

SPORTING GOOD STORES: There are variety of sporting goods stores for your last-minute hunting gear and personal items.

Anchorage, Alaska:

Barneys Sport Chalet, 906 W. Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99503.

Phone: 1 (907) 561-5242. Website: www.barneyssports.com

Sportsman's Warehouse, 8681 Old Seward Hwy, Anchorage AK 99515. Phone: 1 (907) 644-1400.

Cabela's, 155 W. 104th Ave Anchorage, 99515. Phone: 1 (907) 341-3400.

Bass Pro Shops Outpost store, 3046 Mountain View Drive, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Phone: 1 (907)-330-5200.

Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, 333 Raspberry Rd., Anchorage, AK 99518.

Phone: 1 (907) 267-2100.

Homer, Alaska:

Ulmer's Ace Hardware, 3858 Lake St #5, Homer, AK 99603. Phone: 1 (907) 235-8594.

Kachemak Gear Shed, 3625 East End Rd., Homer, AK 99603. Phone: 1 (907) 235-8612.

Homer, Alaska - Fish and Game Office, 3298 Douglas Place, Homer, AK 99603.

Phone: 1-(907) 235-8191.

Kodiak, Alaska:

Big Ray's, Sporting Goods Store, 212 Lower Mills Bay Road, Kodiak, AK 99615.

Phone: 1-(907)-486-4276.

Walmart, Sporting Goods Dept, 2911 Mill Bay Rd, Kodiak AK 99615; 1- 907)-486-1670.

Kodiak, Alaska - Fish and Game Office (license, tags and permits), 351 Research Drive, Kodiak, AK 99615. Phone: 1 (907) 486-1825.

TROPHY MEAT PROCESSING (FIELD TO FREEZER): Wild game meat is first class table fare for our clients and Alaskan. From Moose to Sitka Black-tailed deer, wild game meat from the field to the freezer is fantastic. If you decide to leave some of wild meat behind, rest assured that we will care for whatever meat you leave behind. We have good connections with Native tribal association and community food banks that will put this meat to good use for elders. For donation and or transfer of game meat, you will need to fill out a "Transfer of Possession" form (see the back page of the hunting regulations book); keep a copy and give one to the recipient of the meat. You must show this statement and the meat to an ADF&G representative if asked. All edible meat is removed from the field as required by State law.

Here's a few wild game processing stores to process and ship your wild game meat:

Anchorage, Alaska:

Alaska Sausage and Seafood at 2914 Arctic Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99503.

Phone: 1 (907) 562-3636 or 1 (800) 798-3636.

Indian Valley Meats: Located 15 miles south of Anchorage on Indian Valley Road. HC 52 Box 8809, Indian, Alaska, 99540. Phone: 1 (907) 653-7511. Website: www.indianvalleymeats.com

10th & M Seafoods: 1020 M Street, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Phone: 1 (907) 272-3474. Website: www.10thandmseafoods.com.

Homer, Alaska:

McNeil Canyon Meat Company: 53775 East End Rd, Homer, AK 99603. Phone: 1-(907)-235-5456;

Email: info@McNeilCanyonMeats.com. Website: <https://mcneilcanyonmeats.com/>.

Coal Point Seafood Company: 4306 Homer Spit, Homer, AK 99603.

Phone: 1 (907) 235-3387. Website: <https://www.welovefish.com/>.

Kodiak, Alaska:

Kodiak Island Smokehouse: 1819 Mill Road, Kodiak, AK 99615.

Phone: 1 (907) 486-6455. Website: <https://kodiakislandsmokehouse.com/>.

