

IDITAROD & AURORA ADVENTURE

11 Days | Anchorage to Fairbanks

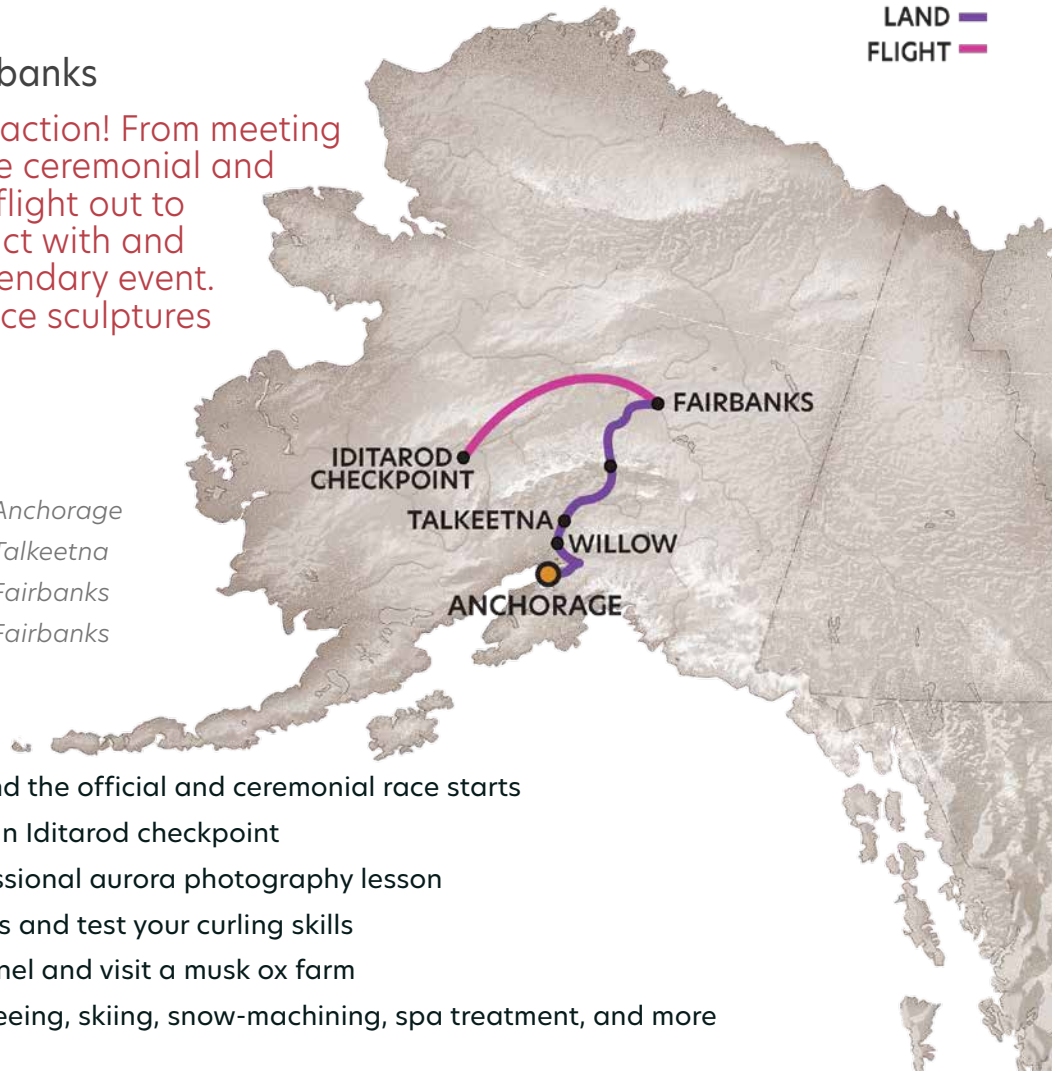
Be a part of exciting Iditarod action! From meeting the mushers and watching the ceremonial and official start of the race, to a flight out to an Iditarod checkpoint, interact with and experience first-hand this legendary event. Northern Lights viewing and ice sculptures round out this inclusive tour.

Accommodations

Hotel Captain Cook	3 Nights	Anchorage
Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge	2 Nights	Talkeetna
Sophie Station Suites	3 Nights	Fairbanks
Borealis Basecamp	2 Nights	Fairbanks

Tour Features

- Attend Iditarod Musher's Banquet and the official and ceremonial race starts
- Fly to a remote village and observe an Iditarod checkpoint
- Northern Lights viewing and a professional aurora photography lesson
- Witness the World Ice Championships and test your curling skills
- Go dog sledding at Trail Breaker Kennel and visit a musk ox farm
- Two Adventure Days - glacier flightseeing, skiing, snow-machining, spa treatment, and more



2024 Departures

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DOUBLE \$11,459

SINGLE \$13,059

300: FEB 28 - MAR 9

PER PERSON PRICING SHOWN. Please call for triple/quad pricing.

