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Hunt Planner

WELCOME TO MIKE ODIN'S ALASKA ADVENTURES: I 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 superb hunting opportunities coupled with outstanding sightseeing venues.

PLANNING YOUR NEXT ALASKA ADVENTURE! Let's get started! After reviewing my 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 hunt!

ALASKA STATE HUNTING REGULATIONS: Upon confirmation of your booking, you will be sent a current copy of the Alaska State Hunting Regulations. We are responsible as your guides to make sure you are properly licensed and briefed on all regulatory conditions related to your hunt including tagging, sealing and reporting requirements, proper handling of the meat, hides, skulls, antlers and capes, and requirements of true fair chase hunting. You will be briefed on regulations related to camping, habitat and wildlife protection.

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.

LICENSE AND TAG FEES: Alaska hunting licenses and big game locking tags may be purchased online with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game or at many vendors in Anchorage or throughout Alaska.

LICENSE AND TAGS ONLINE: You may purchase your big game hunting license and big game locking tags online. Big Game Locking tags are mailed to your mailing address. Follow these simple instructions.

Go to www.adfg.alaska.gov/

1. Click *Get License, Tags, & Selected Permits*
2. *Enter Store*
3. Fill out the necessary information
4. Under purchase selections, choose *Hunting License*.
5. Choose non resident (non-resident Alien, if applicable)
6. Continue filling out necessary information to finalize license purchase
7. After purchasing your hunting License go to Purchase selections page
8. Choose: *Big Game Locking Tags*
9. Choose Big Game Specie you're hunting; e.g., Moose, Brown/Grizzly Bear, Caribou, Black Bear, Wolf, etc.

ALASKA HUNTING ORIENTATION: Each hunter booked with Mike Odin's Alaska Adventures, LLC receives a detail hunting orientation package to help plan their hunt of a life time!

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 on line 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 (BATF) form 6NIA (5330.3d Temporary Import of Firearms Permit). Go to their website and print out this form: www.atf.gov/forms/pdfs/f53303d.pdf Once this is completed, FAX it to BATF along with your hunting license. Note that your Alaska hunting license must have your signature. BATF 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. BATF telephone number is 1 (304) 616-4550. If mailed, typically it takes BATF 6-8 weeks to process firearms applications. BATF mailing address is:

Bureau of Alcohol, 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. I am available to help you with this process at any time. If you wish, you might send me the payment for the hunting license along with your deposit and I will purchase it for you. If you wish me to buy your hunting license, I will email you a copy as soon as I receive it. Once these items are completed the rest is pretty simple. If you have any questions or problems with these items, please let me know.

RIFLES AND SHOOTING DISTANCES: Shots vary from 50 - 250 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 poor weather conditions. Stainless steel is excellent for most Alaska hunting because it resists rust caused by rain or snow. Any caliber between .270 or .30-06 rifle is adequate Alaska hunting conditions. If you are going to hunt Brown Bear on the Alaska Peninsula or Kodiak Island, a .30-06 loaded with 200- or 220-grain Nosler® or similar premium bullet will do the job with good shot placement. Only consider using a .300, .338, .375 or larger magnum if you can shoot it as well as you can the .30-06. Here are a few calibers Guides carry in the field: 300 Win or WBY Mag., .338 Win. Mag., .340 and .378 Weatherby Mag, .375 H&H Mag. Recommend top quality scopes and mounts. Practice shooting from prone, standing, and sitting positions. More hunters are using shooting sticks to improve accuracy.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE: All hunters fly in and out of Anchorage or Fairbanks, Alaska depending on hunt. We meet all hunters at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport or Fairbanks airport.

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 1-2 days prior to your hunt commencing, so you can adjust to our climate, get over any jet lag you may have, any commercial flight delays, and pick-up any additional hunting gear or personal items you may need.

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

- Alaska Airlines: 1-800-426-0333. Website: www.alaskaairlines.com
- Ravn Alaska (Alaska commuter): 1-800-866-8394 (outside of Alaska), 907-266-8394 (in Anchorage). Website: www.flyravn.com

TRIP INSURANCE: You can protect your investment in a trip with travel insurance. We recommend that you contact your local travel insurance partner for additional information on this. 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 IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA:

Anchorage has a wide variety of accommodations available. Some of our previous clients have had positive experiences at:

- Courtyard by Marriott, near airport, 1-800-321-2211, www.courtyard.com.
- Captain Cook (5 star), downtown Anchorage 1-800-843-1950, www.captaincook.com.
- Embassy Suites, mid-town on Benson Ave., 1-907-332-7000. Restaurant in hotel.

NOTE: Most of these hotels have an airport shuttle and restaurant in hotels.

Google Anchorage hotels for your choice of hotels.

Hotels In Homer, Alaska:

- Land's End Resort, 1-800-478-0400 or 1-907-235-0400 at the world renown Homer spit. Restaurant in hotel.

Hotels In Kodiak, Alaska:

- Comfort Inn at Kodiak Airport, 1-800-544-2202 or 1-907-487-2700. Restaurant in hotel.
- Best Western Kodiak Inn (in town) 1-888-563-4254 or 1-907-486-5712; www.kodiakinn.com. Restaurant in hotel.

Hotels in Fairbanks, Alaska:

- Pikes Waterfront Lodge, 1850 Hoselton Rd., Fairbanks, AK; 907-456-4500.
- Sophie Station Suites, 1717 University Ave. S., Fairbanks, AK 99709-4903; 844-331-6716.
- Best Western Plus Chena River, 1255 Tvsa Way, Fairbanks, AK 99709; 907-328-3500.
- Hampton Inn & Suites Fairbanks, 433 Harold Bentley Ave., Fairbanks, AK 99701; 907-451-1502.

