

TOUR ITINERARY

MANLEY HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE®

DAY 1

- 7:30 am Ground tour north from Fairbanks.
- 12:00 pm Arrive in Minto village.
- 12:00 pm- 1:00 pm Lunch (included) at Lakeview Lodge and village hosted tour.
- 1:00pm Optional activities.
- 3:00 pm Depart Minto.
- 5:00 pm Arrive in Manley Hot Springs.
- 6:00 pm Dinner (not included) at Manley Roadhouse. Unstructured time to explore the village.

DAY 2

- 8:00 am Breakfast (not included) at Manley Roadhouse.
- 10:15 am Depart Manley Hot Springs by plane.
- 11:10 am Arrive in 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 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

MANLEY HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE®

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 "smoothes 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.

Manley Hot Springs Village Overnight Adventure

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TOUR VEHICLES

Northern Alaska Tour Company strives to provide a personalized touring experience. Touring is done in small groups utilizing a 10-passenger tour van. The flight portion of the tour is typically conducted in 9-passenger twin-engine aircraft.

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.

GUIDES

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

GRATUITIES

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 \$10.00-\$20.00 per guest, per day for excellent service.

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.

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.

WHAT TO WEAR / BRING

Dress for comfort, not to impress. Wear comfortable walking-type shoes you don't mind getting a bit soiled in the event of rain. Dress in layers, and bring a medium-weight jacket.

LUGGAGE

NOTE: It is very important to limit yourself to one hand-carry size bag per person of 10-15 pounds. If needed, we can store excess luggage and deliver it to you upon your return from the tour.

RESTROOMS

Outhouses are the norm for the Elliott Highway. Frequent rest stops are made along the tour route. The longest time period between stops is approximately 2 hours.

ACCOMMODATIONS

In the spirit of the remote wilderness, the overnight accommodations consist of very basic, clean rooms that are extremely rustic by urban standards. Bathrooms with showers are down the hall from the rooms.

INCLUSIONS

The tour price includes a guided ground tour from Fairbanks to Manley Hot Springs and air transportation from Manley to Fairbanks. Local restaurant meals will be available (not included in tour cost) but guests may bring their own snacks/food.

ADD-ON: WILD AND FREE DOG MUSHING

A dog mushing add-on is available through Wild and Free Mushing. This takes place in the evening but must be arranged ahead of time as guests will be brought to the homestead before arriving in Manley. Cost is \$125 per person. If interested, please enquire.

THE HOT SPRINGS

The hot springs facility in Manley is a large greenhouse with 4 small, cement baths surrounded by lush indoor vegetation. The bath house is rented by the hour. There is no changing room but each user (or party) can lock the door to the baths for privacy. There is no outhouse. Use of the bathhouse is optional and NOT included in the tour.

If interested, ask your guide for further information.

ALTERATIONS

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

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