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Reservations are now open for 2010 summer tours into Glacier Bay National Park

Gustavus, AK (March 18, 2010) > Glacier Bay Lodge & Tours, managed by ARAMARK Parks and Destinations, announced today that travelers can now make reservations for tours into Glacier Bay National Park for the 2010 summer tour season. Reservations can be made online at www.visitglacierbay.com or over the phone at 888-BAY-TOUR.

“Glacier Bay is one of Alaska’s most incredible national parks, and now is a great time to reserve space at the lodge and on the full-day boat tour to the face of tidewater glaciers deep in the park,” said Carol Fraser, director of sales & marketing for ARAMARK Alaska. “The pristine waters of Glacier Bay are home to humpback whales, killer whales and several species of northern sea birds including Puffins, and on the day trip up-bay, many visitors catch sight of black and brown bears on the beach and towering chunks of glacier ice calving off the face of the Margerie or Johns Hopkins Glaciers.”

Glacier Bay experiences now available for booking are:

Glacier Bay Lodge

Glacier Bay Lodge is the only commercial overnight accommodation located within Glacier Bay National Park. The 56-room lodge is nestled among Sitka spruce on the shores of Bartlett Cove,

a short drive from the Gustavus airport which features connections from Juneau, Haines and Skagway.

The lobby features a fireplace, giant wood beams and cathedral ceilings, with guest rooms separate from the main lodge and accessible by boardwalks. Rooms, each of which features a private bath and/or shower, are available in single, twin and double. Two rooms are handicap-accessible. The lodge features a gift shop with sundries and snacks, along with baggage storage for campers.

Guests can enjoy accommodations surrounded by the quiet of the rainforest, views of the water and Fairweather Range on either an a la carte or all inclusive packages. All inclusive packages for double occupancy are \$499 per person for a two night stay. There are also rates for single, triple and quadruple occupancy. Packages include room, a full day boat tour to the face of tidewater glaciers, breakfast buffet, lunch, and dinner, airport transfers, portage and all taxes and fees. Additional nights and upgrades may be purchased for an added fee. Rates per night for rooms at Glacier Bay Lodge range from \$199 for a Forest view room to \$224 for an Ocean view room. An additional charge applies for more than two persons per room.

Glacier Bay Day Cruise

Passengers on this full day cruise are taken to the face of the Margerie and Grand Pacific Glaciers, two of the many tidewater glaciers found in the National Park. A National Park Service Ranger provides information and answers questions throughout the cruise. Lunch, beverage and a souvenir mug are included in the price of each tour.

Guests get an intimate view of marine and coastal wildlife along side massive glaciers and towering mountains on the 79-foot high-speed catamaran "Fairweather Express II (FXII)." The

boat disembarks everyday from the dock at Glacier Bay Lodge on Bartlett Cove. Passengers board at 7 a.m., depart at 7:30 a.m. and return around 3:30 p.m. daily.

Prices for the daily cruise, which includes lunch and beverages such as coffee, tea, water and lemonade, are \$185 per person and \$92.50 per child (ages 3 -12 years). Camper and kayak drop-off service is also available for \$105 per adult one-way and \$52.50 per child one-way (ages 3 -12 years old). Tax and utility pass-through fees are extra.

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About Glacier Bay

Glacier Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is located just outside of Gustavus, Alaska, 60 miles west of Juneau. The 3.3-million acre park is home to magnificent blue tidewater glaciers, towering snow-capped mountains, abundant and diverse wildlife, lush temperate rainforest and pristine ocean waters. The park provides opportunities to observe the ebb and flow of majestic glaciers and is a watery paradise for outdoor adventure-seekers, offering everything from whale watching to kayaking and backcountry exploring.

In partnership with Huna Totem Corporation, ARAMARK Parks and Destinations operates the park's 48-room Glacier Bay Lodge at Bartlett Cove, its full-service restaurant and retail store, and the interpretive day tours and camper drop-off services within the park. To make reservations or receive more information about tours and activities, call 1-888-BAY-TOUR, or visit www.visitglacierbay.com.

Glacier Bay Lodge and Tours, managed by ARAMARK Parks and Destinations, is an authorized concessionaire of the National Park Service.

About ARAMARK Parks and Destinations

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