

John  
Hall's

# ALASKA



**2023 WINTER ADVENTURES**

# TRAVELING THE WORLD SINCE 1983

Family Owned & Operated

Hall Family: Elizabeth, John Jr, John Sr, and Joseph



## WE ARE HONORED



# Worry-Free, Small Group Travel

## Local Guides....At Your Service

All vacations are fully guided by locals who live, breathe and love Alaska! These individuals are Alaskan scholars and naturalists with extensive knowledge of the native cultures and ecological patterns that have shaped Alaska's landscapes. Gratuity for your John Hall's Alaska representative is not included with your package and is at your discretion.

## Flexible Style Dining

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are included every day that you travel with John Hall's Alaska. We hand select (and taste test) culinary adventures that combine home cooked meals with finer fare. When the location allows, we offer flexible style dining options giving you the freedom to select from several dining establishments and from the entire menu. One locally sourced adult beverage is included with dinner during your land tour.

## Alaskan Modes of Transportation

Gaining access to glaciers, wildlife, and Alaskan culture is all part of the fun! To best view Alaska's rich marine wildlife we charter Alaskan-owned sightseeing boats. We elevate the guest experience with trips above the Arctic Circle and include small plane expeditions to behind-the-scenes experiences. Enjoy sled dog rides through beautiful boreal forests and a plethora of outdoor activities like skiing, fat tire biking, and snowshoe opportunities. When traveling by road, enjoy our luxury coaches equipped with first-class style legroom, complimentary beverage galleys, restrooms, charging outlets at every seat, advanced air filtration systems, and flat screen TVs.

## Baggage Handling, Tax, and Gratuities

Don't lift a finger! We take care of your large luggage, delivering it to your room every evening and picking it up from your room upon check out. We include all entrance fees, hotels charges, taxes, fees, and gratuities for activities, meals and baggage handling, so you don't need to reach for your pocket book while on vacation.

"Truly an outstanding experience. John Hall and his crew work hard to make your Alaska trip everything you could want."

★★★★★ by Steven

Rated 4.9 / 5 | 319 reviews

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# ALASKA WINTER WONDERS

## 8 Days Land

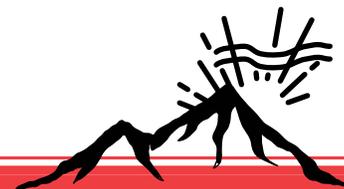
A photographer's dream vacation, witness Alaska's beautiful Northern Lights on up to seven nights!

Fun for all ages, we've included the opportunity to go dog sledding, snow machining, or skiing. Plus, you will enjoy an amazing flightseeing tour around North America's tallest mountain, Denali. Land on one of Denali's surrounding snow covered glaciers for unforgettable views.



## Overnights

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| 1 FAIRBANKS, AK <i>Sophie Station Suites</i>   | 5 TALKEETNA, AK <i>Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge</i> |
| 2 FAIRBANKS, AK <i>Borealis Basecamp</i>       | 6 GIRDWOOD, AK <i>Alyeska Resort</i>           |
| 3 FAIRBANKS, AK <i>Borealis Basecamp</i>       | 7 GIRDWOOD, AK <i>Alyeska Resort</i>           |
| 4 TALKEETNA, AK <i>Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge</i> | 8 ANCHORAGE, AK (FLY HOME)                     |



**WINTER ADVENTURE**

## 2023 Departures & Pricing

TOUR DATE	SINGLE OCCUPANCY	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
310: MARCH 6 - MARCH 13	\$8,509	\$7,099
311: MARCH 14 - MARCH 21	\$8,509	\$7,099

**Per Person Pricing Includes All:**

Accommodations; fully-guided service; luxury land & small plane transportation; airport transfers; attractions, meals, baggage handling, and corresponding gratuities; taxes; and black subzero jacket.

Sub zero jackets will be provided to guests on this tour. Additional cold weather gear, such as boots and pants are available for rent or purchase. We will provide guests with detailed packing suggestions.