PLEASE NOTE: Guests may forgo the Iditarod checkpoint trip and receive a \$1700 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 \$9,759 double occupancy; \$11,359 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

- Anchorage Adventure Day
- Iditarod Musher's Banquet
- Palmer Musk Ox Farm
- Exclusive Iditarod Musher Q & A Session
- Iditarod Ceremonial Start
- Aurora Borealis Photography Lesson
- Aurora Borealis Viewing
- Iditarod Official Start & Remote Checkpoint Visit
- Borealis Basecamp Adventure Day
- Private Learn to Curl Lesson
- Trail Breaker Dog Sled Ride
- World Ice Art Championships
- 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: 26

Active Rating

Most ability levels. Requires ability to board small planes & walk a quarter to half a mile in snow.

Flights

This tour begins in Anchorage, Alaska, and ends in Fairbanks, Alaska. Flights must arrive before 10pm on Day 1; early check-in cannot be guaranteed before 4pm. On Day 11, flights may depart Fairbanks after 1pm.

1 Anchorage

Welcome to Anchorage! Upon arrival, you will be greeted by a John Hall's Alaska representative and transferred to the luxury Hotel Captain Cook, your accommodations for the next three evenings. The remainder of the day is open for a visit to the Anchorage Museum or exploring Fur Rendezvous festivities happening around town.

Dinner

Overnight: Hotel Captain Cook

2 Adventure Day & Musher's Banquet

Begin the day with a Welcome Breakfast and a chance to meet your travel companions before heading out on your included activity - glacier flightseeing, skiing or snowboarding, winter waterfall nature walk, fat tire biking, or a relaxing spa treatment. After an invigorating morning filled with incredible sights, enjoy a scrumptious lunch. Later this afternoon, attend a meet and greet with the Iditarod mushers followed by the Musher's Banquet. Watch as participants draw their bib numbers for the race. Enjoy dinner and a presentation before returning to the hotel.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Hotel Captain Cook

3 Musk Ox Farm & Iditarod Headquarters

Ease into the day with a leisurely breakfast and late morning, tour of the Palmer Musk Ox farm. Witness these prehistoric animals and learn about Alaska's ongoing domestication project. Following lunch, spend time at Alaska's Iditarod Headquarters. As a special treat this evening, an experienced musher joins you for an exclusive presentation and dinner. Hear stories of "The Last Great Race on Earth" and learn about the training and preparation that goes into competing.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Hotel Captain Cook

4 Iditarod Ceremonial Start

Let the ceremonies begin! After breakfast with the group, attend the ceremonial start of The Iditarod in downtown Anchorage. Bundle up before feeling free to walk among the teams and pick your favorite musher. There is plenty of time to view the dog teams before the 10:00am start time. After a private lunch, journey to the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, your home for the next

two evenings. Tonight, cozy up in front of the lodge's impressive 46-foot river rock fireplace, or step outside onto the beautiful outdoor deck and watch for Alaska's evening light show, the breathtaking aurora borealis.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge

5 Iditarod Official Start & Talkeetna

Today kicks off with breakfast in Talkeetna before driving to Willow to witness the exciting official start of The Iditarod. You can feel the excitement in the air! After an exhilarating once in a lifetime day, return to Talkeetna for a delicious dinner. Join a professional photographer of the aurora for an exclusive photography presentation - who shares tips on how to properly set up your camera 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

After a leisurely breakfast, depart Talkeetna and head north to Fairbanks via the spectacular Parks Highway. Be on the lookout for moose on this scenic drive! After getting settled at Sophie Station Suites for your three-night stay, take an evening trip to the World Ice Art Championships. Enjoy a magical stroll through over 100 colorfully lit ice sculptures masterfully crafted by some of the finest sculptors from around the world.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Sophie Station Suites

7 Iditarod Checkpoint

A breathtaking morning flight aboard a small aircraft carries you over The Iditarod trail en route to an Iditarod race checkpoint. After landing in this remote area, spend time watching the mushers arrive and ready their dog teams for the next push towards Nome. Away from the crowds experienced at the start, this unique opportunity provides a real look into the trials and triumphs along the trail. After a thrilling day, reboard your aircraft for a scenic flight returning to Fairbanks for the evening.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Sophie Station Suites

8 Dog Sledding & Aurora Viewing

Relax this morning before visiting Trail Breaker Kennel - home of the late four-time Iditarod champion Susan Butcher. Enjoy an exclusive presentation and an exhilarating dog sled ride! After lunch and time with the pups, rest up with a free afternoon before tonight's spectacular late-night aurora viewing opportunity.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Sophie Station Suites

9 Fairbanks Curling & Igloos

It's time to learn a new sport - curling! Over at the Fairbanks Curling Club, join in the fun with a private lesson and curl your way to a championship! After a delicious lunch at a local favorite, travel to Borealis Basecamp, a unique stay for your last two nights and Alaska winter fun. View the aurora borealis from the comfort of a climate-controlled yurt, or your domed room, an Alaska-style private igloo.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Borealis Basecamp

10 Borealis Basecamp Adventure Day

Today is all about adventure. Surrounded by miles of pristine boreal forest in the Alaska wilderness, enjoy an adventurous day on snow machines and dog sleds, and other optional activities. Tonight is your last chance to experience the northern lights and capture the colorful skies on camera.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Borealis Basecamp

11 Fairbanks

After breakfast, board the motorcoach for your transfer to the Fairbanks International Airport. Guests with flights departing after 3:00 pm will visit the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum, home to a world-class collection of historic automobiles and fashions.

Breakfast

