

TOUR ITINERARY
ARCTIC OCEAN ADVENTURE™
Northbound Ground Tour

DAY 1

8:30 am Depart Fairbanks on guided ground tour. **(Departure time is subject to change. Please confirm exact departure time when calling to check in the day before the tour.)**

Arctic Circle Trading Post

1:15 pm Arrive Yukon River

Arctic Circle

6:15 pm - Arrive Coldfoot.

Optional evening flight or scenic river float available for purchase

Overnight at Coldfoot camp

DAY 2

7:00 am Depart Coldfoot on guided ground tour. **(Please confirm exact departure time with your guide on the evening of Day 1.)**

Wiseman

Pass through Brooks Mountain Range.

6:30 pm Arrive Deadhorse

Overnight at Deadhorse Camp

DAY 3

Morning Arctic Ocean Shuttle. **(Please confirm exact departure time with your guide on Day 2.)**

Approx. 12:00 pm—5:00 pm
Depart Deadhorse by air for Fairbanks.

Approx. 2:00 pm —7:00 pm 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 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 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

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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 Prudhoe Bay 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 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 Ocean Adventure™ - Northbound Ground Tour

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

INCLUSIONS

The tour price includes guided ground tour, air transportation, and overnight accommodations. Meals are NOT included in the tour price. Meals can be purchased at restaurants along the tour route. Tour price is based on double occupancy at hotel accommodations. An additional single supplemental fee applies for single occupancy arrangements.

Coldfoot Optional Tours—Available for Purchase: **Koyukuk River Float**—a 3 hour leisurely float down the Middle Fork Koyukuk River or **Gates of the Arctic Air Adventure** - Evening flight over the Gates of the Arctic National Park (due to daylight, flight is only available May—August)

ACCOMMODATIONS

In the spirit of the remote wilderness, the overnight accommodations consist of very basic, clean rooms that are extremely rustic by urban standards. There are not private bathrooms in the rooms. There are private toilet and shower stalls in separate men's and women's facilities that are shared among guests. Pay telephones are available.

MEALS

Meals/Food are not included with the tour. Due to transportation costs associated with bringing goods into this remote region, expect to pay more for meals along the tour route than in Fairbanks or Anchorage. Meals in Coldfoot and Prudhoe Bay are often buffet-style and range from \$10 - \$25 for most items.

ARCTIC OCEAN ACCESS

A valid picture identification, preferably a driver's license or passport, is required to access the Arctic Ocean. At the time of booking, guests must provide their identification number and issuing state or province or country along with their birthdate. This must be taken on tour and presented to board the Arctic Ocean Shuttle.

SMOKING

The inside of the vehicle is maintained as a smoke-free environment. There are opportunities to smoke outside the vehicle along the tour route.

TOUR VEHICLES

Northern Alaska Tour Company strives to provide a personalized travel experience. Touring is done in small groups utilizing 10-passenger vans. Gear is stored in the rear of the vans. In the event that more than ten guests are booked for a single departure date, a second departure will be added utilizing an additional 10-passenger tour van.

AIRCRAFT

Multiple air carriers are used for the flight portion of your Arctic Ocean Adventure (the flight between Fairbanks and Deadhorse). It is important for guests to know the time of the flight and type of aircraft used for this transportation portion of the adventure can and does change.

VERY IMPORTANT No one should have an expectation for one type of aircraft over another for this flight. No one is missing a part of or gaining more of a tour based on the aircraft they are on.

SEATING

Seating configuration in the tour vans is three guests per bench seat, and one guest up front. Guest seating is rotated throughout the tour. Thus, each guest is provided with a variety of different viewing perspectives and the opportunity to interact with others on the tour.

RESTROOMS

The tour van is not equipped with restroom facilities, thus frequent rest stops are made along the tour route. The longest time period between stops is approximately 2 1/2 hours. Outhouse facilities are the norm at rest stops.

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.

WHAT TO WEAR / BRING

Dress for comfort, not to impress. Wear comfortable walking-type shoes that can get a bit soiled in the event of rain, dress in layers, and bring a warm medium-weight jacket. During spring (mid-May to mid-June) and fall (mid-August to early September) bring a warm cap and gloves or mittens.

FLIGHT WEIGHT

Please provide the reservationist with the individual body weight of each member of the tour party. This accurate weight is required for the proper balance of aircraft used for the air portion of the tour.

LUGGAGE

NOTE: It is very important to limit yourself to one hand-carry size bag per person for your overnight bag. If needed, Northern Alaska Tour Company can store excess baggage and deliver it to you upon your return from the tour. **WEIGHT LIMIT:** Guests are limited to 10—15 pounds per person. Guests with luggage over 15 may be asked to leave items in storage.

GUEST SAFETY

Guest safety is our foremost priority. Guides are licensed to operate commercial vehicles. Tour vehicles are CB radio and satellite phone equipped for ground communication.

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 \$40.00 to \$80.00+ per guest for excellent service. A good range for pilot tips is \$5.00—\$10.00 per guest.

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.