



**Tour:** ALASKA – THE LAST FRONTIER  
**Destination:** Fairbanks, Anchorage & Seward, Alaska  
**Itinerary:** 8-days / 7-nights itinerary  
**Availability:** October through April annually

ALASKA: THE LAST FRONTIER - Winter						
Day	Morning		Afternoon		Evening	
1	Travel to Fairbanks, Alaska; transfer to Hotel and get checked in; dinner on own while traveling					
2	Welcome, Safety & Orientation	Fairbanks City Tour	Trans-Alaska Pipeline - Review & Visit	North Pole Visit	Local Dinner	Aurora Borealis Viewing + Hot Cocoa
3	University of Alaska Campus Visit + Museum of the North + Northern Lights Movie "Dynamic Aurora"		Reindeer Ranch - An Immersive Hike with a Reindeer		Local Dinner	Aurora Borealis Viewing
4	Travel to Denali National Park		Murie Science & Learning Center + "Heartbeats of Alaska" Film + Ranger Talk + Snowshoe Trail Hike		Local Dinner	Free Time
5	Travel to Talkeetna		Alaska Railroad: Ice Journey to Anchorage; dinner on Train			Hotel Check-In
6	Anchorage City Tour	The Anchorage Museum	Martin Buser & Happy Trails Kennel Master Class: Local Dog Musher in Wasilla; 4-time Iditarod Race winner		Return to Anchorage	Local Dinner
7	Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center		Alaska SeaLife Rescue Center, Seward		Local Dinner	Airport Check in & return flight home
8	Arrive Home					



As with all sample itineraries, please be advised that this is an 'example' of a schedule and that the activities and hotels shown may be variable dependent upon dates, weather, special requests and other factors. Itineraries will be confirmed prior to travel.



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**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please know that separate itineraries are available for both summer and winter travel to Alaska. Winter seasonality includes October through April; summer includes May through September. Regardless, weather conditions can be severe in Alaska so please understand that itineraries are subject to change. Please know though, if change does need to occur, we promise you will still have an amazing time!

### Day 1

Meals on own; in flight

*Alaska* - Where does your mind go when you think about Alaska?

Perhaps you dream about the highest mountains or the Arctic plains. The deep green of the old growth rainforest or the varying blues of the rushing rivers, tranquil lakes, deep oceans, and ancient glaciers. Alaska is all you imagine and more. Explore and get inspired by the vast landscapes, native cultures, wildlife, and wild places. Create your ideal itinerary – the things and places you’ve always wanted to see; then come see for yourself what Alaska has to offer. It’s amazing!



Groups traveling to Alaska will generally arrive in Fairbanks in the late evening or early morning hours. Plan on purchasing your meals as you fly, ensuring you are well fed! Upon arrival into Fairbanks, your motorcoach will be waiting to transport your group to the hotel for a quick check-in and off to bed! Our fabulous journey starting tomorrow!

### *Did you know?*

- ✓ Alaska's name is based on the Eskimo word 'Alakshak' meaning great lands or peninsula. The term 'Alaska native' refers to Alaska's original inhabitants including Aleut, Eskimo and Indian groups.
- ✓ Outsiders first discovered Alaska in 1741 when Danish explorer Vitus Jonassen Bering sighted it on a voyage from Siberia. Russian whalers and fur traders on Kodiak Island established the first settlement in Alaska in 1784.
- ✓ In 1867 United States Secretary of State William H. Seward offered Russia \$7,200,000, or two cents per acre, for Alaska.
- ✓ The fishing and seafood industry is the state's largest private industry employer. Most of America's salmon, crab, halibut, and herring come from Alaska.
- ✓ Dog mushing is the official state sport. The Alaskan Malamute sled dog is strong and heavily coated. It was developed as a breed by a group of Eskimos named the Malemiuts.
- ✓ Nearly one-third of Alaska lies within the Arctic Circle.
- ✓ The discovery of gold in the Yukon began a gold rush in 1898. Later gold was discovered at Nome and Fairbanks.