# ALASKA WINTER WONDERS



## Tour Highlights

### Land Highlights:

Fairbanks  
Trail Breaker Kennel Sled Dog Rides  
Aurora Pointe Experience  
2 Nights Borealis Basecamp  
Frank Stelges Photography Lesson  
7 Nights Northern Lights Viewing  
Borealis Basecamp Adventure Day  
Talkeetna  
2 Nights Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge  
2 Hour Denali Glacier Flightseeing  
Denali Brewing Company Tour  
Girdwood  
2 Nights Alyeska Resort  
Alyeska Aerial Tram  
Alyeska Resort Adventure Day

## 20 Meals Included

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included every day of your tour!

## Group Size: Max 28

## Active Rating

This tour requires the ability to board small planes & walk in snow.

## Flights

This tour begins in Fairbanks, Alaska and ends in Anchorage, Alaska. Upon completion of the tour, you may return home on flights from Anchorage any time after 11am or extend your journey.

## Temperatures



In March...

Anchorage will average highs of 38° and lows of 16°.

Fairbanks will average highs of 25° and lows of 2°.

## Daily Itinerary

**1 Fairbanks**  
Catch your flight today to Fairbanks. Upon arrival, you will be greeted at the airport by a John Hall's Alaska representative and transferred to your accommodations for the night. Enjoy an optional visit to Aurora Pointe tonight to learn about the aurora and enjoy a breathtaking view of the evening sky.  
*Dinner*

**2 Dog Sledding, Curling & Aurora Viewing**  
After a group welcome breakfast and a leisurely morning around the lodge, we are off to Trail Breaker Kennel for dog sled rides with a behind-the-scenes look at the kennel and the Monson family homestead. After lunch, get competitive with a visit to the Fairbanks Curling Club where you will learn to curl before travelling north to Borealis Basecamp. This evening, half of the group will attend a presentation by the Aurora Bear Photography team at the home of professional photographer Frank Stelges. Learn tips to capture the aurora as you learn about this fascinating phenomenon in the sky. Enjoy aurora viewing into the early morning hours.  
*All Meals*

**3 Borealis Basecamp Adventure Day**  
After a late night of aurora viewing, you can sleep in and enjoy breakfast at your leisure. Then, launch into miles of wilderness with a variety of included outdoor activities to choose from today. Tonight the other half of your group will enjoy a photography lesson given by Aurora Bear, Frank Stelges. Watch the Aurora dance in the skies above from your private domed room tonight.  
*All Meals*

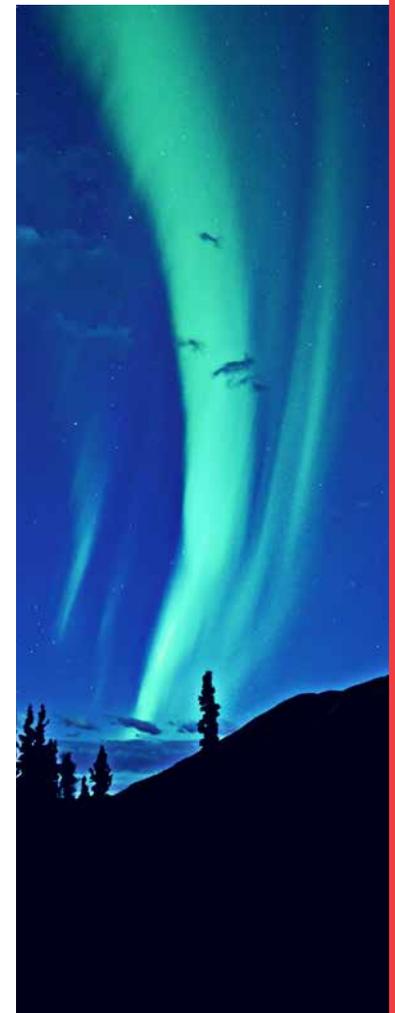
**4 Talkeetna & Northern Lights**  
Sleep in and then travel by coach to Talkeetna via the Parks Highway. Make a lunch stop in Healy at Rose's Cafe before arriving in Talkeetna later this evening for dinner and local entertainment. The Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge will have a fire roaring in the fireplace into the early morning hours for those who elect to view the Northern Lights and Denali from the lodge's expansive back porch.  
*All Meals*

