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BROOKS TRAVEL INFORMATION
FROM ANCHORAGE ON ALEUTIAN AIR

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Thank you for booking your adventure to Brooks with Katmai Air! As Alaska’s premier air service, we’re dedicated to ensuring that you experience the Last Frontier by accessing Alaska’s wilderness in a safe and comfortable manner.

As a sister company of Brooks Lodge, the only full-service lodge within walking distance of Brooks Falls, we’re here to help you prepare for your upcoming adventure. Please refer to the following information regarding your flights and the Brooks Lodge/Brooks Camp area.

If you have any additional questions, please don’t hesitate to [contact us](#) at any time. We look forward to serving you.

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Flight Check in Information

Traveling from Anchorage on Aleutian Air

If your invoice indicates that you will be traveling on Aleutian Airways (designated by “Aleutian Air Flight”), you will be flying on a partner aircraft that we have arranged for you, operated by Aleutian Airways. Your flight departs from the South terminal of the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. You will check in at the Aleutian Airways ticket counter located on the upper level of the domestic terminal of the airport. After checking in, you will be directed downstairs to the L gates for your flight. Please check in no later than **one hour and 15 minutes** prior to the departure time listed on your invoice. The local telephone number for Aleutian Air is **(907) 600-7090**.

The flight from Anchorage to King Salmon is approximately 1 hour. You will be traveling on a Saab 2000 aircraft between Anchorage and King Salmon. A restroom is available on the aircraft.

In King Salmon, you will be taken by shuttle from the airport to the Katmai Air office on the Naknek River, where you will transfer to a float plane for the 25-minute flight to Brooks Lodge. Your plane will land on Naknek Lake, the third largest lake in Alaska; the lake is tinted with the remarkable aquamarine color as a result of volcanic ash and glacial particles suspended in the water.

Upon arrival at Brooks Lodge, you will be directed to the Park Service Visitors Center to receive a brief orientation talk presented by one of the friendly National Park Service Rangers. If the Brooks Lodge employees on the beach do not have your return flight time, please check with the Brooks Lodge office to find out your check in time for your return flight. You are then free to make your way to the bear viewing platforms.

Please note that flight times via third party air carriers are subject to change and are out of Katmai Air’s control. We will do our best to inform you of any flight changes that may occur.

Baggage

Baggage fees and policies for Aleutian Airways flights can be seen on the [Aleutian Airways website](#). Once arriving in King Salmon, the Katmai Air flight crew will load your carry-on baggage onto the float plane. There is no under seat or overhead storage on our float planes. You may take on board only what you can hold in your hand during flight (a camera, water bottle, etc.).

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Activities/Services

Below is some information on some of the activities and services available to the public at Brooks Lodge. For more information on rates and services, check out the [Brooks Lodge Website](#).

Activities Available at Brooks

Aside from bear viewing opportunities, other activities available during your time at Brooks include day-long bus tours to the “Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes” (for overnight guests only), flightseeing tours, canoe and kayak rentals, and guided wildlife viewing. Superb sport fishing can also be had on the Brooks River and surrounding lakes and creeks as well. Whether you’ve fished all your life, or you’re looking to learn, you’ll enjoy the fishing experience the area has to offer. Rods and waders may be rented at the “Brooks Lodge Trading Post,” and fishing guides are available by hourly, half-day, and full-day rates. Inquire about these activities at the lodge office.

Meals Available at Brooks

Hearty Alaska fare is served buffet-style three times a day at Brooks Lodge in the main lodge building and is open to the public. Meals can be purchased on-site at the lodge with either cash or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, and Discover accepted). Also located in the main lodge building is a full-service bar available for purchase each afternoon and evening.

Communications

Due to Brooks’ remote location and very limited bandwidth, cell service and/or internet (WiFi) is not available for guest use. Please be prepared to remain disconnected for the duration of your stay. However, the lodge does have phone service for office use and is available for guest emergencies.

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Suggested Packing List

The atmosphere at the lodge is casual, so bring comfortable medium-weight sports clothes. By dressing in layers, you can add or remove clothing and be comfortable regardless of the weather.

