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## 12-Day Donjek Information

The Donjek route is located in Kluane National Park. This world heritage site is a land of precipitous, high mountains, immense icefields and lush valleys that yield a diverse array of plant and wildlife species and provides for an unrivaled outdoor experience. Kluane National Park and Reserve is also home to Mount Logan (5959 m/19,545 ft.), Canada's highest peak.

The Donjek route rises over the vast alpine of the Burwash Uplands and then descends to the toe of the Donjek Glacier. This route challenges route finding and navigation skills and typifies "pristine mountain wilderness". Stream crossings, game trails, alpine passes, and the occasional bushwhack typify travel in this dramatic landscape.

**Distance:** 100 km (approx.)

**Maximum Elevation:** (7100')

**Haines:** Haines Alaska is the starting/finishing place for this trip. Haines is a small community located along the fjords at the top of the Inside Passage. The natural beauty and wilderness access found here are responsible for Haines' reputation as a center for wilderness adventure in Alaska.

The Donjek is located in Canada, guests are required to bring their passports and relevant travel documents.

**Our Guides:** Alaska Mountain Guides & Climbing School Inc. instructors and guides are professionals. They are special individuals who have a passion for being in the mountain environment. They have a wealth of experience from guiding throughout Alaska and the world, and they genuinely enjoy sharing their knowledge. Their skill and positive attitudes help our guests to have the best possible experience during their trip. Your safety and enjoyment are their primary goals.



*Guests enjoy stunning mountain views from an alpine campsite*



*An evening hike from camp yields an exciting find!*

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**Included:** Professional Guide, Transportation from Haines to Donjek and back, Bear canisters and Bear Spray, Group gear – tents, kitchen, emergency equipment, food, etc...

**Not Included:** Airfare to/from Haines, hotel and food in Haines, personal equipment, and sales tax.

### Trip Itinerary

**Day 1 - 2:** We'll drive from Haines into the Burwash Uplands of the Yukon. We begin by hiking across open sub-alpine meadows teeming with wildflowers. There is potential to see Caribou and other wildlife in this area. We'll cover the basics of navigation in alpine terrain.

**Day 3:** Hoge Pass. Dall sheep and mountain goats frequent the high passes. The trail disappears as we descend the pass towards the rivers. We make our way down steep terrain to Hoge Creek.

**Day 4:** Hoge Creek We'll have a shorter travel day and make our way to the Donjek river valley. After crossing Hoge creek a number of times, we'll bushwhack our way onto some old horse trails that lead us parallel with the Donjek.

**Day 5-6:** Donjek River and Glacier Broad expanses, the heights of the St. Elias mountain range, and a calving glacier make this particular portion of the journey a highlight.

**Day 7-8:** Bighorn Creek and Chert Creek After waking up early in the morning to cross Bighorn Creek and learn more about stream crossing and safety concerns, we'll head up Chert Creek (aptly named for its high content of the mineral chert). We'll camp in a beautiful alpine basin below Atlas Pass. We allow for a rest day in this drainage to rest up for a big day over

**Day 9:** Atlas Pass Today is another great opportunity to see Dall sheep and mountain goats. It often snows up at the higher passes even in the middle of the summer. We'll descend and camp down by the Duke river.

**Day 10:** Cache Lake Another early start allows us to cross the headwaters of the Duke river and hike uphill to our camp at Cache lake

**Day 11:** Copper Joe Creek We descend Copper Joe Creek drainage which leads us towards our final camp near the Alaska Canadian highway where we'll get picked up the following day.

**Day 12:** Return to Haines.

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