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- ✓ Alaska is the USA's largest state and is over twice the size of Texas. Measuring from north to south the state is approximately 1,400 miles long and measuring from east to west it is 2,700 miles wide. The state's coastline extends over 6,600 miles. When a scale map of Alaska is superimposed on a map of the 48 lower states of the USA, Alaska extends from coast to coast.
- ✓ 17 of the 20 highest peaks in the United States are located in Alaska. At 20,320 feet above sea level, Mt. McKinley, located in Alaska's interior, is the highest point in North America.
- ✓ Juneau is the only capital city in the United States accessible only by boat or plane.
- ✓ Alaska is one of the largest crude oil producers in the nation and relies on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System to transport crude oil from the frozen North Slope to the warm-water port at Valdez on the state's southern coast.
- ✓ Alaska ranks third in the nation in natural gas gross withdrawals and the state opened the first U.S. liquefied natural gas export terminal in Kenai in 1969, but most of the state's gas production is not brought to market because of the lack of pipeline transport.
- ✓ Many rural communities in Alaska rely primarily on diesel electric generators for power, and Alaska ranks second only to Hawaii in the share of its electricity that is generated from petroleum liquids.
- ✓ Wind power from over 100 turbines accounts for more than three-fourths of Alaska's electricity supply generated by nonhydroelectric renewable sources in 2016.
- ✓ Alaska was one of eight states in 2016 generating electricity from geothermal energy; the state's first geothermal power plant, Chena Hot Springs, opened in 2006 and has a generating capacity of 730 kilowatts.

*Fairbanks...* Go deep inside Alaska, where the unparalleled meets the unexpected!

Fairbanks emanates a quality of light, energy and warmth found nowhere else on Earth. The northern lights will change you, while the summer midnight sun charms you. Greet the Arctic wilderness on your doorstep or be amazed by Fairbanks' magnificent neighbor, Denali. Be transported into the gold rush past or engaged in the art and culture of this vibrant and diverse city. Make your journey into the heart of the Last Frontier and experience the light, energy and warmth found only in Fairbanks, Alaska.



Before the construction of the Alaska Highway, the establishment of military bases and Alaska's induction into the union as the 49th state of the USA, Fairbanks was an energetic mining town. Italian immigrant, Felix Pedro,



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is credited with the initial discovery of gold in 1902. As luck would have it, Captain E.T. Barnette's goal of building a trading post on the banks of the Chena River coincided with this, as well as other key gold strikes north of town. Subsequently, Fairbanks was incorporated in 1903.

More than one hundred years later, this small boomtown has a diversified economy, with oil, gas, gold and coal mining, military, tourism and the University of Alaska as key components. Fairbanks continues in its role as the services hub and gateway to Alaska's Interior and Arctic. With a population of close to 33,000, Fairbanks' citizenry swells to almost 97,000 when including the surrounding Fairbanks North Star Borough.

***Sample Hotel: Pikes Waterfront Lodge*** – on the Chena River, Pike's Waterfront Lodge offers comfortable rooms many with scenic views, a steam room, riverside deck, restaurant, a comfortable lounge, and wireless Internet in the public areas and most sleeping rooms. The hotel offers Aveda aromatherapy room amenities and is next door to famous Pike's Landing restaurant. Students sleep 4 to a room in rooms with 2 queen beds; staff sleep double occupancy.



## **Day 2**

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Rise and shine Fairbanks! After breakfast, we'll have our Welcome, Safety & Orientation Meeting, and then get our exploration started!



***Fairbanks City Tour*** – We'll start this morning getting to know this small town which is best known as being the "Golden Heart of Alaska". At 65 degrees north latitude, the sky takes on a capricious life of its own—a canvas for the aurora borealis, the midnight sun and sunsets and sunrises that last forever. Here there are serious mountain ranges, pristine rivers and lakes, abundant wildlife and a certain poignant solitude that is found nowhere else on earth. Locals embrace the natural world and have created a vibrant river city in the far north. Where else can you travel to such a remote locale and still enjoy all the amenities of a charming downtown, a thriving arts community, rich Alaska Native culture, authentic Alaskan activities and attractions and endless opportunities for exploration? Welcome to Fairbanks!



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After, we'll visit the Alaska Pipeline where students will learn what it takes to move the oil from the North Slope to Valdez.

