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### Day by Day Itinerary

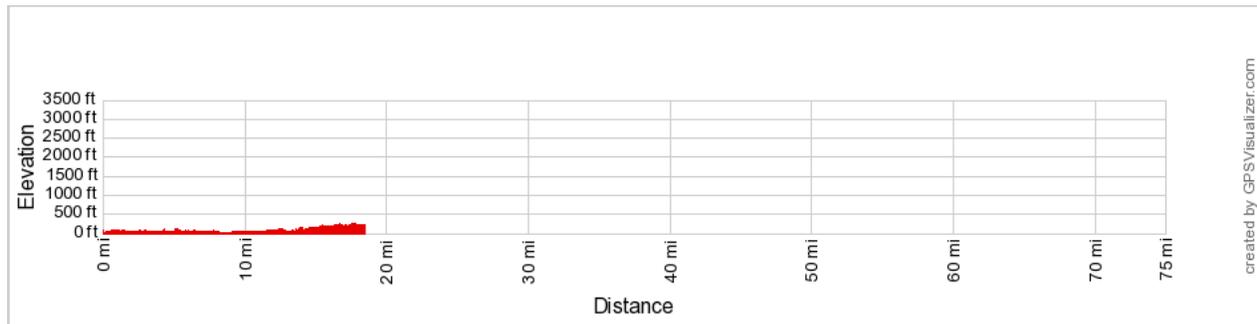
#### Day 1 - Visit historic Palmer, cycle through poplar forests

Meet your fellow biking and beer aficionados at the Puffin Inn Hotel this morning, then head north to the Old Glenn Highway, where we get the bikes out for a leisurely warmup ride to the historic town of Palmer. You have some free time wandering around this town created during the Great Depression as an agricultural community, our hotel was built as part of the original township. Our first round of tastings take place at the town's brewpub.

Ride: 20 mi / 35 km, Land: flat

Eat: Dinner

Sleep: The Colony Inn



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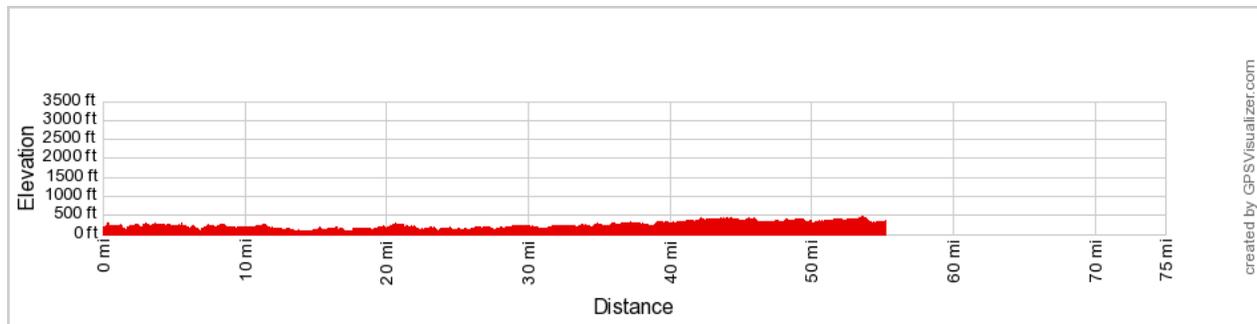
### Day 2- Cycle to eclectic Talkeetna and renowned Denali Brewery

We are off and riding. Today's route takes us north first along some nicely paved bike paths from the charming village of Willow. We will continue through thick forests of aspen and poplar trees, a lush blanket of green leading our Alaskan bike tour to the eclectic town of Talkeetna, our home for tonight. This historic rail town is thought to be the inspiration for the town of Cicely in the TV series, Northern Exposure and is home to Denali Brewing.

