OSHER Lifelong Learning – Nizina River Wild!
June 20-25, 2015
$2,310 per person

June 20: Arrive in Chitina, at the edge of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, this afternoon. At 2pm your guide will meet you to go over your gear and pack it into the waterproof bags you will use on the river trip. At 2:30pm your planes will arrive to transport you to your camp at the glacial headwaters of the Nizina River, where your other guides and local scientists will have happy hour waiting!

June 21: You will awake on this longest day of the year surrounded by Eskimo Potato flowers at the edge of a lake full of the largest icebergs you have ever seen. Spend this first full day exploring the lake area by foot and by raft, learning about the local natural history and glaciology.

June 22: You’ll load up camp into the rafts this morning and head downriver. After stopping for a short hike to a magnificent waterfall, you’ll set up camp staring up at the rocky folds of the 5,000ft high “Mile High Cliffs”.

June 23: Today you’ll have a chance to hike up the Chitistone Valley, a tributary of the Nizina. Hiking options range from short and moderate to strenuous depending on your ability and desire. Return to the same camp and another delicious gourmet meal!

June 24: Today you’ll load up the boats again and head into the wide “braided” section of the river, passing beneath an amazing rock glacier (we’ll tell you all about how those work!) and past the abandoned sections of a mining-era bridge before setting up your final camp on a scenic beach in a narrow canyon.

June 25: On this final day of the trip you get to experience some fun Class III whitewater in the Nizina Canyon before meeting your bush planes on a gravel bar for the trip back to your cars in Chitina.

Included: All transportation, food and activities starting and ending in Chitina and all group gear, including cooking equipment, tents, shelters, etc.

Not Included: Travel to Chitina, personal clothing and equipment including sleeping bags and pads (these are available to rent), and gratuities.

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