**The Alaska Pipeline** – The 800-mile-long Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) is one of the world's largest pipeline systems. Starting in Prudhoe Bay on Alaska's North Slope, TAPS stretches through rugged and beautiful terrain to Valdez, the northernmost ice-free port in North America. Since pipeline start up in 1977, Alyeska - TAPS' operator - has successfully transported billion of barrels of oil.



The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System includes the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, 11 pump stations, several hundred miles of feeder pipelines, and the Valdez Marine Terminal. The pipeline was built between 1974 and 1977 after the 1973 oil crisis caused a sharp rise in oil prices in the United States. This rise made exploration of the Prudhoe Bay oil field economically feasible. Environmental, legal, and political debates followed the discovery of oil at Prudhoe Bay in 1968, and the pipeline was built only after the oil crisis provoked the passage of legislation designed to remove legal challenges to the project.

The task of building the pipeline had to address a wide range of difficulties, stemming mainly from the extreme cold and the difficult, isolated terrain. The construction of the pipeline was one of the first large-scale projects to deal with problems caused by permafrost, and special construction techniques had to be developed to cope with the frozen ground. The project attracted tens of thousands of workers to Alaska, causing a boomtown atmosphere in Valdez, Fairbanks and Anchorage.

- Length - 800 miles; Diameter: 48 inches
- Crosses three mountain ranges and over 800 rivers and streams
- Cost to build: \$8 billion in 1977, the largest privately funded construction project at that time
- Construction began on March 27, 1975 and was completed on May 31, 1977. The first oil moved through the pipeline on June 20, 1977
- The first tanker to carry crude oil from Valdez: ARCO Juneau, August 1, 1977
- Storage tanks in Valdez - 18 with total storage capacity of 9.1 million barrels total

After a stop for lunch, we'll go in search of Santa at the North Pole.

**The North Pole** (14 miles southeast of Fairbanks) – Visit the North Pole of Alaska where the spirit of Christmas lives year-round. Today, many streets within the city and surrounding communities bear holiday names, street lights are decorated in candy cane motifs and many buildings are painted with Christmas colors and designs. Each year the North Pole community starts the holiday season with a Winter Festival including fireworks, a candle lighting ceremony, “Christmas in Ice” ice carving festival, and a community tree lighting in December. The Santa Claus House, the “official” home of Santa Claus greets all visitors who pass through the city, complete with live reindeer and an opportunity for a photograph with Santa Claus at the Santa Claus House



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The remaining afternoon is left open to see what you want to see and do what you want to do. Many schools like to push everything back by a couple of hours this morning to compensate for late arrivals not getting in until the wee hours of the morning. If you prefer a late start, just let us know.



***Aurora Borealis Viewing*** – This evening, we'll board our coach and travel out away from the city lights to hopefully, view the Northern Lights. Although promises can't be made, we'll try to chase these magnificent lights for you. Of course, you'll be in complete comfort but dress warm in case you want to get out and explore!

### **Day 3**

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Good morning Alaska! After breakfast, we'll start our day with a visit to the University of Alaska.

***University of Alaska Fairbanks – 'The Arctic University'*** - Alaskans take great pride in their individuality, and Alaska's flagship university campus is no different. UAF students come from Alaska, most other states and 42 foreign countries. Undergraduate students make up 88 percent of the total student body. Starting in 1922, the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines opened its doors. The school grew quickly, and in 1935 became the University of Alaska. By the time Alaska became a state in 1959, students could earn a Ph.D. at the university. UAF remains the only campus in the state that awards doctoral degrees and it holds the distinction of being one of the few Land, Sea & Space Grant universities in the country.



During our visit to the University, groups will have a ***campus tour*** and then get to learn about the Aurora Borealis. Through a ***film presentation***, we'll learn what causes the magic of the Northern Lights.

