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ALASKA ADVENTURE COMPANY

Within the Wild Announces New Vision for Adventure Hospitality in Alaska

Renovations and new adventure offerings at Tutka Bay Lodge, plus an expanded luxury hospitality service



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Homer, Alaska (February 15, 2023): Within the Wild Adventure Company, a transformative adventure company in Alaska ushers in a new vision for its hospitality offering on the heels of the sale of its Winterlake Lodge to Eleven, which they have owned and operated since 1994. This marks a new evolution for Within the Wild, which is celebrating 40 years in Southcentral Alaska with founders Carl and Kirsten Dixon at the helm. The multi-generation-run company will focus on a series of new adventure and wellness offerings at Tutka Bay Lodge and a renovation led by notable architect Bill Bensley. The company is also excited to announce the addition of a luxury-focused collection of hospitality services to add to its already outstanding reputation in Alaska. The new offerings will extend its operational expertise and deep regional knowledge to its lodge guests in 2023.

Joining the company's portfolio of businesses in Homer, which already includes La Baleine Café, will be the Danish Daughter Flower Farm, a peony and vegetable farm, which will offer lodge guests unique dining experiences and cooking classes while being a source of local produce for their culinary offerings. Rounding out the Dixon Family's new vision for the company is a deeper commitment to protecting and safeguarding the natural world and cultures around them, with its non-profit 'Be the Wild Stewardship Project'. These new initiatives will focus on preserving wild land, learning and exploring Alaska Native culture, and maritime ecosystems, which enrich the lives of both the local communities and the guest experience.

For the 2023 summer season, Tutka Bay Lodge will debut a series of new natural world-based adventure and wellness offerings, with the addition of a new 18-passenger catamaran and the peony farm.

Catamaran Excursions

New for 2023, is the addition of the lodge's 18-passenger catamaran, The Lightning, which will take guests on exciting adventures in Kachemak Bay. These wildlife and sightseeing tours will bring guests closer to nature where they can spot an abundance of marine life including humpback whales, sea otters, and an array of unique shorebirds. On a Sunset Cruise guests can enjoy grilled s'mores and other hand-crafted desserts and drinks under fuzzy blankets as they experience dramatic views of the sun setting behind Mt. Augustine, Mt. Redoubt and Mt. Iliamna.

Guests can also experience an Oyster Farm Tour, which teaches the process of growing oysters from seed to market as they indulge in a floating raw bar experience where they can shuck and eat grilled oysters fresh from the source. The vessel can also take guests to explore Flat Island and the Seldovia Village to visit local galleries and shops.

Hiking, Biking & Climbing

For adventure travelers eager to explore the rugged backcountry the lodge offers heli adventures for heli-biking and climbing excursions, where dirt roads lead bikers to upper bowls and high alpine vistas, and touring the town of Seldovia to explore this quaint small fishing village and for a bite to eat.

For a full-day biking adventure, the lodge can transport bikers via helicopter, boat, or plane across the Gulf of Alaska to Augustine Volcano, a breathtaking volcanic island with an incredibly unique moon-like landscape. Still with active vents releasing plumes of smoke makes this a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Back on property guests can explore new hiking trails including the new Tutka Bay Back Door Trail.

Fly Fishing & New Water-Based Activities

In June, the annual salmon run sees hundreds of thousands of salmon travel up streams and rivers to inland spawning grounds. This is the perfect time for fly fishing on a private beach accessible by plane in Katmai National Park.

A 15-minute flight from the lodge, guests can explore the Outer Coast and stunning glaciers on a day trip to the magnificent Kenai Fjords National Park for fishing, hiking, kayaking, paddle boarding, and even glacier jet skiing. Once travelers land on the ocean just where glaciers meet the sea, they will meet a team of experienced naturalists at our "Adventure Headquarters" including a support boat that is anchored in the perfect place to spend the day exploring and relaxing.