**5 Denali Flightseeing & Denali Brewing Co.**  
Rise & Shine! The day will begin with brunch served family style at the Talkeetna Roadhouse. After a chance to walk off some of the calories by strolling the streets and shops of downtown Talkeetna, enjoy a two hour flightseeing tour that not only highlights Denali, but includes a fly-by of Hunter, Foraker, Silverthorne & Moose's Tooth peaks before landing in the Great Gorge. Late this afternoon, guests partake in a tasting tour and behind the scenes look at one of Alaska's most successful micro-brewery, the Denali Brewing Company. This is the perfect transition to dinner in downtown Talkeetna. The Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge will again have the fireplace roaring for those who wish to spend time outdoors enjoying the Aurora light show.  
*All Meals*

**6 Anchorage & Girdwood**  
Wake up to spectacular views of Denali from the lodge one more time before making your way south today. Spend some time exploring downtown Anchorage late this morning and enjoy lunch at your choice of several amazing venues in town before continuing the journey south along Turnagain Arm to Girdwood. Enjoy dinner tonight at a local favorite and then relax and enjoy the incredible views from Alyeska Resort, your home for the next two nights.  
*All Meals*

**7 Alyeska Adventure Day**  
Create your own adventure today! You have the option of choosing between a day on the slopes (including lift ticket & rental gear), a day at the spa (choose from a pre-selected menu of relaxing treatments), a spring marine wildlife cruise from Seward, or a helicopter flightseeing trip over the Chugach Mountains. Enjoy dinner at Alyeska Resort tonight at your leisure.  
*All Meals*

**8 Fly Home**  
Enjoy breakfast at the resort before heading north along the scenic Seward Highway back to Anchorage for your flight home. Anchorage is a stepping stone into the Alaskan wilderness so please let us know if you would like to extend your journey!  
*Breakfast*



# ALASKA IDITAROD & AURORA ADVENTURE

## 11 Days Land

Be a part of exciting Iditarod action! From meeting the mushers to watching the start of the race, to a flight out to an Iditarod checkpoint. Interact with and experience first hand this legendary event!

Enjoy up to seven nights of Northern Lights viewing plus choose your own adventure at Borealis Basecamp with dog sledding, snowshoeing or snowmobiling!



## Overnights

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| 1 ANCHORAGE, AK <i>The Hotel Captain Cook</i>  | 7 FAIRBANKS, AK <i>Sophie Station Suites</i> |
| 2 ANCHORAGE, AK <i>The Hotel Captain Cook</i>  | 8 FAIRBANKS, AK <i>Sophie Station Suites</i> |
| 3 ANCHORAGE, AK <i>The Hotel Captain Cook</i>  | 9 FAIRBANKS, AK <i>Borealis Basecamp</i>     |
| 4 TALKEETNA, AK <i>Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge</i> | 10 FAIRBANKS, AK <i>Borealis Basecamp</i>    |
| 5 TALKEETNA, AK <i>Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge</i> | 11 FAIRBANKS, AK (FLY HOME)                  |
| 6 FAIRBANKS, AK <i>Sophie Station Suites</i>   |  |



## 2023 Departures & Pricing

TOUR DATE	SINGLE OCCUPANCY	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	Per Person Pricing Includes All: Attractions & corresponding gratuities, accommodations, fully guided service, meals & corresponding gratuities, luxury land & small plane transportation, airport transfers, taxes, baggage handling, corresponding gratuities and black subzero jacket.
300: MARCH 1 - MARCH 11	\$12,069	\$10,429	

Subzero jackets will be provided to guests on this tour. Additional cold weather gear, such as boots and pants are available for rent or purchase. We will provide guests with detailed packing suggestions.

**Please note:** Guests may forgo the Arctic Circle flightseeing and Iditarod checkpoint trip and receive a \$1500 per person credit to their account. We believe this is an amazing and enriching experience, but we understand that small planes may not be for everyone. Without the flightseeing trip, per person pricing will be \$10,419 single occupancy; \$8,779 double occupancy.



