

## Mount Fairweather Expedition – Carpe Ridge



Mt. Fairweather (15,300 ft) is located in the heart of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, is a US/Canada border peak, and the highest peak in British Columbia. 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. The Carpe Ridge is on the fifty classic climbs in North America! Over 10,000 feet of elevation gain in a technical, challenging climb.

The expedition begins with a one-hour ski plane flight from Haines to the Fairweather Glacier, on the south side of the mountain. We will fly into about 5,000 ft above sea level in position to tackle the ridge.

### 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.

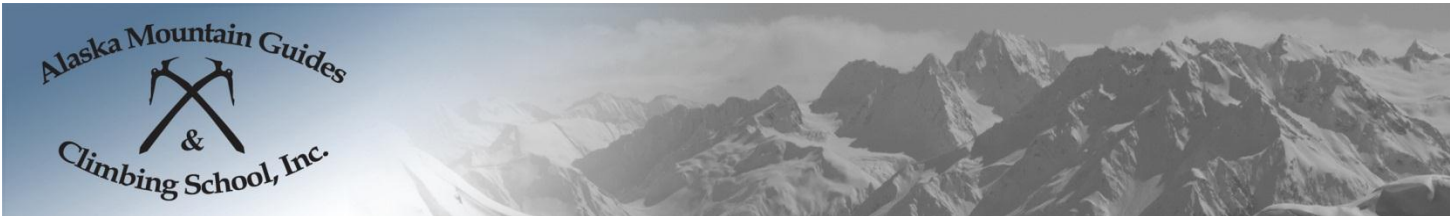
**ALTITUDE:** Our itineraries include ample time for rest and acclimatization days. They are designed to provide participants with a positive high altitude experience!



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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:** Sixteen days Haines to Haines

**TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES:** Conditions on the Carpe are variable and change from season to season. It contains sections of 5.6-5.7 rock climbing, alpine ice 3, and consistent steep snow. Camp locations often require excavation for an adequate tent platform.

**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.

**PREREQUISITES:** The Carpe Ridge is a demanding technical climb. Participants must have experience multi-pitch rock and ice climbing as a follower. They should have previous Alaska expedition experience as well as some high altitude experience. AMG requires submittal of a climbing resume for consideration on the Carpe Ridge Expedition.

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



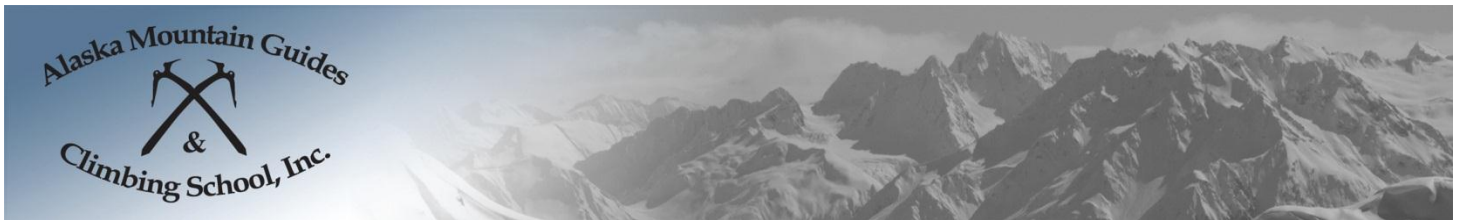
### 16 DAY ITINERARY

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.

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**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 5,000ft on the southwest side of Mt. Fairweather, below the Carpe Ridge 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:** Given weather and conditions allow, we'll begin our ascent up steep snow slopes and begin establishing the route to Camp 2. Depending on where the pilot is able to land, we may need to move into a better position to establish a base camp below the route.

**Day 3: Move to Camp 2** at about 7400': 40-50 degree couloir and rock & ice steps lead up to an initial camp on the ridge.

**Day 4: Move to Camp 3** at 10,300' – most of the climbing from Camp 2 to Camp 3 is on a broad ridge about 20-30 degrees, however conditions vary and there are often sections of slightly more technical terrain.

**Day 5: Move to Camp 4** 12,000' – the route gets steeper with sections of 40+ degree ice, steep snow, and a series of seracs and steeper sections to navigate.

**Day 6: Summit Day** – we'll bypass a false summit at 13,800' and then some steeper belayed ice pitches at the "Nose" at around 14,300' before easier terrain to the summit. With good weather, we'll enjoy fantastic views of the Pacific Ocean. After the summit, we'll return to our High camp and begin the descent.

**Day 7:** Descend the route – given the steep terrain, this is a combination of simul-climbing and rappelling.

**Day 8:** Extra Descent day

**Days 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15: Weather days.** - These extra days give us time to allow for weather and/or conditions on the mountain associated with flights or reaching the summit. Fairweather can be notorious for its weather and these extra days give us time in town waiting to get into the mountain in addition to time at basecamp waiting for the right weather window. Also, we may use one of these extra days as an acclimatization day higher on the ridge.

**Day 16:** Flight back to Haines.



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

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