

## TOUR ITINERARY

# ARCTIC CIRCLE MIDNIGHT SUN FLY/DRIVE ADVENTURE®

- 1:00 pm Depart Fairbanks by air. Due to rapid changing weather conditions in Alaska's Arctic it is not unusual for flight times to be delayed from 15 minutes to over an hour.
- 2:10 pm Arrive Coldfoot, 60 miles north of the Arctic Circle. Meet your Coldfoot Camp guide.
- 3:45 pm Depart Coldfoot on guided ground Tour south.
- 5:30 pm Arctic Circle.  
Meet your Northern Alaska Tour Company guide for the continuation of your ground tour south.
- 8:00 pm Yukon River
- Approx.  
1:00 am - Arrive Fairbanks

The above is only intended to provide an approximate tour itinerary. Northern Alaska Tour Company strives to make each tour a unique and personalized tour experience. The exact schedule of each tour varies day-to-day and is dictated by the interests of the group and unique events of the day not by a rigid pre-set itinerary.

## SAFETY IN THE WILDERNESS

It is important that travelers with Northern Alaska Tour Company understand that Alaska's Arctic is a truly remote wilderness region. Traveling through vast wilderness stretches requires adequate time and preparation. Weather or mechanical factors, albeit infrequent, can result in multi-hour delays. Medical facilities are limited. Limited communication and transportation infrastructure inherently cause evacuation for illness or other emergency situations to take, at the very best, several hours to conduct. For this reason, travelers to this region should be of reasonable health and physical condition.

Northern Alaska Tour Company is an Alaskan-owned tour operator based in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The Company was founded in 1987 to provide unparalleled travel and touring experiences in Alaska's Arctic for guests while maintaining the highest standards of safety and commitment to traditional culture and the environment.

Our cooperative, grassroots tour programs strengthen the local economies in the communities and regions we visit and help preserve the wisdom of knowledgeable locals by recording and incorporating their knowledge into tour programs.

As our traveling guests learn of and experience firsthand the delicate, wondrous environment of Alaska's Arctic, they are able to appreciate and help protect it. When carried forth conscientiously, travel and touring can serve to protect the natural environment and preserve traditional culture where it may otherwise be destroyed.

In sharing our culture and environment with visitors, we as hosts, along with our guests are deeply enriched by the experience.....which is really what travel and touring is all about.



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## TOUR PROGRAM

# ARCTIC CIRCLE MIDNIGHT SUN FLY/DRIVE ADVENTURE® Southbound Ground Tour

## The Spirit of Alaska's Arctic

Alaska's Arctic is one of the last great wilderness regions on earth. It is a remote, wild, and sparsely populated land of vast wilderness expanses. Today's Arctic Circle Adventure® will be unlike previous travel you have encountered. Experiencing the expansive landscapes and fascinating cultures unique to Alaska's Arctic requires braving travel along the rugged Dalton Highway through remote country where the amenities common in today's modern world are rare or non-existent. Travel in Alaska's Arctic is always an adventure. Northern Alaska Tour Company prides itself in its reputation for providing a high-quality travel experience which "smooths out" the "rough edges" of travel in Alaska's Arctic. Yet it is the spirit of you the adventurer which is unquestionably the key to making the most of today's travel experience. Travel in Alaska's Arctic is not for everyone. If you are young at heart, adventurous, have a desire to learn, to explore new territories, and to seek out new experiences, then the rustic aspects of traveling in Alaska's Arctic will be of little consequence to you. You are certain to come away from today's experience with a deeper understanding of the culture, greater appreciation of the natural history, and wonderful memories of time spent in Alaska's Arctic. . . . . that is the spirit of Alaska's Arctic.

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# Arctic Circle Midnight Sun Fly/Drive Adventure® - Southbound Ground Tour

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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### TOUR VEHICLES

Northern Alaska Tour Company strives to provide a personalized touring experience. Touring is done in small groups utilizing a 25-passenger tour coach. Occasionally, a 15-passenger van is used for smaller groups or special circumstances. The flight portion of the tour is conducted in 9-passenger aircraft: Piper Navajo Chieftains or Cessna Caravans.

### SEATING

Guest seating is rotated throughout the day. Thus, each guest is provided with a variety of different viewing perspectives and the opportunity to interact with others on the tour.

### FLIGHT WEIGHT / LUGGAGE

NOTE: It is *very* important to limit yourself to one hand-carry size bag per person for your overnight bag. Northern Alaska Tour Company can store excess baggage and deliver it to you upon your return.

**WEIGHT LIMIT:** Baggage is limited to 5—10 pounds per person. Guests with more than 10 pounds may be requested to lighten their luggage.

### FOOD

Food is not included on this adventure. Guests may bring their own snacks.

Or, know that as part of check in you may order food from Coldfoot Camp that you would receive upon landing. As of writing, the kitchen at Yukon River Camp is closed; however, when it reopens, that will be a second option to get food. We will announce it as part of the tour briefing as to where you can purchase food along the way.

### WHAT TO WEAR / BRING

Dress for comfort, not to impress. We say dress for function not fashion and dress in layers. Layers is key to be able to take them off when you are inside and easily put them on at stops.

We also recommend a reusable water bottle. Bring it full and you can refill it at both Coldfoot Camp and Yukon River Camp.

### RESTROOMS

Outhouse facilities are the norm along the Dalton Highway. The longest time between stops is approximately 2 1/2 hours. The tour coaches are equipped with a restroom that can be used between outhouse stops. The tour vans are not equipped with a bathroom.

### SMOKING

The inside of the vehicle is maintained as a smoke-free environment. There are numerous opportunities to smoke outside the vehicle throughout the day.

### GUIDES

Northern Alaska Tour Company guides are highly-trained Alaskans who are able to share their unique understanding of Alaska with you based on their personal experiences. We are confident that you will find the level of service provided by your guide to be as high or higher than you have ever before experienced.

### GRATUITIES

**Gratuities Policy:** As with other service industries tips are not required but are used to reward guides for a job well done. Standard tip amounts for this ground tour range from \$15.00 to \$25.00+ per guest for excellent service. A good range for pilot tips is \$5.00—\$10.00 per guest

### GUEST SAFETY

Guides are licensed to operate commercial vehicles. Tour vehicles are CB radio and satellite phone equipped. Vehicles are inspected by our maintenance crew after each tour.

Weather conditions *always* dictate safe flight altitude. At times it is necessary to fly above cloud cover, thus reducing or even eliminating aerial visibility.

Due to rapidly changing weather conditions in Alaska's Arctic it is not unusual for flight departure time to be delayed from 15 minutes to over an hour.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING**—it is important to recognize choosing to travel by ground tour and/or small plane the ability to maintain 6 feet separation is not possible.