NOTE: Most of these hotels have an airport shuttle and restaurant.

AIR CHARTERS:

Alaska Peninsula: Air Charter flight round trip to and from our Alaska Peninsula Brown Bear Camps is the responsibility of the hunter. From Anchorage, clients have two options for air charter service to base camp: 1) take Air Charter service from Anchorage to base camp during high tide. 2) travel by Commercial Airline from Anchorage to Homer (Ravn Alaska) followed by an Air Charter from Homer to our base camp during high tide. Air Charter fee is determined by aircraft payload, number of passengers, weight of all passengers, carry-on gear, and trophy weight on return flight. From Anchorage, recommend Regal Air or Trail Ridge Air on Lake Hood near Anchorage International Airport. Regal Air is located at 4506 Lakeshore Dr, Anchorage, Alaska 99502 on Lake Hood near the Anchorage International Airport. For reservations, contact Tony Bannock via Email: tony@regal-air.com. Telephone numbers are: 1-877-621-8368 or 1-907-235-8256. Or, Trail Ridge Air is located at 3961 Floatplane Drive Anchorage, AK 99502, contact Jim via E-mail: jim@trailridgeair.com. Phone number is: 907.248.0838. From Homer, recommend Beluga Air, LLC at 3409 Lampert Loop, Homer, Alaska 99603 near Homer airport. For reservations, contact Angela or Wes via E-mail: angela@belugaair.com or wes@belugaair.com. Telephone numbers are: 1-877-621-8368 or 1-907-235-8256.

Southwestern and Interior Alaska: Air Charter flight to and from our base camps in Southwestern and Interior Alaska from Anchorage, Alaska is the responsibility of the hunter. The Air Charter fee is determined by aircraft payload, number of passengers, weight of all passengers, carry-on gear, and trophy weight on return flight. Air Charter flight includes shipping of your antlers, capes, hides, skulls, and trophy meat to Anchorage. We use Regal Air at 4506 Lakeshore Dr, Anchorage, Alaska 99502 on Lake Hood near the Anchorage airport. For reservations, contact Tony Bannock via Email: tony@regal-air.com. Telephone numbers are: 1-877-621-8368 or 1-907-235-8256. Or, Trail Ridge Air is located at 3961 Floatplane Drive Anchorage, AK 99502, contact Jim via E-mail: jim@trailridgeair.com. Telephone number is: 907.248.0838

Koyukuk and Kanuti River Drainages: We use Wright Air Service, 3842 University Avenue South Fairbanks, AK 99709. Main: 907-474-0502; Charter Desk: 907-474-0542; Freight Office: 907-474-0591; or E-mail: reservations@wrightairservice.com. Also, we use several small air charter services. We assist clients coordinating their air charter flights.

Kodiak Island: Air Charter flight round trip to and from our Kodiak base camps from the City of Kodiak is the responsibility of the hunter. Air Charter fee is determined by aircraft payload, number of passengers, weight of all passengers, carry-on gear, and trophy weight on return flight. Air Charter flight includes shipping of your antlers, horns, capes, hides, skull, and trophy meat to Kodiak. We use Seahawk Air at 506 Trident Way, Kodiak, Alaska 99615 near the Homer airport. For reservations, contact Roland Ruoss via Email: info@seahawkair.com. Telephone numbers are: 1-800-770-4295 or 1-907-486-8282.

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

Barneys Sport Chalet, 906 W. Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99503, 1-907-561-5242;
www.barneyssports.com

Mountain View Sporting Goods, 3838 Old Seward Highway, Anchorage, AK 99503, 1-907-563-8600.

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

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

Bass Pro Shops Outpost store, 3046 Mountain View Drive, Anchorage, AK 99501, 907-330-5200.

TROPHY EXPEDITING AND TAXIDERMISTRY: Expert trophy field preparation will be provided in base camps, but it is the responsibility of the client to make arrangements for trophy expediting and taxidermy work. My staff and I will prepare your cape, hide and skull to be ready for expediting from our base camps. There are a variety of taxidermist in Anchorage area. We often use Russell Knight Taxidermy, located at 7329 Arctic Blvd., Anchorage, Alaska 99518. Telephone number is: 1-907-344-5501. Fax number is: 1-907-868-3653. You may email them at 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. Next, they 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 at Knight's Taxidermy.

TROPHY MEAT PROCESSING: All edible meat is removed from the field as required by State law. Moose and sheep meat is a real taste of wild Alaska, and we encourage our hunters to take as much as they can. Well-cared for game meat is first-class table fare; however not everyone can take it all home. Rest assured that we will care for whatever meat you leave behind. We have good connections with community food banks and other sources that will put this meat to good use. 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. A few wild game processing stores to process and ship your wild game meat are:

- Indian Valley Meats: Located 15 miles south of Anchorage on Indian Valley Road. HC 52 Box 8809, Indian, Alaska, 99540; 1-907-653-7511: www.indianvalleymeats.com
- Alaska Sausage and Seafood: 2914 Arctic Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99503; 1-907-562-3636 or 1-800-798-3636
- 10th & M Seafoods: 1020 M Street, Anchorage, AK 99501; 1-907-272-3474 or 1-800-770-2722; www.10thandmseafoods.com.

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 prevents problems.

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

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: We request in writing (email) information 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.

SATELLITE PHONES: Some of our clients bring their own satellite phone for personal use or rent a satellite phone in Anchorage. A 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 is very unpredictable. It can snow and rain 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 from 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