Are the University's Museum – ***University of Alaska's Museum of the North*** - discover Alaska Native cultures, natural wonders, diverse wildlife and Arctic dinosaurs. Explore 2,000 years of Alaska art, learn about research by museum scientists, and view original exhibits and breathtaking architecture. The Museum's upper level

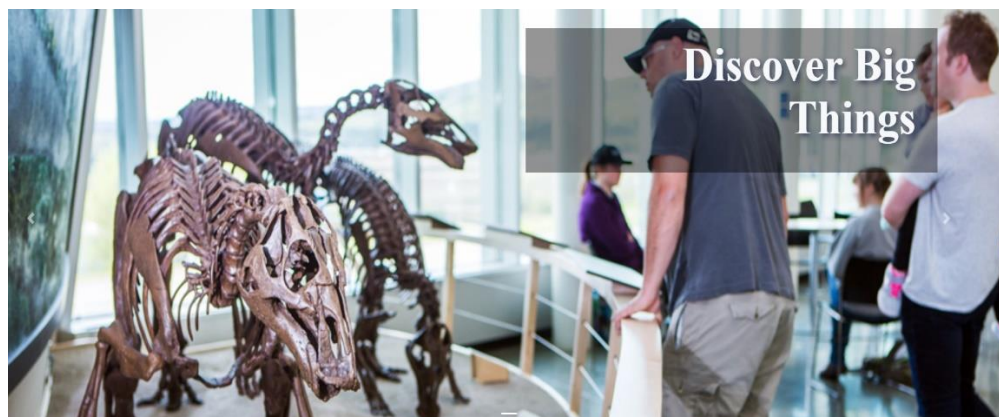


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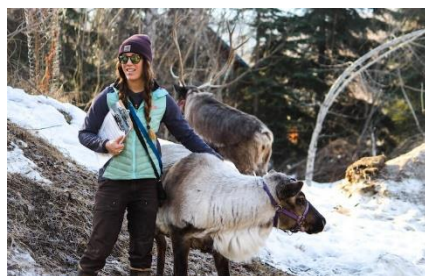


contains 'The Place Where You Go to Listen,' a unique sound and light environment created by composer John Luther Adams. This ever-changing musical ecosystem gives voice to the rhythms of daylight and darkness, the phases of the moon, the seismic vibrations of the earth and the dance of the aurora borealis in real time. The Museum also houses exhibits on Alaska wildlife, culture, native people, and gold. **IMPORTANT** – the museum is only open from Wednesday through Saturday. Unfortunately, if your visit falls on a day outside of this span, the museum will generally not be open for visitors.



In the afternoon, get ready for an amazing experience!

***The Reindeer Ranch: An immersive Hike with a Reindeer*** - Learn all about these fascinating animals and the adaptations that allow them to survive in the harsh interior climate. A local guide will lead you as you walk alongside these furry friends through a magical birch forest. Watch the reindeer as they leap and frolic through the woods, roaming freely alongside us. Each walk is a unique experience that changes based on the season, trail conditions, and the reindeer's moods. Get ready to play reindeer games while observing why this breed is ideal for Arctic living. After the hour-long walk, we'll head inside to learn a bit more about reindeer while enjoying homemade cookies and drinks.



After our full day, we'll have some time for rest and relaxation. Tonight, after dinner, we're off in search of the Northern Lights once again!

#### **Day 4**

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Rise and shine Alaska! After breakfast at our hotel, we'll pack our bags, load up and head to the majestic Denali!

***Denali National Park*** – Roughly 400,000 intrepid travelers journey to Denali National Park and Preserve each year, primarily between late May and early September. Denali National Park and Preserve in Alaska is nearly 6