Please note that Katmai is a wilderness park. Thus, cell phone and internet service is NOT available at the lodge.

Recommended Items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Jacket or Sweater | <input type="checkbox"/> Long Sleeve Shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera and Memory Cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Shoes or Boots | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat or Cap | <input type="checkbox"/> Medications (keep with you during travel) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof Rain Jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito Repellant |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Items | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunblock | |

Optional Items Worth Considering

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Day Pack | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle | <input type="checkbox"/> Bug/head net |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Camera Batteries | |

Restricted Items

- All types of fuel are illegal on all passenger flights.
- Bear/pepper spray is not allowed on any passenger flight from Anchorage. Bear/pepper spray is not available for purchase at Brooks Camp.
- Tripods or rail mounts are not allowed on the Falls Platform from June 15th through August 15th.
- The use of drones (or any 'unmanned aircraft') are banned in National Parks and are not allowed at Brooks or in Katmai National Park.
- No pets of any kind (including service animals) are allowed in the Brooks Camp Developed Area due to the high concentration of bears and other wildlife.

The Brooks Lodge Trading Post

The Brooks Lodge Trading Post carries an assortment of commonly forgotten items, souvenirs, and rental items for those visiting us at Brooks Lodge and the Brooks Lodge Campground.

Purchases may be made with cash or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover). Items available include:

Personal Items:

- Toothpaste
- Deodorant/soap
- Batteries
- Insect Repellant/After Bite
- Tobacco

Fishing Tackle:

- Fishing Licenses
- Line and Leader
- Flies
- Terminal Tackle

Food and Beverages:

- Snacks
- Candy Bars
- Bottled Water
- Soft Drinks/Gatorade

Camping Items:

- Camp stove fuel (white gas, isobutane/propane, and Coleman propane)

Souvenirs:

- Hats and Caps
- Sweatshirts and t-shirts
- Coffee Mugs
- Post Cards
- Jewelry

Rental Items:

- Rods and Reels
- Chest Waders/Wading Boots
- Single Burner Stoves
- Showers and Towels (for campers)
- Canoes and Kayaks
- Bear Proof Containers



Reservation Information

Reservation Policies

- All reservations are held for 7 days from the day the reservation is placed, while payment is being made.
- All reservations require a 50% confirmation deposit payment within 7 days of creating the reservation.
- All invoiced bookings with no confirming reservation payment received after the 7 day hold period, are considered no longer reserved and are open to sell.
- Final balance payments are due in full 90 days prior to trip start date.
- Payments can be made via credit card through the payment link on the invoice, or by calling the Anchorage reservations office, or by sending a check made out to *Bristol Adventures*.

Cancelling, Rescheduling, and Refund Policies

- Flight reservations are refundable, less a \$100 per person fee if cancelled at least 30 days prior to the start of the reservation.
- Cancellations made within 30 days from the start of travel are not refundable.
- Flights will be refunded if we cannot fly due to inclement weather.
- If weather warrants that travel is possible for part of a trip (such as Anchorage to King Salmon) but is questionable to reach the final destination (such as Brooks), passengers may be given the option to cancel the entire trip for a refund OR travel the initial leg of the trip in hopes that weather improves in time to reach the final destination. However, if a passenger opts to fly, any flight leg that is fulfilled is not refundable.
- Same-day cancellations due to inclement weather is only available if offered by our Katmai Air office staff.

General Terms and Conditions

Katmai Air reserves the right to cancel or alter; scheduled flights, tours, or itineraries as situations or conditions require for safe operations due to weather or other factors beyond our control. Katmai Air is not responsible for any expenses incurred for how its schedule or itinerary changes might affect additional travel, lodging, logistics or plans. Because weather can occasionally affect schedules, and because unforeseen situations can necessitate a trip cancellation, Katmai Air highly recommends purchasing trip or travel insurance.

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Contact Information

If you have any questions about your reservation, please don't hesitate to give us a call at the numbers below or send us an email at info@bristoladventures.com.

Reservations Office (Anchorage): (907) 243-5448

Katmai Air Office (Anchorage): (907) 243-5638

Katmai Air Office (King Salmon): (907) 246-3079

Aleutian Airways: (907) 600-7090