Ride: 70 mi / 112 km, Land: rolling terrain

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Latitude 62 Lodge



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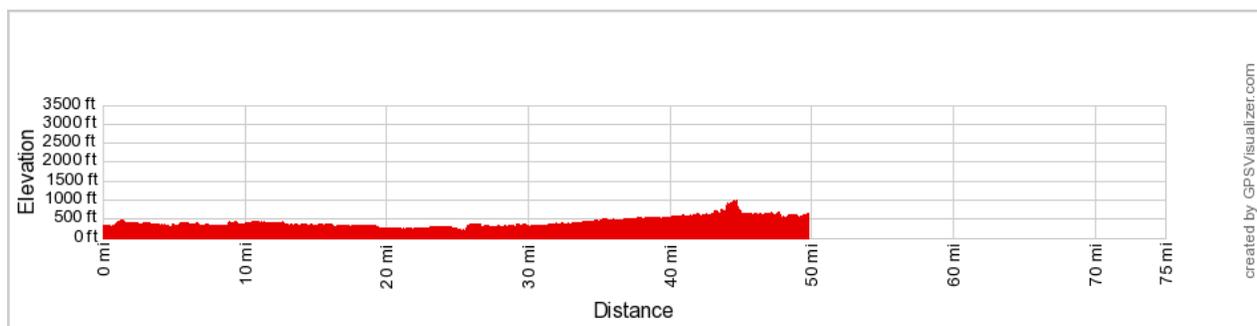
### **Day 3 - Cycle through Denali State Park, enjoy spectacular views of Denali, bed down at historic homestead**

The dramatic landscapes of the Alaska range lure us further north today, as we pedal past Denali State Park. Along the way, you will pass through diminutive Trappers Creek, home to the infamous Wal? Mikes with its vast collection of "stuff". Definitely a one of a kind. Our lodge tonight is simple and comfortable, built as a homestead before roads went to Denali National Park, with dramatic views of Denali.

Ride: 50 mi / 80 km, Land: rolling hills

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: McKinley View Lodge



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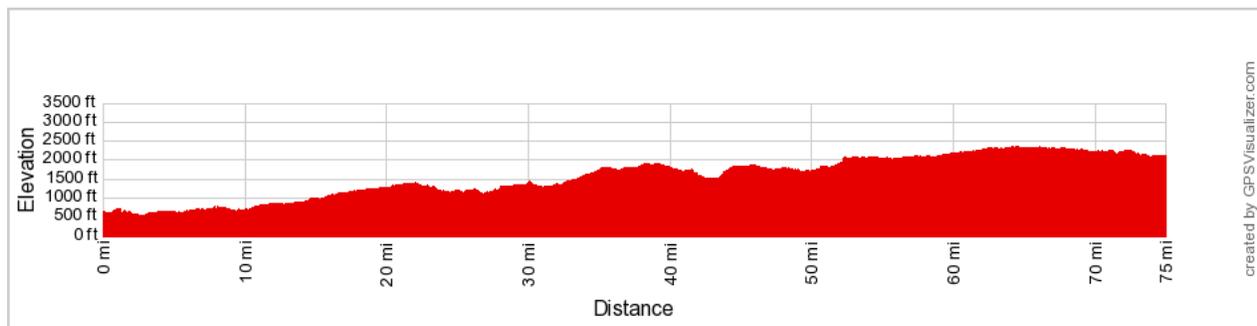
### Day 4 - Discover Denali National Park, cycle through Broad Pass and dramatic alpine landscapes

Denali National Park here we come. The last ride along the Parks Highway, takes us "up and over" Broad Pass into the heart of the Alaska Mountain Range. But don't let the name fool you, it is a gentle climb, as we follow the rail line and locomotives can't handle anything steeper than 2%. We will end our ride in Cantwell, then shuttle into Denali Village, where we stay for the next two nights. We'll head out the 49th State Brewing for dinner and a tasting.

Ride: 75 mi / 120 km, Land: rolling hills

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Denali Crows Nest



### Day 5 - Free day to explore Denali on your own

Today is a free day to do as you please. There are informative tours deep into the heart of Denali National Park, shuttle buses that can take you and your bike into the park for a ride back out, white water rafting and just plain relaxing and strolling around town. No organized tastings tonight, but our hotel's bar has a great selection to wet your whistle.

