

## Day Twelve - Denali, Alaska

We saved the best for last! As we only had one day left and that is not enough time to visit the tallest mountain in North America, Mount McKinley (20,000 feet) by road, we decided to rent a seaplane and fly there! It is located in the Denali National Park 265 miles north of Anchorage.



The plane was a 1959 Canadian built Beaver with pilot and 5 passengers.



We took off from the busiest seaplane port in the world.



The first hour was flying over desolate tundra, no road in sight



Then in the distance the mountains wove into our sight.





Snow field on top of glacier



Note the cobalt blue water lake



Splitting glaciers



The ice on the glaciers is 600 feet thick



Mount McKinley - we are flying at 10,000 feet and still have to look up to it!



Note how the clouds just lay on the mountains like a table cloth



Glacier ends and the water runs down the mountain in a stream



We followed the stream down the valley



And the plane landed on the lake



The pilot gave us a very exciting hour back this time flying between 100 and 500 feet off the ground following rivers and looking for moose and other wild life. We landed back at the base just in time to get to the airport and take the redeye home to Tampa.