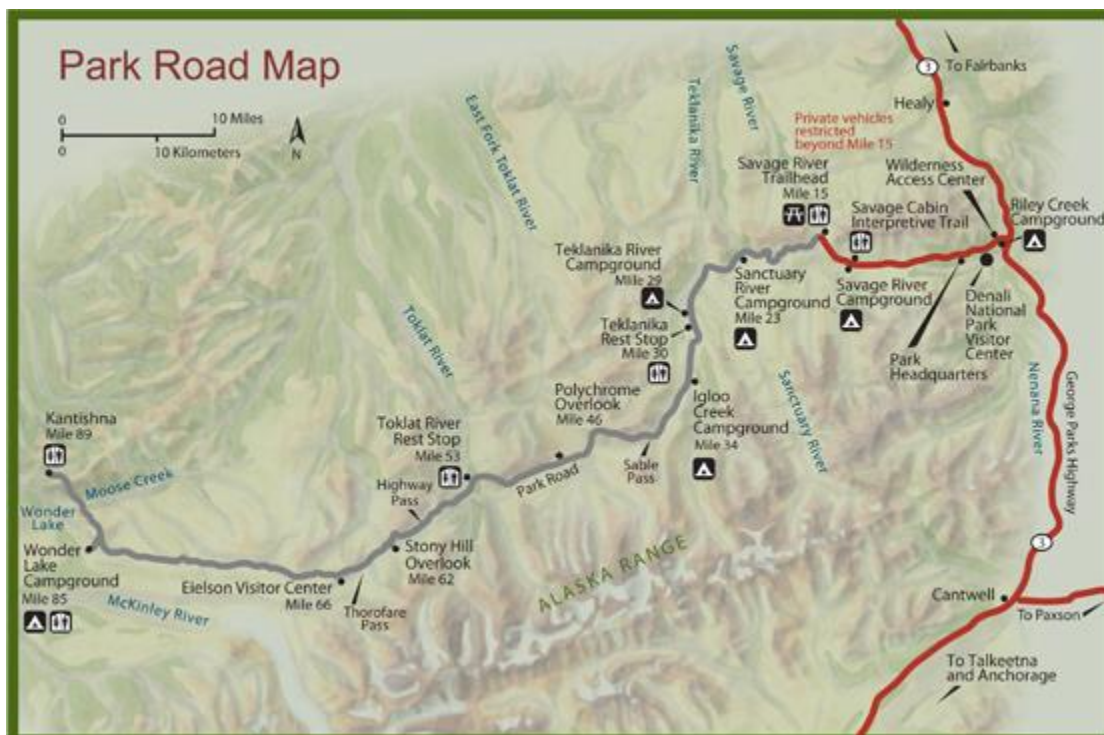


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million acres and over 9,419 square miles in size! Most visitors come in search of wildlife or glimpses of the 20,320' tall Mount McKinley, the 'roof of North America.'

Denali National Park and Preserve has one road, simply called the Denali Park Road, and it is the main avenue for visitors to see and experience Denali. The road is only open in the summer, 92 miles long and only the first 15 miles of it are paved. The Denali Park Road parallels the Alaska Range and travels through low valleys and high mountain passes. Along its route, beautiful scenery can be seen at every turn, and there are many opportunities to view Mt. McKinley - if the normally cloudy skies permit. Wildlife can often be seen, too, though sightings are not guaranteed - they are, after all, wild animals roaming an unfenced land!



Upon arrival, our groups will go to the Murie Science & Learning Center, a center for research and discovery in the subarctic and arctic. As unparalleled living laboratories, national parks offer researchers priceless opportunities to study unique natural systems and living organisms. The resulting science benefits society and develops the scientific information needed to make effective management decisions.

***Murie Science & Learning Center: Film, Ranger Talk & Snowshoe Hike*** - The Murie Science and Learning Center promotes science and stewardship in Denali and other Alaskan national parks with a focus on serving youth. The center also serves as Denali's winter visitor center and is run by the National Park Service in partnership with Alaska Geographic and other organizations. While here, we will talk with rangers about current trail conditions, watch the film "Heartbeats of Alaska", and borrow a pair of snowshoes to head out to explore the trails!

This evening we will check in to a local hotel, have dinner and then some down time to catch up!