Regenerative Wellness Offerings

At Tutka Bay Lodge, wellness is woven skillfully into each day at the lodge. Within the Wild cuisine, cooking classes, adventure activities, and opportunities to explore in nature all add to the overall culture of well-being at the lodge. To offer a deeper connection to nature and one's self, Tutka Bay Lodge is offering a new regenerative program that includes daily outdoor yoga, and forest-and-ocean meditation, which includes kayak or paddle board for a floating treatment, or guided breath walks through the local forest to find inner stillness, self-reflection, and grounding.

Taking advantage of the lodge's unique location, Forest Therapy incorporates guided hikes into an old-growth rainforest or deep into the nearby Kachemak Bay State Park. From this ideal setting, guests can immerse themselves in sound bathing, which incorporates a full-body listening experience that intentionally uses sound to invite gentle, yet powerful, therapeutic and restorative processes to nurture the mind and body.

Back at the lodge, a Wilderness Tea Lounge invites guests to gather herbs and berries from the forest to create a healthy and healing tea, which can be enjoyed before or after a Cold and Hot Water Therapy session or Herb & Salt Scrub Treatment.

Elevated Culinary Experiences

Leading the culinary charge at Tutka Bay Lodge are mother Kirsten Dixon and daughter Mandy, two award-winning chefs and cookbook authors. The addition of their new Danish Daughter Farm in Homer, which produces over 60,000 peony blooms and an array of herbs and vegetables, will complement their on-property gardens, local farmer relationships, and foraging efforts to promote a local and sustainable culinary experience. During the Annual Homer Peony Celebration in July, the farm will be available for tours with the opportunity to enjoy these edible fragrant blooms and dine in the farm fields with intimate meals prepared by celebrated chefs Nick Wells and Timothy Crockett who also offer onsite cooking classes from their demo kitchen.

A Deeper Commitment to Sustainability

A proud member of Regenerative Travel, Within the Wild is firmly committed to its efforts to save and preserve the natural world within Southcentral Alaska and beyond. Their non-profit 'Be the Wild Stewardship Project' recognizes the enrichment they receive by living close to wild places and their desire for the same quality of life for future generations to enjoy. These new initiatives will focus on preserving wild land, Alaska cultural heritage, and maritime ecosystems, which enrich the guest experience. They are working to contribute to the preservation and protection of wild places, wild species, and wild ecosystems that make Southcentral, Alaska so unique. Guests of Tutka Bay Lodge have the opportunity to contribute to the Be The Wild Stewardship Project.

The summer season at Tutka Bay Lodge extends from June 1-Sept 30 with rates starting at \$8,415 per person for a 3-night experience with two off-site adventure excursions, all meals, guided activities & related gear, wellness & cooking classes, wine pairings, and other lodge amenities. The popular two-lodge adventure package between Tutka Bay Lodge and Winterlake Lodge will continue to be available for booking in the summer. Buyouts are also available starting at \$126,000 for three nights/three days. For more information visit www.withinthewild.com or contact info@withinthewild.com.

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About Within The Wild:

Within the Wild is an award-winning, family-owned adventure travel company in the wilds of Alaska offering transformative adventures, cuisine, and wellness within the natural world since 1982. Carl and Kirsten Dixon and their daughters Carly and Mandy Dixon operate Tutka Bay Lodge on the south side of Kachemak Bay, a new hospitality service operation in Anchorage, the La Baleine Cafe and Danish

Daughter Flower Farm, a peony and vegetable farm located in the fishing town of Homer. They are proud to support their non-profit initiative Be The Wild. A Conde Nast Traveler Readers' Choice multi-award winner for 2018, 2020, and 2022, a member of Regenerative Travel and the Virtuoso Network, Tutka Bay Lodge boasts six cabins, offering comfort and luxury amidst a breathtaking coastal Alaska landscape. Drawing on the extensive culinary backgrounds of Kirsten and her daughter, Mandy, the lodge also offers a variety of culinary-focused experiences including onsite cooking classes showcasing locally sourced ingredients and Alaskan-inspired dishes.

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