

## TOUR ITINERARY

# ARCTIC CIRCLE AURORA FLY/DRIVE ADVENTURE® Northbound Ground Tour

### DAY 1

9:45 am Depart Fairbanks on guided ground tour.

Arctic Circle Trading Post

Yukon River

5:30 pm Arctic Circle

7:30 pm—Arrive Coldfoot.

8:00 pm

Free time to relax or explore on your own.

12:00 am Arctic Village Aurora (will depart at 11:00 pm during Day Light Savings time)

Overnight Coldfoot Camp

### DAY 2

Morning Free time to relax or explore on your own.

Depart Coldfoot by air for Fairbanks.

Travel by small plane can vary in Alaska's Arctic. Departure time could be as early as 10:00 am or as late as 4:00 pm. Stop by the Coldfoot Café by 9:00 am on Day 2 to reconfirm your departure time OR check with the Coldfoot Camp guide the night prior as we may have a better idea of the flight time for your particular date of travel.

Outhouse restroom facilities throughout ground portion of the tour.

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 our 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 might 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

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### *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 unpopulated land of vast wilderness expanses. Your 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 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 this 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 the 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 Aurora Fly/Drive Adventure – Northbound Ground Tour

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### 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.

### FLIGHT WEIGHT / LUGGAGE

At the time of reservation, please provide the individual weight of each member of the tour party. The weight is required for proper balance of aircraft used for the flight portion of the tour.

**WEIGHT LIMIT:** Baggage is limited to 10-15 pounds per person. Luggage over 15 pounds is subject to be stored in Fairbanks.

### FOOD

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

We do make a stop at Yukon River Camp; however, the kitchen there is temporarily closed. Until it reopens, we will make a QUICK stop at a grocery store on the way out of town. That will be the ONLY place to get food for the day until you reach Coldfoot Camp. Once the Yukon River Camp kitchen re-opens we will no longer make the grocery store stop.

Once at Coldfoot Camp you can purchase all other meals or snacks at the Truckers Café.

### INCLUSIONS

The tour price includes guided ground tour, air transportation, Arctic Village Aurora optional tour, a room at Coldfoot Camp, and Arctic Circle Certificate .

### WHAT TO WEAR / BRING

Layers are the key to comfort. While large parkas and snow suits aren't necessary, they do help. Whether or not you are lacking in heavy snow gear, layers can make winter comfortable. Start with snug fitting long/thermal underwear. On top of that you will want an assortment of undershirts, T-shirts, long sleeved shirts, sweaters, fleece vests and or jackets, and a wind-proof shell. For the bottom-half try to have snug fitting warm pants, sweat pants, and finish with wind-proof pants. Sock liners and wool or wool blend socks plus the warmest boots you can find will keep your toes warm. It is important to remember that the only wind proof layer you want is the outer one. Keep the inside layers breathable and shy away from cotton. Also try to use layers that go from snug to loose. To finish-off your winter wear, bring a hat(s), scarf and mittens.

### 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 range from \$15.00-\$25.00 per guest, per day for excellent service.

You will have at least 3 guides for this Adventure: One for the guided ground tour Fairbanks to the Arctic Circle, one for the guided ground tour from the Arctic Circle to Coldfoot, and one for your Arctic Village Aurora tour out of Coldfoot.

### OPTIONAL TOURS - Available for purchase

#### DOG SLED ADVENTURE:

Enjoy an experience with real Alaskan sled dogs. Learn what it takes to have a dog team in Alaska. Enjoy a 15-minute ride. 1-hour experience. Availability may vary. Can only be booked in Coldfoot from Dec 15-Mar 31.

#### ARCTIC SNOWSHOE OUTING:

Enjoy a guided outing on snowshoes on a trail near Clara Creek. The excursion lasts about 2 hours, with about 1 hour of snowshoeing. Can be booked in advance.

### GUEST SAFETY

Guest safety is our foremost priority. Guides are licensed to operate commercial vehicles. Tour vehicles are CB radio and satellite phone equipped. Weather conditions always dictate safe flight altitude. At times it is necessary to fly above cloud cover, thus reducing or even eliminating aerial visibility.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

In the spirit of the remote wilderness, the overnight accommodations consist of very basic, clean rooms that are extremely rustic by urban standards. The rooms are simple with 2 single beds and 3/4 bathroom. (shower no tub). Pay telephones are available.

### ALTERATION

**PLEASE NOTE:** Guest safety *always* takes precedence over convenience. On rare occasions, weather or other uncontrollable circumstances may require alteration/cancellation of a portion or all of the scheduled tour itinerary.

If the tour requires additional overnight stay due to weather or uncontrollable circumstances the cost of accommodations and meals is the guest's responsibility.

If the weather requires us to alter the return method of travel from air to ground it will be done as an equal exchange of travel.