Relax: Free day to explore

Eat: on your own

Sleep: Denali Crows Nest

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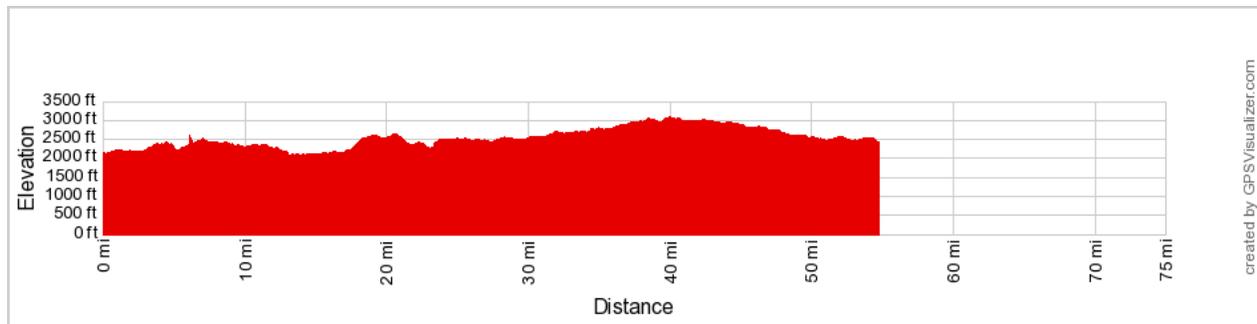
### Day 6 - Bicycle the Denali highway, one of world's most scenic roads.

Back on the bikes, to head back down to Cantwell, biking through the section we shuttled before. In Cantwell, we pick up the Denali Highway, traversing across the southern foothills of the Alaska Range. This highway has been voted in the top 5 most scenic highways by many different groups and it does live up to those accolades. But alas it does turn to dirt, so we will shuttle the last stretch to our lodge located on the historic Richardson Highway.

Ride: 45 mi / 72 km, Land: mostly downhill

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Meiers Lake Roadhouse



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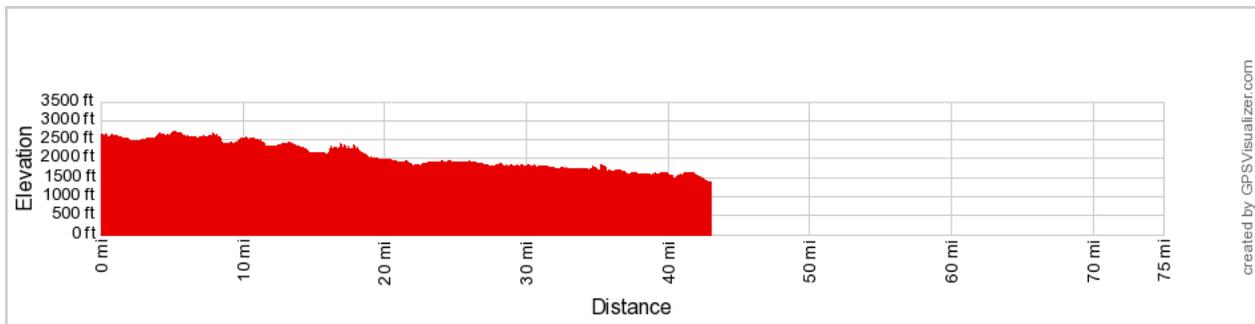
### Day 7 - Cycle to and stay at oldest operating roadhouse in Alaska

The day starts on the Richardson Highway, the first road built in Alaska. The ride is a cruise, as we are going mostly downhill throughout the day, to your right vast tundra dotted with lakes, to your left, the impressive volcanic peaks of the Wrangells start peeking over the tree tops. Alaska oldest operating roadhouse is home tonight, the Gakona Lodge built in 1929.