TAXIDERMY AND TROPHY EXPEDITING: Expert trophy field preparation will be provided by our crew on guided hunts in the field. We assist our clients with their trophies, but it's the responsibility of the client to make arrangements for trophy expediting and taxidermy services. My staff and I will prepare your cape, hide and skull to be ready for expediting from our base camps on guided hunts. There are a variety of taxidermist in Anchorage area. We often use Knight's Taxidermy, at 7329 Arctic Blvd., Anchorage, Alaska 99518. Phone: 1-(907)-344-5501. E-mail: knights@alaska.net or visit their website at www.knightstaxidermy.com. Your trophy (antlers, horns, cape, hide and skull) will be flown from our base camps. All antlers, horns, capes, hides and skulls will be expedited. They will be sent freight collect to the expediting service in Anchorage where they will be prepared for shipment out of state or overseas with the appropriate sealing certificates completed. Or trophies will be shipped to the taxidermist of your choice or to yourself on a freight "pre-paid" basis. Cost will vary according to shipping destination. You can request a cost estimate from Russell Knight's staff at Knight's Taxidermy.

ALASKA HUNTING AND YOUR SAFETY: Outdoor activities, especially those conducted in wilderness settings, can be dangerous unless you are adequately prepared mentally, physically, properly oriented and trained in the basic procedures of conduct while hunting. My staff and I are all formally trained in CPR and First Aid as well as Wilderness survival and emergency preparedness and response procedures. You will be given specific briefings on camping and backcountry travel safety, boat safety procedures, avoiding conflicts with wildlife, and our communications procedures. Your safety and ours is a primary concern to us. Good planning and preparation prevent problems.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: We request in writing on our Guest Information form of any medical situations or special medications, any special dietary needs, physical ailments, or conditions that we should know in case of an emergency that might impair your ability to go hunting in this environment. In case of an emergency, please provide a name and phone number for us to contact.

GARMIN INREACH OR SATELLITE PHONES: Some of our clients bring either Garmin InReach or satellite phone or both for personal use or rent a satellite phone in Anchorage. Garmin InReach or satellite phone can be your “lifeline” while in a remote location in Alaska or anywhere in the world. Recommend Surveyors Exchange Communications: 3695 Springer Street, Anchorage, AK 99503; Phone: 907-561-6501; <http://www.tse-ak.com>. Surveyors Exchange Communications has Iridium Satellite Phones available for Sale or Rent and also 24/7 technical support.

WEATHER: Alaska’s weather can be very harsh and unpredictable. It can rain, sleet, snow, strong winds at any time of year, so it’s important that you layer good/quality, warm and waterproof clothes. Weather patterns in Alaska are prone to sudden change. These conditions can sometimes prevent flying to and from camps. Although we strive to meet all your needs while you are our guest, circumstances beyond our control, which require judgment calls by experienced personnel, may cause you some inconvenience. Please be patient and recognize that these decisions are in the interest of your safety and comfort.

NON-HUNTING ACTIVITIES: Alaska offers much more than just great hunting opportunities. Alaska is a great place for family and sight-seeing adventure.

Anchorage, Alaska: Here are few activities I recommend tour/visit while in the Anchorage area: Anchorage Log Cabin Visitor Information Center, Alaska Wildlife Conservations Center, Potter Marsh Bird Sanctuary, Alaska Native Heritage Center, Alaska Center for Performing Arts, The Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center, Alaska Zoo, Alyeska Ski Resort, Portage Glacier, take a float plane ride at Lake Hood over Knik Glaciers or get on the Alaska Railroad train to Denali or Seward, or much more.

Denali National Park: The Denali National Park (240 miles North of Anchorage) experience is fascinating and memorable for a number of reasons. First, of course, is magnificent Mount Denali, which at 20,320 feet is the highest peak in North America. Then there's the wildlife. Take one of Denali National Park's bus tours and you're likely to see grizzly bears, moose, caribou, Dall sheep, and wolves.

Kenai Fjords National Park Day Cruise: The Kenai Fjords National Park cruises leave out of Seward, Alaska (120 miles south of Anchorage) and allow you to see a wide range of marine life. Otters, puffins, harbor seals, bald eagles, sea stars, orcas, Minke whales, and Dall's porpoises are just part of the list. You'll also see stunning mountain scenery, as well as hanging and tidewater glaciers.

Alaska is without a doubt a “must see” destination for anyone who enjoys traveling to exotic and interesting places. Even if you’re not interested in hunting, you should consider making this trip as it will be one that you’ll remember for all the right reasons.

Again, thank you so much for your business, and we look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Kind Regards,
Mike Odin