# ALASKA IDITAROD & AURORA ADVENTURE

## Tour Highlights

### Land Highlights:

Anchorage  
Palmer Musk Ox Farm  
Iditarod Musher Q & A Session  
Iditarod Mushers Banquet  
Anchorage Adventure Day  
Iditarod Ceremonial Start  
Talkeetna  
Denali Brewing Company  
Frank Stelges Photography Lesson  
7 Nights Of Aurora Borealis Viewing  
Iditarod Official Start  
2 Nights at Borealis Basecamp  
Borealis Basecamp Adventure Day  
Fairbanks + City Tour  
Fairbanks Curling Club  
Trail Breaker Dog Sled Ride  
World Ice Art Championships  
Aurora Pointe Experience  
Bettles Arctic Circle Trip  
Land At Iditarod Checkpoint  
Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum

## 29 Meals Included

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included every day of your tour!

## Group Size: Max 28

## Active Rating

This tour requires the ability to board small planes & walk in snow.

## Flights

This tour begins in Anchorage, Alaska and ends in Fairbanks, Alaska. Upon completion of the tour, you may return home on flights departing after 12:00pm.

## Temperatures



In March...

Anchorage will average highs of 38° and lows of 16°.

Fairbanks will average highs of 25° and lows of 2°.

## Daily Itinerary

### 1 Anchorage

Catch your flight today to Anchorage. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by a John Hall's Alaska representative and transferred to your luxury accommodations for three nights. The remainder of the day is open for exploring Fur Rendezvous festivities.

*Dinner*

### 2 Anchorage Adventure Day & Musher's Banquet

Enjoy a welcome breakfast before heading out into town for a day of adventure and exploration at your leisure. Guests will have the choice of one included excursion this morning such as a Knik and Colony Glacier Flightseeing trip, a relaxing spa treatment, or other Anchorage sightseeing adventures. Enjoy a scrumptious lunch downtown at your choice of several local favorites. Later this afternoon, you'll have the chance to meet several Iditarod mushers at the Musher's Banquet. Enjoy dinner and a presentation before returning to the hotel for the evening.

*All Meals*

### 3 Musk Ox Farm and Iditarod Headquarters

Begin with a tour of the Palmer Musk Ox farm to witness these prehistoric animals and learn about Alaska's ongoing domestication project. Follow this with some time at Alaska's Iditarod Headquarters. Return to Anchorage for a private dinner and presentation with an experienced Iditarod musher. Enjoy thrilling stories of "The Last Great Race on Earth" and learn about the training and preparation that goes into competing in the Iditarod.

*All Meals*

### 4 Iditarod Ceremonial Start & Talkeetna

Attend the ceremonial start of the Iditarod in downtown Anchorage where you are free to walk among the teams and find your favorite musher! You have plenty of time to view the dog teams before the 10:00 am ceremonial start. Later, journey to Talkeetna, your home for the next two evenings.

*All Meals*

### 5 Iditarod Official Start & Talkeetna

It's brunch at the historic Talkeetna Roadhouse before traveling to Willow to witness the official start of the Iditarod. Return to Talkeetna for free time before partaking in a delicious dinner at the Denali Brewing Company. Tonight enjoy a presentation by Mr. Frank Stelges. Frank is a well-respected photographer of the aurora and he will share his tips on how to properly set up your camera to be able to capture the northern lights. You'll have a chance to practice your new camera skills as you view the aurora borealis from your lodge's expansive back porch.

*All Meals*

### 6 Fairbanks & World Ice Art Championships

This morning depart Talkeetna and head north to Fairbanks with lunch en route. Get settled at Sophie Station Suites before an evening trip to the World Ice Art Championships. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through over 100 colorfully lit ice sculptures masterfully crafted by artists from around the world.

*All Meals*

### 7 Arctic Circle & Iditarod Checkpoint

This morning begins with a breathtaking flight aboard a small aircraft as you fly over the Iditarod trail on the way to an Iditarod race checkpoint. After landing in this remote area, spend time watching the mushers as they arrive and ready their dog teams for the next push towards Nome. Reboard your aircraft and then travel to Bettles, crossing the Arctic Circle along the way! Enjoy a visit with the locals and a tour of this historic and quaint village before returning to Fairbanks for the evening. Those who wish to opt out of this flightseeing trip may spend the day in Fairbanks touring on their own.

