

Fairbanks, Alaska & The Northern Lights

December 2 - 9, 2023

(Fly - 8 days/7 nights)



Highlights of this spectacular once-in-a-lifetime tour is to witness the magic of the Northern Lights, including personal wake-up calls when the Aurora Borealis appears! Activities will allow you to ride dog-sleds through the spruce forests and fields of the great Alaskan wilderness. We will explore an ice sculpture museum and enjoy a drink at their famous ice-bar. Discover how locals live in interior Alaska from natives and homesteaders. Soak in steaming geothermal hot springs under the starry night sky as you watch for the Aurora. Hike in the forest with friendly reindeer and learn about these gentle mammals from the family who raises them. This is truly a unique opportunity to view the magic that Alaska offers.

****This tour is limited to 15 travelers and is an active adventure. Participants must be able to walk a mile unassisted and climb a flight of stairs.***

Day #1 – Meet your Tour Manager at Denver International Airport for a flight to Fairbanks, Alaska. We will overnight in downtown Fairbanks. After checking in, you can choose to relax or explore downtown on foot with your Tour Manager. Fairbanks is pedestrian-friendly and home to an eclectic mix of shops and restaurants. Today is an arrival day and there are no scheduled activities other than dinner together. Enjoy your time and relax from your travels. **Dinner included.**

Day #2 - After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy the morning until it's time to check out. We'll meet our guides late morning in the lobby. Once we've done introductions and boarded the small bus our day includes a visit to the **Morris Thompson Cultural Center**. Explore world-class exhibits on Alaska's history and seasons and learn about traditional native art, dance, and music. It's a great introduction to Interior Alaska! We'll head to the **lodge** in the afternoon where we'll have a chance to unpack, relax, eat dinner, and learn about the aurora borealis. **Breakfast and Lunch included.**

Day #3 - After breakfast at the lodge you have free time to take a casual hike around the property and try snowshoeing if the conditions are right. Not into hiking? Enjoy a warm beverage in the cozy common room. In the afternoon we will head to a family ranch to **meet reindeer** and take a walk with them through a beautiful birch forest. Try some hot tea and homemade cookies inside and learn more about reindeer. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and, if we're lucky, aurora viewing tonight! **Breakfast and Dinner included.**

Day #4 - After breakfast we head into town for a **city tour of Fairbanks** and visit the famous **Trans-Alaska Pipeline**. Back at the lodge you can explore the hiking trails that surround the lodge or just grab a hot cocoa and relax in your new home base. In the evening we can 'hunt' for the Northern Lights with guides or stay in the warmth of the lodge in front of the fire and relax, read or play board games. Your guide will alert you if the Aurora appears. **Breakfast and Lunch included.**

Day #5 – Today, after breakfast, we will visit some different sights around town. These can vary depending on the time of year and elements, and may include unique souvenir shopping, a visit to the antique automobile museum, a curling lesson, or seasonal events in the area. This is followed by a visit to the famous **Museum of the North on the University of Alaska campus** to learn about the natural and cultural history of the region. Tonight, we will enjoy another favorite local restaurant and watch for the Aurora Borealis too! **Breakfast and Dinner included.**

Day 6 – Today, after breakfast, we will visit the remote and beautiful **Chena Hot Springs**. Soak in the steaming waters surrounded by snow; if it is really cold your hair might even freeze! While there we **visit an ice sculpture museum** where you can observe delicate artwork and sip an apple martini in a carved glass from the ice bar. The drive home from the Hot Springs provides a wonderful opportunity to search for the Northern Lights and spot moose. **Breakfast and Dinner included.**

Day 7 - Enjoy another tasty breakfast before our most exciting excursion yet — **dog sledding!** Meet the friendly dogs (and maybe even some puppies!) and learn about mushing before hopping on a sled for a ride through the forest. Depending on the season and elements, after lunch we may have a curling lesson with local players at the Fairbanks Curling Club. Test your skills by challenging your new friends — curling is so much more fun than you might expect! We'll enjoy a final farewell dinner together tonight, toasting each other's company and the great moments of the past week. **Breakfast and Dinner included.**

Day 8 - One more breakfast before wrapping up our adventure and saying goodbye to new friends. We depart the lodge with the entire group and luggage for the airport. We'll head home with memories of unique and exciting activities and the Alaskan locals we got to know along the way. **Breakfast included.**

INCLUSIONS:

Roundtrip airline flights from Denver International Airport to Fairbanks, Alaska
Private transportation in Alaska
All **highlighted** activities in the itinerary
7 nights hotel/lodging
Two expert Alaskan guides – 1 for activities and one to monitor the Aurora Borealis
Meals: 6 breakfasts, 5 dinners and 2 lunches
Luggage tags and luggage handling at the hotel & lodges.
Escorted from DIA by a professional Tour Manager
Professional liability insurance of \$3,000,000,000

PRICE: **Double Occupancy - \$5,550 per person Single Supplement - \$750**

DEPOSIT: **\$1,000 is due within 10 days of registration**

FINAL PAYMENT: **Payment in full is due 120 days prior to departure**

REGISTRATION: Complete the attached Registration Form and return it to the American International offices or register online at **www.americaninternationaltravel.net**. After registering you will receive a "Welcome to the Tour" letter with additional tour information.

