

# IDITAROD & AURORA ADVENTURE

FAIRBANKS - TRAIL BREAKER KENNEL

AURORA



## 11 Days | Anchorage to Fairbanks

Be part of the excitement of The Iditarod, celebrating the athletes including the mushers and the dog teams as they race to Nome, Alaska! From meeting the mushers to watching The Iditarod race at an official checkpoint in rural Alaska, take in all the activities that create such a legendary event. Sleeping under the aurora borealis north of Fairbanks rounds out this all-inclusive experience.

## 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

- Celebrate the history and importance of dog mushing in Alaska with The Iditarod
- Attend The Iditarod Musher's Banquet, ceremonial race start and the official race restart
- Fly to a rural Alaska village and observe an active Iditarod checkpoint
- Sleep under the northern lights in glass domed igloo
- Experience dog sledding first-hand at Trail Breaker Kennel & Borealis Basecamp
- Customize the Alaska experience with two "Pick Your Adventure" Days

## 2027 DEPARTURES

### IDITAROD & AURORA ADVENTURE

300: MAR 3 - MAR 13

DOUBLE **\$12,789** SINGLE **\$14,499**

Please call for triple/quad pricing.

**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.

**WINTER GEAR:** Cold weather gear, such as boots and pants, are available for rent or purchase through recommended John Hall's Alaska sources.



### 1 Anchorage

Welcome to Anchorage! Upon arrival, all John Hall's Alaska guests are greeted by a John Hall's Alaska representative and transferred to the luxurious Hotel Captain Cook, the accommodations for the next three evenings, located in downtown Anchorage overlooking Cook Inlet. The remainder of the day is open for a complimentary visit to the Anchorage Museum.

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Overnight: Hotel Captain Cook*

### 2 Adventure Day & Musher's Banquet

Begin the day with a Welcome Breakfast and a chance to meet fellow travel companions before heading out on the first "Pick Your Adventure Day" - offering options such as glacier flightseeing, skiing or snowboarding, a winter waterfall nature walk, fat tire biking, or a relaxing spa treatment. Later this afternoon, attend the annual kick off to The Iditarod with the Musher's Banquet, giving guests a chance to meet and greet with several Iditarod mushers. Watch as participants draw their bib numbers for The Iditarod race and determine race order.

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Overnight: Hotel Captain Cook*

### 3 Musk Ox Farm & Iditarod Headquarters

Ease into the day with a late morning tour of the Musk Ox Farm. Witness these prehistoric animals and learn about Alaska's ongoing domestication project along with the creature's significance to Alaska. Spend time at Alaska's Iditarod Headquarters this afternoon. As a special treat this evening, an experienced musher joins guests for a JHA exclusive presentation and dinner. Hear stories of The Iditarod while learning about the year-round training and preparation involved with competing.

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Overnight: Hotel Captain Cook*

### 4 The Iditarod Ceremonial Start

Today, take in the ceremonial start of the Iditarod in downtown Anchorage. Witness the unmatched excitement of the athletes (dogs) for the mushing experience before the start. After the start and a warm lunch, travel to Talkeetna for the next two evenings. Join a professional aurora borealis photographer for an exclusive John Hall's Alaska opportunity, a photography presentation with tips on how to properly capture the northern lights.

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Overnight: Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge*

### 5 The Iditarod Official Restart

Following breakfast, travel to Willow to witness the exciting official restart of The Iditarod. After an exhilarating once in a lifetime day, return to Talkeetna for a delicious dinner. Spend the evening relaxing while catching a glimpse of the alpenglow on the Alaska Range mountains before watching an evening of aurora borealis.

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Overnight: Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge*

### 6 Fairbanks

Depart Talkeetna and head north to Fairbanks via the spectacular Parks Highway. After settling into Sophie Station Suites for a 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 The Iditarod Checkpoint

Today is the day which sets the John Hall's Alaska Iditarod experience apart from all others. Begin with a breathtaking morning flight aboard a small aircraft to fly over The Iditarod trail route, catching glimpses from above of the mushing teams. Touch down in a rural Alaska community and official Iditarod checkpoint to spend time watching the mushers arrive, provide a brief rest and prepare dog teams for the next push towards Nome. After a thrilling day and once in a lifetime experience, reboard the aircraft for a scenic return flight to Fairbanks.

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Overnight: Sophie Station Suites*

### 8 Fairbanks & Curling

After an exciting day yesterday, a relaxing morning is due. Enjoy lunch at a local Fairbanks favorite before joining the fun of the Fairbanks Curling Club with a private demonstration in this Olympic sport and Alaska pastime. This evening, catch up on sleep or join the tour managers for some local aurora borealis sightings, venturing out for a chance to see this phenomenon.

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Overnight: Sophie Station Suites*

### 9 Dog Mushing & Igloos

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, travel to Borealis Basecamp, a unique winter stay for the last two nights and the perfect location for the ultimate aurora borealis experience. Sleep in an Alaska-style private igloo with glass-domed ceilings while viewing the aurora borealis from the comfort of a climate-controlled room. Let's just say Iceland, Finland and so many more have nothing on Alaska!

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Overnight: Borealis Basecamp*

### 10 Adventure Day

Today is all about winter adventure. Surrounded by miles of pristine boreal forest in the Alaska wilderness, enjoy an Alaska style day on snow machines, dog sleds, and other optional winter activities. Spend one more evening in the tranquil wilderness while experiencing the magic of Alaska's northern lights, colorful skies and incredible winter environment.

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Overnight: Borealis Basecamp*

### 11 Fairbanks

Late this morning, following breakfast, board the motorcoach to transfer to the Fairbanks International Airport. Guests with flights departing after 3pm will visit the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum, home to a world-class collection of historic automobiles and fashions.

*Breakfast*

#### PLEASE NOTE

Guests may forgo the Iditarod checkpoint trip and receive a \$1,900 per person credit to the Alaska account. While this is an amazing experience, John Hall's Alaska understands small planes may not be for everyone. Eliminating the flightseeing trip, per person pricing is \$10,889 double occupancy, \$12,599 single occupancy. Please let the reservations team know this at the time of making a reservation or before final payment.

#### Per Person Pricing Includes:

Accommodations; fully-guided service; luxury land and small plane transportation; airport transfers; activities and tours; 2 Pick Your Adventure days; meals; baggage handling and corresponding gratuities; taxes and sub-zero winter jacket.

#### Included Meals: 29

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

#### Max Group Size: 26

#### Active Rating

##### MODERATE SOFT ADVENTURE

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

#### Flights

This tour begins in Anchorage, Alaska, and ends in Fairbanks, Alaska. It is recommended flights arrive before 6pm on Day 1; early check-in cannot be guaranteed before 4pm. On Day 11, flights may depart Fairbanks after 1pm. Guests will depart Borealis Basecamp late morning, returning to Fairbanks to fly home.



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