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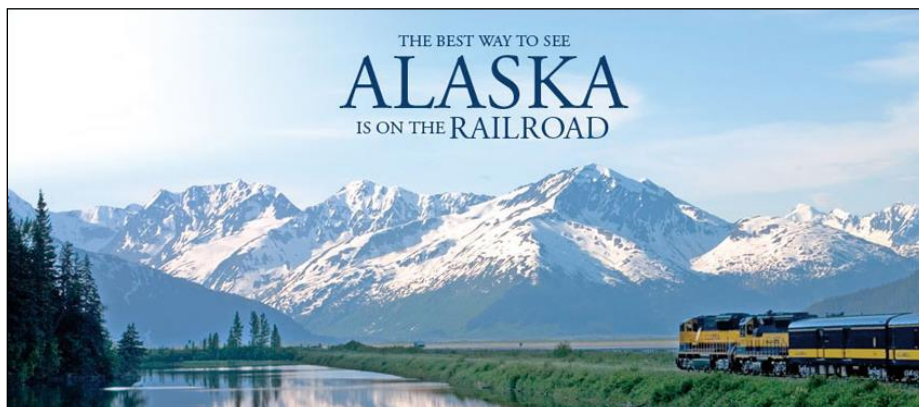
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## Day 5

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Good morning Denali! After breakfast, we'll pack up and head to Talkeetna, riding on the Alaska Railroad!



**The Alaska Railroad** – Riding the Alaskan rails is an experience that's impossible to duplicate. Snow-capped mountains and wildlife fill the ever-changing panorama of your window, making for the easiest and most luxurious way to drink in the scenery. The 470 total miles of train track run from Seward on the Kenai Peninsula up through Anchorage, to Denali National Park and on into Fairbanks. There are 3 different routes and all of the stretches of track are unforgettable, and many miles run past places inaccessible by car. All seats on the Alaska Railroad are comfortable and spacious with large picture windows. Our train will depart in the late afternoon for the 3-hour journey to Anchorage.

Dinner will be served on the train this evening. On arrival we will check in to our hotel, get settled and have free time for exploration.



**Sample Anchorage Hotel: Springhill Suites by Marriott** - Find unrivaled beauty at Springhill Suites Anchorage with modern amenities, such as free high-speed Wi-Fi and separate areas to work and relax in our spacious suites. Nestled at the base of the Chugach Mountain range with a lakefront backdrop, you will be close to the University, and more. Hotel amenities include complimentary internet access, in-room coffee/tea makers, on-site guest laundry, gift shop, ATM, mini-fridge, microwave and hair dryers. Breakfasts are taken on property. Students sleep 4 to a room in rooms with 2 queen beds; staff sleep double occupancy.

**Anchorage** - Only in Anchorage can you meet a moose, walk on a glacier and explore a vast, natural park all in a single day. Between mountains and an inlet, surrounded by national parks and filled with Alaska wildlife, Anchorage combines the best of Alaska in a city that has the comforts of home and the hospitality



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of the Last Frontier. With more than 60 glaciers within 50 miles of downtown, a salmon stream in the heart of the city, six surrounding mountain ranges, 300 miles of wilderness trails and one of the largest state parks in our backyard, it's no wonder. By day, dog sled across an icy glacier, spot copious wildlife, fly out to Denali and get to know Alaska's first people. By night, enjoy hip, metropolitan amenities, a dining scene with abundant fresh-caught seafood, and the frontier spirit of Alaska's largest city.

### **Day 6**

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Rise & shine Anchorage! After breakfast in our hotel we'll spend some time exploring Anchorage today.

**Anchorage City Tour** – We'll tour the city with our guide today and get to know some of the best spots as we go from the historic downtown area out to the busiest sea-plane base in the world! From the Chugach Mountains to glacier walks, gold mining, and the downtown shops, there's something for everyone in Anchorage. If you have any special requests, please let us know.

**The Anchorage Museum** – Alaska's largest museum, the Anchorage Museum tells the story of Alaska and the North. It is a multifaceted story that weaves together social, political, cultural, scientific, historic and artistic threads. Explore the full diversity of Alaska Native cultures, including masterworks of Alaska Native art and design from the collections of the Smithsonian Institution.