Ride: 68 mi / 109 km, Land: mostly downhill

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Gakona Lodge



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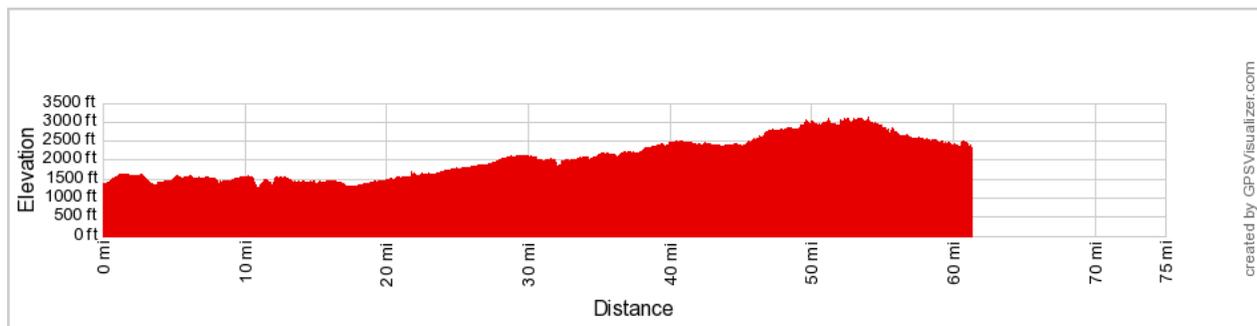
### Day 8 - Cycle past Wrangell Mountains, relax on Lake Louise

Leaving Gakona, we roll through Glennallen, a dry community at the junction of the Richardson and Glenn Highways, but fear not, as you leave town there is a combination stationary and beer store just outside the city limits. Today's ride highlights the vast tundra of Alaska, flat lands dotted with numerous lakes. We stop tonight on the shores of Louise Lake, encircled by distant mountain ranges forming a delightful 360 degree landscape masterpiece. Sample brews while relaxing on the porch overlooking the lake.

Ride: 55 mi / 80 km, Land: rolling hills

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Lake Louise Lodge



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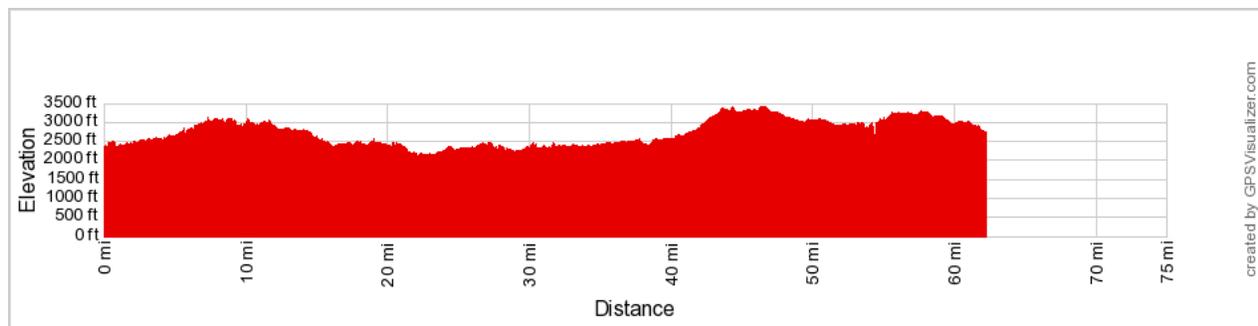
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### Day 9 - Bike past Chugach mountains, through tundra and lush forests

Our last day of riding, takes us further along the Glenn Highway. We work our way over Eureka Summit, but again in true Alaska style it is a long gradual uphill, not an alpine type climb. But with the Chugach Mountain Range to the south and the Alaska and Talkeetna Ranges to the north, the grandeur will keep your mind off the thighs. From the summit, it is a rolling downhill to our tours finish at Sheep Mountain. Relax in your cabins with the Chugach Mountains and Matanuska Glacier at your door step. Ride: 56 mi / 90 km, Land: slow climb, then rolling downhill

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Sheep Mountain Lodge



### Day 10 - Visit Independence Mine, shuttle to Anchorage

After a leisurely breakfast we say good bye to our Alaskan cycling adventure and start the drive back to Anchorage. But we will break up the drive back with a side trip high into the mountains to visit Independence Mine Historical Park, for a bit of insight into the gold rush days. We will bid everyone a fond farewell at Anchorage Airport in mid-afternoon.

Walk: 3 mi / 5 km, Land: rocky

Travel: Shuttle to airport

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch

\* Why are some route profiles cut off? Our profiles are all based on the same vertical and horizontal scale, so shorter days don't fill the graphic image. We feel this lets you compare days to each other better.