*All Meals*

### 8 Dog Sledding & Aurora Pointe

Enjoy a leisurely morning before visiting Trail Breaker Kennel, where you will enjoy an exclusive presentation and luncheon, in addition to an exhilarating dog sled ride! After spending time with the dogs, relax this afternoon before enjoying dinner at a local favorite. Tonight you will have the opportunity to visit Aurora Pointe. This unique facility is located just outside of Fairbanks and offers beautiful aurora viewing opportunities.

*All Meals*

### 9 Fairbanks Curling & Aurora Viewing

After breakfast, it's time to learn a new sport - Curling! Join the Fairbanks Curling Club for some Alaskan fun as you curl your way to a championship! This evening you travel to Borealis Basecamp, a destination perfect for enjoying the best of Alaska's winter fun. View the aurora borealis with your group from the comfort of a climate controlled yurt, or in privacy from your domed room at Borealis Basecamp.

*All Meals*

### 10 Borealis Basecamp Adventure Day

Today is all about adventure with your choice of included activity. Launch into miles of wilderness and enjoy your day the way you choose! Your evening will be filled with the colorful skies of the northern lights as you again have the chance to capture these sights on your camera.

*All Meals*

### 11 Fly Home

Enjoy breakfast at your leisure this morning before boarding your coach for a trip back to Fairbanks. For those guests with flights departing later in the day, enjoy touring the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum's collection of historic fashions and remarkable antique cars from the Victorian Age through the Art Deco era. Transfer to the Fairbanks International Airport to board flights bound for home.

*Breakfast*

# The dress code is 100% casual.

Each guest will receive a sub-zero rated black jacket, yours to keep.