- ✚ The Art of the North galleries in the museum's new wing present the museum's art collection from the perspectives of American art and an international North. Paintings, sculpture, photography, video and other media offer varied perceptions of the Northern landscape and wilderness through historical and contemporary depictions of both land and people.
- ✚ The new Alaska Exhibition tells the story of Alaska through multiple voices and perspectives reflecting the ingenuity, technology, ways of knowing and intimate understanding of the landscape that have allowed people to survive and thrive across the North. The exhibition is organized by 13 themes reflecting essential aspects of life in Alaska, both today and throughout the state's rich history. These themes reveal the identity of Alaska and its people.
- ✚ Discover Alaska and the Arctic through science. In the 11,000-square-foot Discovery Center, visitors of all ages are introduced to Alaska and the Arctic through technology, interactive installations, artwork, marine-life tanks and more. The space is divided into several distinct areas, each providing an opportunity to learn about our Northern environment.
- ✚ Finally, the Anchorage Museum Store was named among the world's 10 best by Conde Nast Traveler. Guests may also enjoy the full-service Muse restaurant serving fresh, organic and locally sourced selections, plus coffee bar.

In the afternoon, we'll visit a local musher to learn more about the athletes who compete in Alaska's official state sport, **dog mushing!**

**Happy Trails Kennels & Master Class** – Welcome to Happy Trails Kennels, the home of four-time Iditarod Champion Martin Buser and his family. Here, guests from all over the world are welcome to meet the athletes - the stars of Happy Trails - the dogs! Martin Buser is a champion of sled dog racing. Born in Winterthur,



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Switzerland, Buser began mushing at age seventeen in Switzerland. In 1979, he moved to Alaska to train and raise sled dogs full-time. His training operation, Happy Trails Kennels, is located in Big Lake, Alaska.



Arriving at the kennel, you will be greeted by between thirty and sixty sled dogs resting comfortably on their houses in the dog lot. Your tour begins with a welcome and a brief introduction to Happy Trails, with some guidelines for appropriate behavior with the dogs. They are all friendly and love being petted and snuggled but are high energy! In the Visitor Center your virtual trip along the Iditarod trail begins. Via a twenty-minute video, you travel from Anchorage to Nome. Martin's narration includes anecdotal stories from his thirty-five years of racing, as well as a great deal of Iditarod history. The next stop is the log amphitheater. The campfire and wall tent, a mockup of the checkpoint at Cripple, set the stage for a description of life on the trail. The presentation includes an in-depth look at how the real athletes -- the dogs -- are cared for and outfitted for the elements, complete with a "runway" model wearing the latest trail fashion.

A dog sled demonstration run is the noisy part of the tour. A team of six lucky dogs is harnessed to the gang-line. You will see and can photograph them as they pull an ATV on a short, highly visible loop. During the harnessing, the uproar of barks of "take me" prohibits any discussion and the smiles on the dogs' faces show visitors what these sled dogs love the most ~ running.

Puppy time is the GRAND FINALE and a favorite part of the tour! You will get to hold puppies and be a part of the socialization program since a major goal at Happy Trails is to raise happy dogs. A small Gift Shop is on site.

This evening we will have dinner in Anchorage and then free time for exploration!

### **Day 7**

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Good morning Alaska! Today is a day to experience wildlife. First on land, then at sea! First though, we'll pack-up and check-out as most flights will depart this evening for an overnight flight home.

**Alaska Wildlife 'Big Game' Conservation Center** – The Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving Alaska's wildlife through public education. The AWCC is located in Portage Valley and is surrounded by the breathtaking Chugach Mountain Range and Turnagain Arm Inlet. Come enjoy over 200 acres of animal enclosures by touring the scenic 1.5-mile loop, accessible by foot or by car, while learning about our resident wildlife. AWCC takes in injured and orphaned animals year-round and provides spacious enclosures and quality animal care. Animals that cannot be released into the wild are given a permanent home at the center. Once here, groups will enjoy a special tour with a naturalist guide.



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After learning about Alaska's native land animals, we'll head to a different specialty rescue center in Seward.



**The Alaska SeaLife Center** – Alaska's only public aquarium and ocean wildlife rescue center is located in beautiful Seward on the shores of Resurrection Bay. Visitors can enjoy close encounters with puffins, octopus, Steller sea lions and other marine animals while peeking over the shoulders of scientists studying life in Alaska's arctic and subarctic marine ecosystems. The Alaska SeaLife Center generates and shares scientific knowledge to promote understanding and stewardship of Alaska's marine ecosystems.