PAYMENTS: Credit card payments can be made online through our secure portal at **www.americaninternationaltravel.net**. Checks, cash, and credit card payments are accepted at the American International Travel and Tours office in Greenwood Village.

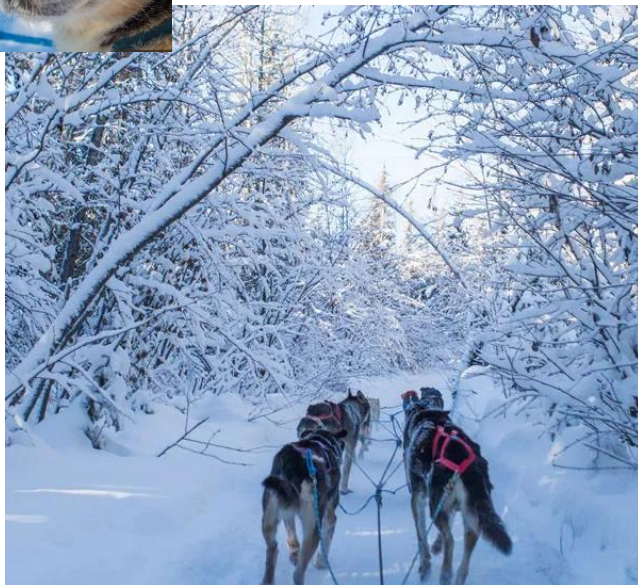
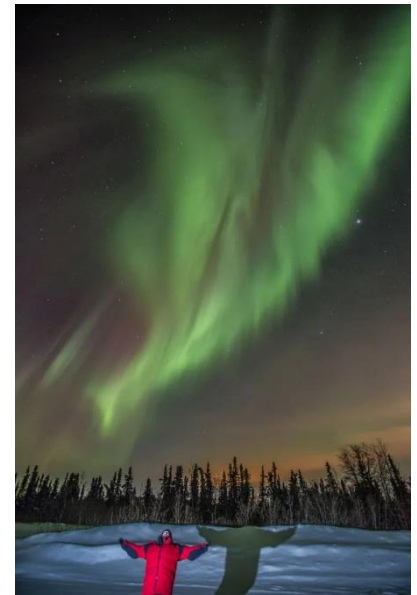
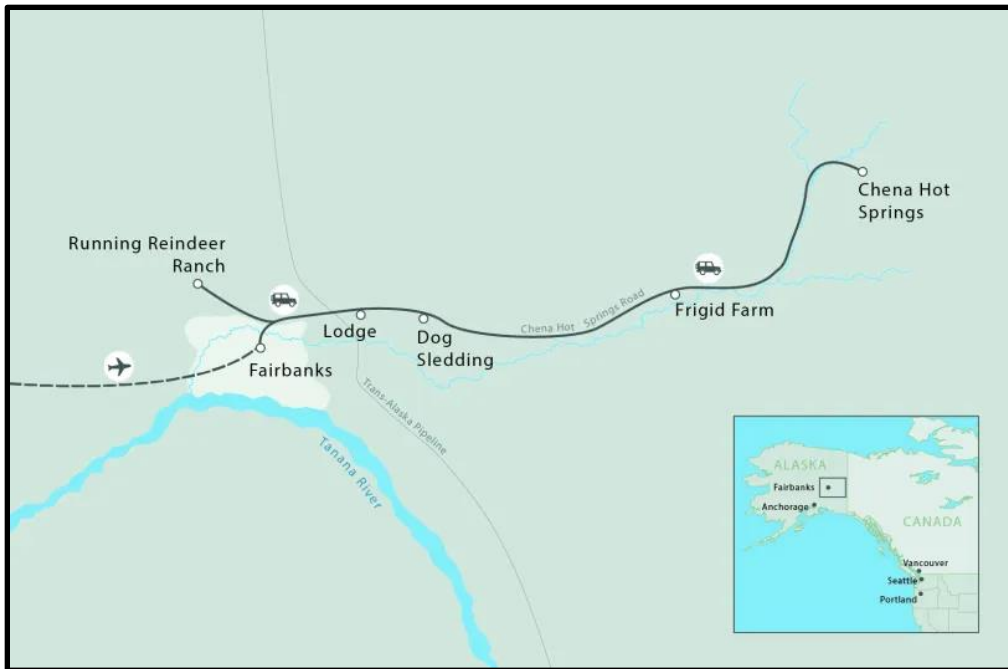
CANCELLATION POLICIES AND REFUNDS: If you are forced to cancel from your tour, please contact our office immediately. Tour penalties and refunds will be based on the date of cancellation.

Initial Non-Refundable Amount	\$ 500.00 per person penalty
120 days – 75 days prior to travel date	\$ 50% of tour cost per person penalty
74 days – Tour departure date	\$ 100% of tour cost per person penalty

OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE: Cancellations can arise sometimes, so Travel Insurance is highly recommended and available for purchase through our agency. This should be purchased with the deposit to cover cancellation including preexisting conditions. Other benefits include trip delays, interruptions, luggage, medical treatment on tour and more. Please request more information from our staff.

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******We can assist in arranging transfers to/from DIA.***



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