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### **Scheduled Dates You Can Join:**

You can find the most up to date information on available departures and book your spots on the tour's webpage linked below. Lets Travel!

<https://pedalers.travel/alaska-bike-tour-roadhouses-craft-beers.htm>

### **Private Dates For Your Gang:**

Any Pedalers tour can be made private at your request. If you don't see the date you want, we'll create one for you. A tip from our local experts, this tour is best enjoyed May through September. Please note we have only a small crew based in Alaska, so private dates should be planned well in advance to assure someone is available to lead your trip.

### **Why Pedalers?**

#### **Experience the Heart and Soul of Each Country with Our Local Expert Team**

Our passionate and diverse team of local experts will guide you through their homeland, sharing intimate knowledge and hidden wonders. They are not just guides but also skilled bike mechanics, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable ride. Unlike other tour companies, Pedalers' local crew brings an insider's perspective to the table. You'll be pampered by a friendly team, equipped with the skills to fix anything. A sweep rider and sag wagon provide support, and your baggage travels comfortably with you. Pedalers treats you like family, making your journey unforgettable.

#### **Immerse Yourself in Authentic Accommodations, Where Culture Meets Comfort**

Discover the charm of our handpicked accommodations. Pedalers takes a unique approach to accommodations, ensuring an authentic and immersive experience. Choose between Classic and Première Classe tours, each offering carefully selected lodging options. Classic tours feature mid-priced boutique inns that blend comfort with local character, while Première Classe tours add a touch of luxury to your adventure with upscale lodges and inns. Regardless of your choice, Pedalers' accommodations reflect the local culture, providing a delightful and comfortable stay that complements your journey.



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### **Lodging:**

Lodging on this trip is unique, a mix of historic roadhouses, homesteads, boutique log cabin resorts and modern hotels. All feature Alaskan style architecture and atmosphere, plus provide all the expected amenities for your comfort (hot showers, en suite bathrooms, wifi). But some are quite simple and down to earth.

### **What's Included:**

- 9 nights Accommodation (double occupancy)
- Meals from Dinner on Day 1 until Dinner on Day 10, except as noted in itinerary\*
- Pre-dinner beer tasting most nights\*\*
- Rental bike
- Pedalers Guide(s)
- Full Van Support
- Daily route directions and maps
- Airport pick up & drop off

### **Meeting & Flights:**

The tour meets at 9 am on Day 1 at Puffin Inn in Anchorage. The trip ends after dinner on Day 10 in Anchorage. Shuttles to the airport will be available after dinner for folks taking red eye flights that day, accommodation is available for folks who fly the next day.

Fly into Anchorage (ANC) before 7 am on Day 1

Fly out of Anchorage (ANC) after 10 pm on Day 10

For assistance with flights contact our friends at Exito Travel: [help.pedalers.travel/flights.htm](https://pedalers.travel/flights.htm)



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### **Anchorage Notes:**

We meet at the Puffin Inn, near the airport. Guests choosing to stay elsewhere before the tour will need to arrange their own transport to Puffin Inn in the morning of Day 1.

### **Route Conditions:**

The ride is mostly on paved roads, but can involve dirt roads on some optional rides. Traffic is moderate and very bike friendly. The route is suitable for performance road, sport road and touring bikes. Terrain is hilly, a couple of days involve a long gradual climb.

### **Passport, Visa and Travel Documents:**

Passports are not required for US citizens or US Green Card holders. Citizens of other countries should check with the nearest US Embassy to see if you can enter with an ESTA or require a visa. We strongly recommend looking into this well in advance of your tour, as visa processing times can sometimes be quite long. To locate the nearest US Embassy visit: <https://www.usembassy.gov/>.

### **\*\* Tasting Notes:**

With the ever changing varieties of beers being produced by Alaska's microbreweries, our evening tastings will vary from trip to trip. Your guide team will create a tasting list for your enjoyment, featuring a different brewery each night. A couple of nights will be from brewpubs, the rest will be a private tasting at our lodge each night. Most nights will feature 4 to 6 varieties to try.

### **\* Dietary Notes:**

This tour is not vegetarian friendly. The remote lodges we use have very limited menus which focus on meat and fish. Our apologies.