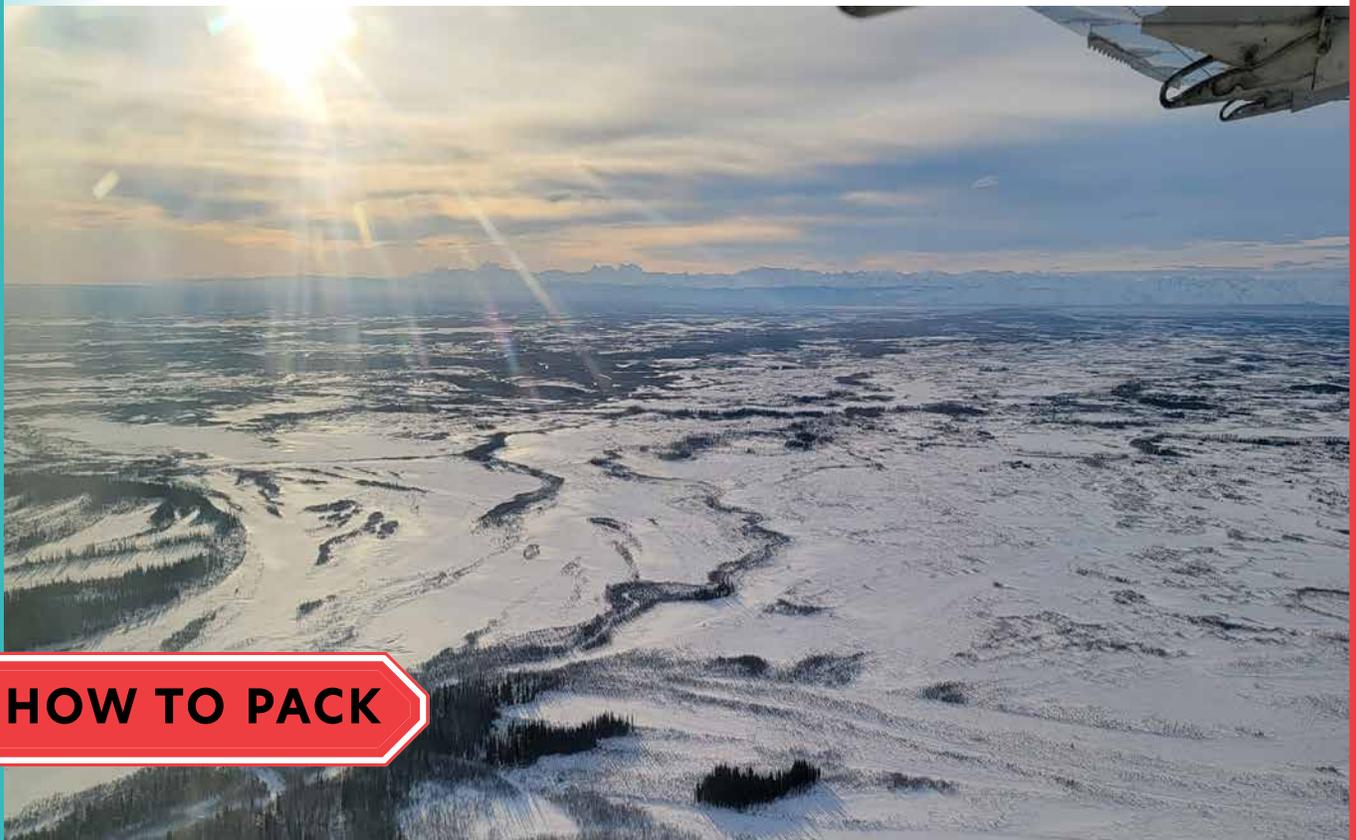
## Suggested Packing List

- Winter hat and gloves- mittens provide greater warmth but are more difficult to operate camera equipment
- Thermal base layers with materials such as synthetics, merino wool, or silk
- Sun protection such as sunglasses, cap & sunscreen
- Bathing suit
- Layers for various weather conditions and indoor use
- Face mask and/or balaclava
- Chapstick with SPF
- Snow pants are best although not required
- Hand and/or foot warmers to enjoy the outdoors longer
- Ice cleats- suggested brands include Stabilicers, Yaktrax, ICETrekkers, and Kahtoola
- Winter boots rated -40°F - 0°F are best - or bring foot warmers to accompany warmer rated boots
- Binoculars or spotting scope

## Suggested Packing List for Northern Lights Photography

You will enjoy multiple nights of aurora viewing on a John Hall's Alaska winter vacation. We also include an evening of professional instruction on how to properly set your camera for capturing the northern lights. There are some items you can bring to get the very best photos. Here is our optional list of things you might want to pack to enhance your photo taking experience:

- Camera with ability to adjust manually to take time exposures of 10-30 seconds or longer
- Tripod for photographing the northern lights
- Spare camera batteries for photographing in the cold
- Lens hood/shield
- Head lamp- preferably with red light option for hands-free operation
- 1 gallon or 2 gallon XL Ziploc storage bag to store camera for acclimation of outdoors to indoors (there is a potential for condensation)



**HOW TO PACK**

# We are excited to host you in Alaska!

## Making A Reservation

To confirm your reservation, please send a deposit of \$500.00 USD per person within ten days of your reservation. To reserve your space by credit card, please contact our office: 800.325.2270. Mastercard, Visa, Discover, American Express and personal checks are acceptable forms of deposit payment.

A discount of \$200 USD per person will be extended for those paying their tour balance by cash or check.

## Final Tour Payments

There are no monies due between the deposit and the final payment. Final Payment must reach John Hall's Alaska 90 days prior to tour departure date. If payment is not received on time, space may be released. Re-booking will be subject to availability. Guests will be charged \$35 USD per check that is submitted with insufficient funds. We will send final payment reminders to you two weeks before the due date.

If you intend to take out trip insurance, please do so before making your final payment.

## Tour Cancellation

If a cancellation is made in writing at least 90 days prior to departure, a full refund will be made, **minus a 4% fee on any monies originally paid by credit card**. For cancellations made less than 90 days prior to departure, the following per person charges apply:

90-61 days - deposit amounts

60-46 days - 50% of total tour fare

45-31 days prior to departure - 75% of total tour fare

30-0 days- 100% of total tour fare

## Friends and Family Discount

We offer a "Friends and Family" discount. If you get your friends or family to go with you and reserve multiple rooms, we pass savings on to the first 2 persons in each room! This discount may be retroactively applied, meaning you may book and if a friend or family member books after you do, we will go back and apply the discount to your account as well as theirs. Discounts are as follows:

2-3 Rooms = \$50 per person; 4-7 Rooms = \$100 per person; 8-11 Rooms = \$150 per person

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