

## Mount Fairweather Expedition



Mt. Fairweather (15,300 ft) is located in the heart of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. The park and the adjacent 27 million acres, including Wrangell-St Elias National Park, comprise the largest protected wilderness area in the world. It is an extremely jagged and glaciated mountain landscape that includes the world's largest non-polar ice caps, pristine fjords, and wilderness rivers. Peak elevations in this region range up to 20,000 feet. Glacier Bay is one of the most spectacular wilderness areas in the world.

Mt. Fairweather offers an outstanding initial big mountain climbing experience. It is also an exciting destination for any climber interested in remote wilderness expeditions!

The trip begins with a one-hour ski plane flight from Haines to the upper Grand Plateau Glacier. We will fly into 9,000 ft above sea level on the glacier and spend a couple of days acclimatizing before moving up. The climbing on Mt. Fairweather is moderate snow and ice climbing with challenging route finding and glacier travel. This expedition lasts twelve days.

### EXPEDITION INFORMATION

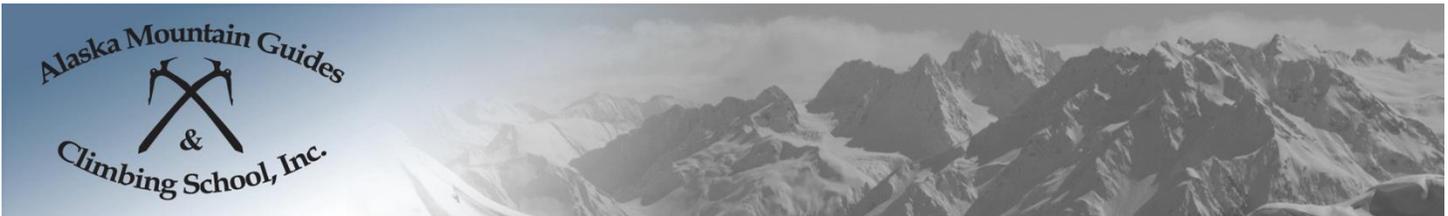
**HAINES:** Haines Alaska is the starting/finishing place for this trip. Haines is a small community located along the fjords at the top of the Inside Passage. The natural beauty and wilderness access found here are responsible for Haines' reputation as a center for wilderness adventure in Alaska.

**ALTITUDE:** Our itineraries include ample time for rest and acclimatization days. They are designed to provide participants with a positive high altitude experience!

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**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.

**PULSE OXIMETERS:** Pulse Oximeters are small, precise, medical instruments that essentially give a digital readout of how you are acclimatizing. With this information we can make more informed decisions as to how we can best tailor the trip to meet your individual needs. We use them every step of the way, on every trip to altitude. In our opinion all high altitude guides should have one to help assure your safety!

**LENGTH:** Twelve days Haines to Haines.

**INCLUDED:** Ski plane flights and ground transportation in Haines, all food during the trip, instructors/guides, and all group climbing and camping equipment.

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

**ADDITIONAL TRAVEL OPTIONS:** Haines based programs can easily be combined with additional climbs, whitewater rafting, sea kayaking, and mountain bike trips. Sea kayak and mountain bike rental are also available. Contact us if you would like more information.

**DATES/PRICES:** Please see our schedule for current dates and prices information.



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## ITINERARY

The below itinerary is extremely flexible in order to accommodate different weather and route conditions. This trip is primarily an expedition summit climb and may be shorter or longer in length as weather and conditions permit.

**Day 0: Arrive in Haines for pre-trip meeting at 6:00pm.** We'll go over your personal equipment and answer any questions that you might have.

**Day 1: Flight into Mt. Fairweather.** It is about a 1 hour flight from Haines. We'll land at about 9,000ft on the north side of Mt. Fairweather and get camp set up. This is highly dependent on weather, so there might be some waiting involved until the weather is good enough to fly in.

**Day 2: Acclimatization Day.** We'll spend the day acclimating and performing light exercise around camp to help us prepare for higher on the mountain.

**Day 3: Move to High Camp.** We'll move closer to the mountain to a high camp at about 10,500 ft.

**Day 4: Advance the route/acclimation hike.** We'll push up the route to about 13,000 feet on the ridge. Wandering the route, we'll acclimate and prepare for the summit push.

**Day 5: Rest day**

**Day 6: Summit day:** From 13,000 feet to the 15,300 foot summit, we'll navigate a series of seracs and crevasses. You'll likely have stunning views of the Pacific Ocean along the west ridge. The normal route has moderate technical difficulties with steep snow and ice climbing.

**Day 7:** Descend to lower camp and prepare for departure.

**Day 8, 9, 10, 11: Weather days.** These extra days give us time to allow for weather on the mountain associated with flights or reaching the summit.

**Day 12:** Flight back to Haines.

**Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need additional information!**

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