

11 Day Fly~In



Alaska Iditarod & Ice Sculpture

NEW

Special Appearance Aurora Borealis

PER PERSON PRICES	2011	2012	2013
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	\$2995	\$3095	\$3195
SINGLE OCCUPANCY	\$3795	\$3995	\$4195

Early Bird Discount-8 Months	\$50	\$50	\$50
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ARRIVE FAIRBANKS, AK
DEPART ANCHORAGE, AK
FLY~IN TOUR

TOUR DATES			
FEB 24, 2011	TO	MAR 6, 2011	
FEB 21, 2012	TO	MAR 3, 2012	
FEB 20, 2013	TO	MAR 2, 2013	

TOUR DESCRIPTION

Come to Alaska and see our state clothed in winter. Join Adventure Caravans for this exclusive winter tour program featuring the world famous Iditarod Sled Dog Race! Witness first hand the excitement of Iditarod dogs bursting through the start line in Anchorage. Spend time with Martin Buser, a four-time Iditarod champion at his Happy Trails Kennel. Visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center and learn about incredible native culture. Known as the Western Hemisphere's only cold-water research facility, meet an expert at the Alaska Sealife Center. Make your Alaska winter dreams a reality. Choose to partake in a spa treatment or rent skis, skates, snowboards and snowshoes at the world famous Hotel Alyeska! Discover how grizzly bears, moose and musk ox adapt to winter conditions at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. Hear tales from real legends and see first-hand how the Alaska winter season comes alive on this tour escorted by an Alaskan who lives in the north year-round.

DAY 1: Fly into Fairbanks (flights booked on own) and meet your local guide. Transfer to Chena Hot Springs (approximately 1 1/2 hours ride from Fairbanks). Overnight Chena Hot Springs Resort.

DAY 2: Today, enjoy a day at Chena. Included is a visit to the Aurora Ice Museum and enjoy an Appletini* beverage served on ice. *must be 21 years or older. A towel is included in your stay as you enjoy the spring waters. This evening, enjoy a Snow Coach Tour for Aurora Viewing (not guaranteed to see the Northern Lights-weather dependent). This tour is from 10 pm until 2 am. Hot drinks (tea/hot chocolate are provided). Please note, viewing the Northern Lights is an outdoor venue. There is a Yurt on site, where you can go inside and warm up. Return to Chena for your overnight. Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3: This morning is open for time on your own in Chena. Travel back to Fairbanks and be sure to keep an eye out for views of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. Dress warm for an exciting day viewing the Ice Art sculptures. Enjoy one of the largest annual ice art competitions and exhibitions in the world. This competition features over 70 teams from around the world with more than 100 ice artists competing in single and multi block carving categories. This afternoon enjoy Winter Carnival activities on-own downtown. Warm up this evening with dinner at The Pumphouse Restaurant and Saloon. Overnight - Fairbanks. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4: This morning, transfer to the rail depot, where you board the world famous Alaska Railroad (Adventure Class) for your rail service south to Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. Depart around 8:00 am and arrive into Anchorage approximately 8:00 pm. Transfer to your hotel in Anchorage. Overnight Anchorage. Meal: Breakfast

DAY 5: Today, is a day at leisure in Anchorage. There is a lot to do see and do today. You may wish to visit the Anchorage Museum of History and Art showcasing the past 10,000 years, flightsee, ice skate, see what is happening with the Fur Rendezvous Winter Festival, there is something for everyone. Overnight Anchorage. Meal: Breakfast

ITINERARY & PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Standard Features (See Page 3)
- ✓ Hotel Accommodations
- ✓ Commemorative Tour Pins
- ✓ National Park Entry Fees
- ✓ Staff Arranged Optional Events

DAY 1 Fairbanks/Chena Hot Springs

- ▶ Transfer from Airport to Chena Hot Springs
- ▶ Welcome to Alaska & Orientation

DAY 2 Chena Hot Springs

- ▶ Optional Cross-country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Ice skating, Horseback Rides and Flight Seeing
- ▶ Aurorarium for Northern Lights Viewing

DAY 3 Fairbanks

- ▶ Visit Ice Sculpture Park for Viewing of Ice Alaska's 2010 Multi-block Sculpturing (Single Block Classic Competition Complete for Viewing)
- ▶ Winter Carnival
- ▶ Evening Ice Sculpture Glow

DAY 4 Fairbanks/ Anchorage

- ▶ Ride the Alaska Railroad to Anchorage
- ▶ Free Time to Explore in Anchorage

DAY 5 Anchorage

- ▶ Free Time to Explore in Anchorage

DAY 6: Today travel south along the spectacular Turnagain Arm. Visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center to see Alaskan wildlife up close. Afternoon at leisure for relaxation in the spa facility, dog sledding, snowmobiling, downhill skiing or snow shoeing (costs are additional). Enjoy an included tram ride offering spectacular views of the valley. Overnight at The Hotel Alyeska, Alaska's only four-diamond property. Meal: Breakfast, Box Lunch

DAY 7: Today climb aboard your motorcoach for a journey to the coastal community of Seward. Visit the Alaska Sealife Center for an in-depth look above and below the waters. Return to Girdwood for overnight accommodations at The Hotel Alyeska (guests may opt to remain in Girdwood for activities on their own). Meal: Breakfast

DAY 8: Morning departure from Alyeska north to Alaska's largest city, Anchorage. Enjoy a tour through the historic downtown district, Lake Hood/Lake Spenard and visit the Alaska Zoo for a "behind the scenes" tour. Tonight, enjoy the Iditarod festivities at the Musher's Banquet (available to guests who reserve prior to January 1, 2011)! Overnight in Anchorage. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner (Banquet)

DAY 9: Today travel north to the kennels of four-time Iditarod Champion Martin Buser at his Happy Trails Kennel. Hear personal stories while viewing a glimpse of the grandeur Alaska has to offer along the Iditarod trail. Returning to Anchorage visit the Iditarod Headquarters and see first hand a replica Iditarod Trail station. Overnight in Anchorage. Meal: Breakfast

DAY 10: This morning head to 4th Avenue to get a great spot at the start of the Iditarod. Spend time cheering on mushers from all over the world. Watch each of them depart or take off early and enjoy other Iditarod festivities in Anchorage. This afternoon, enjoy the cultural opportunities available at the Alaska Native Heritage Center. Tonight, reminisce over your Alaska winter adventure at a farewell dinner. Overnight in Anchorage. Meal: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11: Transfer to the Anchorage Airport or ask about extending the tour to see the Official Restart in Willow, Alaska.

DAY 6 Girdwood

- ▶ Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center
- ▶ Free Afternoon for Optional Activities

DAY 7 Girdwood

- ▶ Alaska Sealife Center

DAY 8 Anchorage

- ▶ Alaska Zoo - Behind the Scenes Tour
- ▶ Musher's Banquet

DAY 9 Anchorage

- ▶ Happy Trails Kennel
- ▶ Iditarod Headquarters

DAY 10 Anchorage

- ▶ The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race
- ▶ Alaska Native Heritage Center

DAY 11 Anchorage

- ▶ Transfer to Airport
- ▶ Hugs & Goodbyes
- ▶ Or Free Time to Explore Optional Scenic flight Over Mount McKinley

Anchorage/Optional Day After

- ▶ Travel to Willow, Home of the Iditarod Headquarters. The Official Re-start of the Iditarod Race

