

“Monster Moose of Alaska”

Sept 29th – Oct 4th, 2013

Cost \$1795 – Deposit \$350 – Limited to 6 participants

From Anchorage, Alaska



The rugged and beautiful Chugach Mountains in and around Anchorage Alaska is prime moose country. In late September and early October the Alaskan Bull Moose are in the peak of the autumn rut.. This is the largest of the moose subspecies in the world and the rut is the most exciting to photograph them. Beautiful fall color and dramatic mountain scenery add to the spectacle and should provide provide us with many spectacular photo opportunities.

Local resident and talented photographer Cory Kittle will be our guide and co-leader. He’s been photographing the moose around Anchorage for years and knows all the hot spots.

Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive in Anchorage. Early AM flights out of the lower 48 often arrive in Anchorage in the afternoon. We’ll be based out of the Microtel Inn which provides a shuttle to and from the airport. We’ll get together this evening at 6pm for our welcome dinner and discussion of our upcoming photo adventure.

Days 2-5 - We spend the next 5 days exploring photo locations around Anchorage. Our daily locations vary in accordance to animal activity and weather

conditions. We will meet early for breakfast and then head out before daylight to take advantage of the prime lighting conditions and animal activity. We head out again in the late afternoon for the evening shoot and will not return to the motel each evening until after sundown. Each day we will search hard for the very best photographic situations and spend time thoroughly working each subject we find. Our goal is for **you** to take home the best photographs that conditions will allow.

Day 5 – Today we finish up our photography a bit early and we'll be back to the motel by 4 pm. Many flights leave Anchorage in the evening putting you back in the states by morning.

What to Bring

Equipment: We recommend a minimum of 300mm telephoto lens for this tour in addition to a variety of wide angle lenses and a mid range zoom lens. Digital shooters will want to bring along a couple of flash cards and a means to download images when cards get full. We always suggest you bring along 2 camera bodies if possible in case of equipment failure. A sturdy tripod and a good ballhead are strongly encouraged.

Clothing: Clothing should be comfortable and adequately cover a full range of weather conditions and temperatures. Expect everything from warm and sunny temperatures into the 50's to very cool and rainy; possibly snow especially in some of the higher elevations we will be working. In the mornings temperatures will likely be in the 30's so we recommend layering clothing, a warm hat and even a light pair of gloves would be advised. A sturdy yet light weight, comfortable and maybe waterproof hiking boot is suggested.

The cost of this tour includes 5 nights lodging (double occupancy), field transportation and a welcome dinner. Single supplement for this tour is \$150.

Terms and Conditions

GROUP MINIMUM: Occasionally, we are able to run a tour below our group minimum which is usually 4. In such instances it may be necessary to apply a small group supplement in which case you would be contacted regarding such a situation but you would not be obligated to accept the new terms.

RESERVATIONS: Your deposit which varies by tour is required to secure your place on any tour, with the balance due 60 days prior to the departure date. Deposits are fully refundable if cancellation is received at least 120 days prior to the departure date minus a small handling fee. Upon receipt of your deposit, we will mail you our acknowledgment and tour reservation form. Details of hotels, flight arrival recommendations, and other trip tips will be mailed when the tour is full.

MEALS: Some meals and refreshments are included depending on the trip details, but not alcoholic beverages.

ADMISSIONS: Access to public buildings and national parks etc. is not included in the land price.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Due to the high number of cancellations we've received in the past several years a new refund policy has been implemented.

Cancellations more than 120 days ahead of the tour are refunded minus a \$50 handling charge. Cancellations between 60-120 days ahead of the tour will be refunded if the spot can be filled. Cancellations less than 60 days ahead of the tour are non-refundable.

CANCELED EXPEDITIONS: In the event of insufficient tour sign-ups, Franzfoto Tours reserves the right to cancel any given tour. In that event 100% of moneys received will be returned. However, Franzfoto Instructional Tours is not responsible for expenses incurred by its customers.

LUGGAGE: Franzfoto Instructional Tours request that tour participants limit their luggage to the equivalent of one suitcase, one flight bag, one camera bag, and tripod. We do not wish to be dictatorial in this matter, but asks that group members bear in mind space and comfort in our vehicles. All personal luggage is the responsibility of the owner.

SMOKERS: Smoking is not permitted at meals or in vehicles. It can be permitted at photo stops where local ordinances permit and photography and photographers are not affected.

RESPONSIBILITY: Franzfoto Instructional Tours and its agents act only as agents for the passenger in all matters relating to travel arrangements, and as such, do not assume responsibility for injury, accident, damage, loss, delay or irregularity which may occur via defect of transportation or any other cause. Franzfoto Instructional Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels, and other previously outlined arrangements as necessary, to either improve or equal the travel experience. Franzfoto Instructional Tours reserves the right to pass on to tour members any additional and unplanned expenditure incurred during a tour, via events beyond Franzfoto Instructional Tours control. The right is reserved to accept or decline any person as a member of any tour. Payment of tour fees by trip participants constitutes their acceptance of all conditions contained herein.