- ✚ **Research & Conservation Science** - The Alaska SeaLife Center is one of the only non-profit organizations in the world that has both a public aquarium and fully supported research facility in the same building. With state-of-the-art laboratories, aquarium animals that participate in research and our extensive field work, the Alaska SeaLife Center has quickly become *the* cold-water research facility in the United States. They are affiliated with the University of Alaska Fairbanks and also collaborate with numerous state, federal and international agencies and universities—which can mean only one thing - their research is conducted by some of the top marine scientists in the world!
- ✚ **Rescue & Rehabilitation** - The ASLC Rescue and Rehabilitation Program is an important part of the Center's commitment to understand and maintain the integrity of the marine ecosystem of Alaska through research, rehabilitation and public education. Through this program, the center rescues, treats, and releases stranded animals. It is the policy of the Alaska SeaLife Center to make every reasonable effort to rehabilitate and release as many rescued animals as possible.



- ✚ The Center is the only permanent stranding facility for marine mammals in Alaska. Operating as a designated marine mammal "stranding center" within a marine research facility allows veterinarians and staff to learn a great deal about these animals during the rehabilitation process. Rescued and rehabilitated animals provide ASLC with insight to their biology and physiology. This program also assists with monitoring the status of wild populations through scientific study of ill or orphaned marine mammals and birds. The ASLC Rescue and Rehabilitation Program is authorized by the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to respond to marine mammal and bird strandings from the entire gulf coast of Alaska. The program includes a veterinary staff, interns, and volunteers trained to respond and care for marine mammals and birds.



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- ✚ **Exhibits** - The Alaska SeaLife Center offers an unrivalled, up-close and personal experience with Gulf of Alaska marine wildlife. Witness a 2000+ pound Steller sea lion gliding past underwater viewing windows, puffins diving in a carefully crafted naturalistic habitat, and harbor seals resting on rocky beaches. Alaskan king crab, sea stars, and the Giant Pacific octopus also await you, as well as a whole variety of intertidal creatures and deep-sea fishes. Enjoy!

After learning about all the incredible marine life in Alaska, we'll head back to Anchorage for a local dinner and then it's off to the airport to check-in for our overnight flight home. We will say goodbye to this wonderful land, a true "Last Frontier", and wave goodbye to our new friends as we head home, taking away memories that will last a lifetime!

### **Day 8**

Meals available for purchase in flight/airport

This morning you will arrive back home. Thank you for being our guest!

“Q'u, q'u yet dahdi nuntghesht'ih yida.”



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## ALASKA – THE FINAL FRONTIER - WINTER

**Minimum Booking Numbers:** 20 students

**What's Included:**

- Roundtrip flights with a scheduled carrier
- 6-nights' accommodation in destination
- Breakfasts & dinners daily
- Airport transfers and transportation as shown
- Fairbanks City Tour
- Trans-Alaska Pipeline Viewing / Talk
- North Pole visit (town near Fairbanks)
- Aurora Borealis Viewing – 2 nights
- University of Alaska Fairbanks Campus Visit + Museum of the North + Aurora Borealis Film "Dynamic Aurora"
- Denali National Park excursion
- Murie Science & Learning Center + "Heartbeats of Alaska" Film + Snowshoe Hike + Ranger Talk
- Alaska Railroad: Ice Journey - Fairbanks to Denali
- Anchorage City Tour
- The Anchorage Museum
- Happy Trails Kennels & Master Class Experience
- Alaska Wildlife 'Big Game' Conservation Center
- Alaska SeaLife Rescue Center - Seward
- Personal Tour Ambassador
- Fund-a-Forest: A tree is planted in the name of each guest
- Dollar\$ For Scholars: \$2 donation in the name of each guest
- 24-hour emergency cover

**What's Not Included:**

- Fully comprehensive insurance (mandatory)
- Transfers to/from home airport
- Transportation for activities not shown in the itinerary
- Lunches in destination
- Cost of visas, full or collective passports
- Cost of inoculations or medication required for travel
- Sightseeing / Entertainment Options not shown
- Hotel incidental deposits & bills – meals, mini-bar items, recreation, purchases billed to room, etc.
- Any gratuities – drivers, hotel services, area guides, tour ambassador

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