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# TATSHENSHINI-ALSEK RIVER EXPEDITIONS

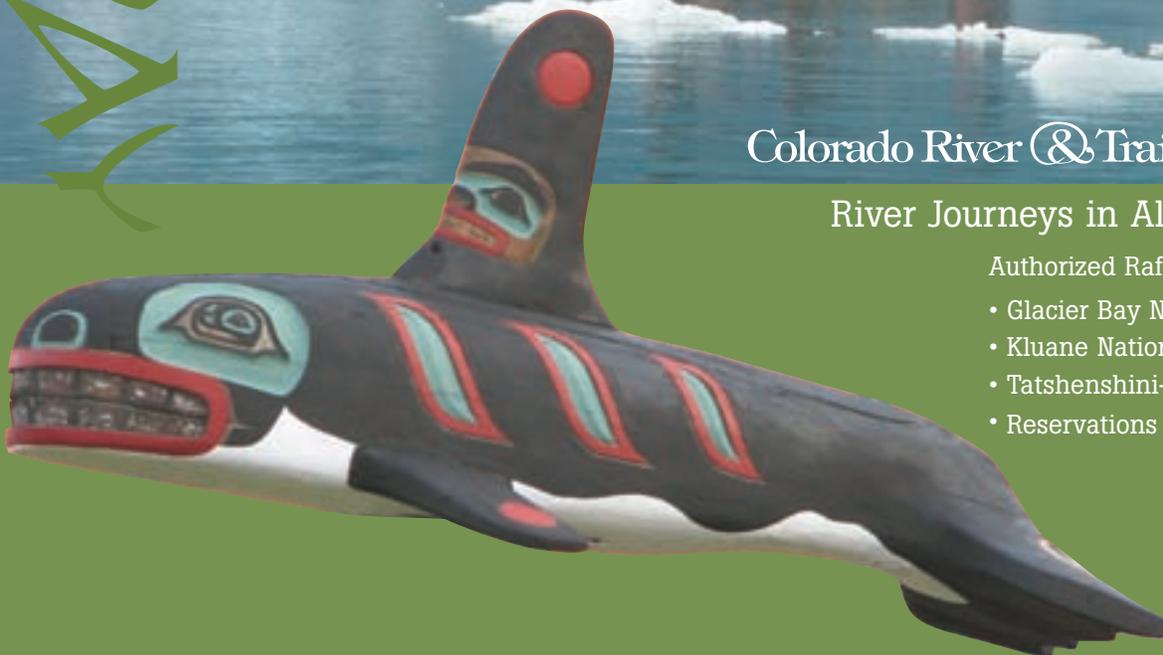


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*"Tatshenshini traverses as remote a corner as can be found on the continent, a place of such primal intensity and unvarnished beauty as to define the word wilderness."*

— Rick Searle from Tatshenshini River Wild

# OVERWHELMING GRANDEUR



The Tatshenshini and Alsek Rivers have their headwaters in the extremely rugged regions of northwest British Columbia and Yukon. Their corridors and tributaries connect a vast wilderness composed of adjoining parks and preserves in the United States and Canada that covers more than 60,000 square miles. This is the largest protected international ecological unit in the world. It contains the largest non-polar ice field in the world, the highest coastal mountain range in the world, and the only completely protected large river drainage system in North America.

In recognition of its extraordinary scenic and wildlife values, the Tatshenshini-Alsek wilderness area has been designated a World Heritage Site by the United Nations. It is one of the "must see" places of the world, where pristine nature still exists to excite the imagination and nourish the spirit!





Traveling by river is the only way to see and experience the incredible biological and geographical diversity that exists within the Tatshenshini-Alsek wilderness area. From the alder and aspen forests of the Yukon, through the steep mountain valleys of British Columbia, to the ice fields of Alaska's Glacier Bay, the river sweeps through landscapes of wondrous size and design.

There are some exciting rapids the first day, where the river is contained by a narrow, winding canyon. After that, it mellows out as it spreads over an ever-broadening flood plain to eventually become more than a mile wide. Each day on the river is filled with exciting new sights, sounds, and sensations.



Camp on gravel beaches warmed by clusters of flaming fireweed and purple lupine. Hike along rushing streams teaming with salmon. Climb to high mountain valleys with magnificent views and vistas. Walk upon the surface of a glacier for an up-close look at giant seracs, deep crevasses, and sparkling basins of melted ice. Bald eagles and arctic terns will be your faithful companions, and you may also see, or see evidence of, grizzly and black bears, moose, wolves, mountain goats, beaver, wolverines and many other small birds and mammals.

A highlight of the expedition is a day spent at Alsek Lake, where house-sized ice bergs calve off the faces of the Grand Plateau and Alsek glaciers. From a mile away, the cannon-blast

retort of the breaking ice reverberates across the landscape. The lake is filled with blue and white bergs of all shapes and sizes that eventually melt enough to float into the river and on to the sea. Rowing through this wonderland of sculpted ice affords some amazing photographic opportunities.

By journey's end, you will have many extraordinary moments to savor – perhaps the song of a wolf, or the sight of a mother bear and her cubs sauntering across a sandbar – the pink glow of the late night sun on a distant peak – carpets of blue and gold forget-me-nots – beautiful campsites and misty mornings – the aroma of fresh-made coffee and satisfying meals – the exhilarating sense of freedom that comes with floating down a wilderness river.



# A WORLD OF HERITAGE AND ADVENTURE



## Getting There and Back

We meet in Haines, Alaska, and travel overland approximately 100 miles into Kluane National Park to begin the river trip. The expedition ends at Dry Bay, Alaska. Participants fly in chartered planes to Yakutat, Alaska, and then by commercial airliner to Juneau. All of the trip-related transportation is included in the price. For more information, please refer to the enclosed trip planning packet, or call our office for complete details.

Since 1971 Colorado River & Trail Expeditions has been providing individuals, families, and groups with the vacation adventures of a lifetime. In addition to the Tatshenshini-Alsek expeditions, we operate rafting trips on the Colorado River in Grand Canyon, Cataract Canyon, Canyonlands National Park, and Westwater Canyon, and on the Green River in Desolation Canyon. A brochure about all of our expeditions is available on request.



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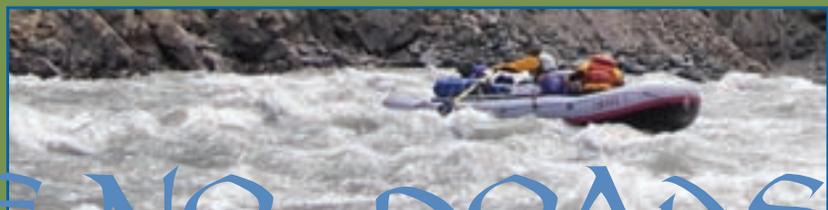
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