

IDITAROD & AURORA ADVENTURE

11 Days / 10 Nights | Anchorage to Fairbanks

Be a part of exciting Iditarod action! From meeting the mushers and watching the start of the race, to a flight out to an Iditarod checkpoint, interact with and experience first-hand this legendary event. Northern Lights viewing and ice sculptures round out this inclusive tour.

LAND —
FLIGHT —



ACCOMMODATIONS

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| Hotel Captain Cook | 3 Nights | <i>Anchorage</i> |
| Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge | 2 Nights | <i>Talkeetna</i> |
| Sophie Station Suites | 3 Nights | <i>Fairbanks</i> |
| Borealis Basecamp | 2 Nights | <i>Fairbanks</i> |

TOUR FEATURES

- Attend the Iditarod Musher's Banquet and official and ceremonial race starts
- Fly over the Arctic Circle and land at an Iditarod checkpoint
- Northern Lights viewing and Frank Stelges photography lesson
- Witness the World Ice Art Championships and test your curling skills
- Go dog sledding at Trail Breaker Kennel and visit a musk ox farm
- Anchorage Adventure Day - glacier flightseeing, spa treatment, and more



2023 DEPARTURES

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DOUBLE **\$10,429**

SINGLE **\$12,069**

Please call for triple/quad pricing.

PLEASE NOTE: Guests may forgo the Arctic Circle flightseeing and Iditarod checkpoint trip and receive a \$1650 per person credit to their account. This is an amazing and enriching experience, but understand that small planes may not be for everyone. Without the flightseeing trip, per person pricing will be \$8,779 double occupancy; \$10,419 single occupancy.

PER PERSON PRICING INCLUDES: Accommodations; fully-guided service; luxury land and small plane transportation; airport transfers; daily activities and tours; meals, baggage handling, and corresponding gratuities; taxes; and black sub-zero jacket.

Cold weather gear, such as boots and pants are available for rent or purchase through recommended sources.

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Included Highlights

- Palmer Musk Ox Farm
- Iditarod Musher Q & A Session
- Iditarod Musher's Banquet
- Anchorage Adventure Day
- Iditarod Ceremonial Start
- Denali Brewing Company
- Frank Stelges Photography Lesson
- Aurora Borealis Viewing
- Iditarod Official Start & Checkpoint
- 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
- Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum

Included Meals: 29

Breakfast, lunch & dinner on all full tour days, plus arrival day dinner and departure day breakfast.

Max Group Size: 28

Active Rating

Most ability levels. Requires ability to board small planes & walk in snow.

Flights

This tour begins in Anchorage, Alaska, and ends in Fairbanks, Alaska. Flights must arrive before 5 pm on Day 1; early check-in cannot be guaranteed before 4pm. On Day 8, flights may depart Fairbanks after 12pm.

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
Overnight: Hotel Captain Cook

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.
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Hotel Captain Cook

3 Musk Ox Farm & 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.
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Hotel Captain Cook

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.
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge

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.
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge

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.
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Sophie Station Suites

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.
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Sophie Station Suites

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.
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Sophie Station Suites

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.
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Borealis Basecamp

10 Borealis Basecamp Pick Your Adventure
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.
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Borealis Basecamp

11 Fairbanks - 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

