

With Maxine Thompson in ALASKA: 11-25 June 2020.



Fifteen days painting in Alaska – for painters and explorers. Be a cheechako (newcomer) in the last frontier with magnificent natural environments and wildlife for plein air painting, art instruction and the exploration of the vast 49th State. See glaciers, wildlife, volcanoes, coastal seascapes and vast mountain ranges. Traveling from place to place – staying a few nights at each venue, which is chosen for maximum impact and exposure to Alaska’s unique environment.

Matanuska valley – walk on a glacier and visit the musk ox farm.

Seward – whale-watching and glaciers calving into the sea, walk on the beach and in the rainforest, visit the murals and the galleries. Optional flightseeing and fishing.

Homer – grizzly and black bears, sea otters, islands, birdlife and Kachemak Bay

Visits to Art Galleries and Artists’ studios. See the spirit of the north as presented by today’s Alaskan artists. Salmon and halibut fishing. Optional Bear-viewing.

You can choose personally to add on a visit to Denali National Park and go north to Fairbanks and the arctic circle, or a cruise south through the inland passage. Choose to add on flight-seeing, fishing charters.

Maxine Thompson will be instructing throughout with focus on Pastels, but also pencil and pen-and-wash. Beginners and experienced artists are welcome. Other painting media work too. Your guide, dog-musher, artist and mountaineer, **Wendy Smith-Wood** has

lived here for 28 years, and has an intimate knowledge of Alaska.

Includes: Art instruction and critique, plein air painting, 14 nights in characterful hotels, boat trip to Grewingk Glacier, boat trip to Halibut Cove, guided glacier walk, Musk Ox viewing, Glacier wildlife cruise. Guiding and all Transport.

Meals included: 14 Breakfasts. Estimated cost for lunches (\$25 USD) and dinners (\$65 USD), drinks not included, totaling - \$1,260 USD (\$1,800 AUD, \$1890 NZD).

Tour price: estimate is **\$10,420 AUD (\$10,900 NZD) pp, based on twin share, B&B.**
Single sup: \$2,800 AUD. **Min: 8 guests; Max 14. Deposits by Sep 15th 2019.**

Contact: wendysmithwood@gmail.com for a more detailed itinerary & information.