

## TOUR ITINERARY

# ARCTIC CIRCLE FALL AURORA FLY/DRIVE ADVENTURE® with Homestead Aurora add-on

- 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.
- 3-4 pm Depart Coldfoot on guided ground tour.  
  
Arctic Circle. Outhouse restroom facilities available.
- 8:00 pm Arrive Yukon River. Outhouse restroom facilities available.  
  
Dinner on your own. Meals available for purchase at the Yukon River.
- Approx  
11:00 pm Arctic Circle Trading Post. Outhouse restroom facilities available. Scan the skies for the Northern Lights with a guide.
- Approx  
3:30 am - Arrive Fairbanks  
4:30 am

**Return Shuttle:** Return shuttles to your Fairbanks-based hotel or RV park is not included with the tour price. Return shuttles can be arranged for \$7.50 per person. Call Northern Alaska Tour Company for more details.

*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

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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 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 Fall Aurora Fly/Drive Adventure® with Homestead Aurora add-on

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### FLIGHT WEIGHT

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 5—10 pounds per person. Luggage over 10 pounds is subject to excess freight charges.

### CERTIFICATES

At the time of reservation, please provide correctly spelled first and last names of each person in the party. Each name provided will appear on an official Arctic Circle Adventure Certificate.

### TOUR LENGTH

The tour is typically 14 to 16 hours in length. Approximately 9 hours are spent in the tour vehicle, 1 hour is spent in the aircraft. The remaining time is spent exploring the sights. The tour departs Fairbanks by air at 1:00 pm and returns by ground approximately between 3:30 am and 4:30 am. Due to rapidly changing weather conditions in Alaska's Arctic it is not unusual for afternoon flight departure time to be delayed from 15 minutes to over an hour. Guest safety is our foremost priority and potential delays are simply an unavoidable aspect of flying in Alaska's Arctic.

### 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.

### 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 10-passenger van is used for smaller groups or special circumstances. The flight portion of the tour is typically conducted in 8-passenger to 19-passenger twin-engine aircraft.

### RESTROOMS

In the event the vehicle is not equipped with a restroom, frequent rest stops are made along the tour route. The longest time period between stops is approximately 2 1/2 hours.

### 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.

### INCLUSIONS

The tour price includes guided ground tour, and air transportation. Meals are **NOT** included in the tour price. Guests may bring their own meals or purchase a meal at the Yukon River. Also includes an evening of guided aurora watching at Joy, Alaska to increase chances of viewing the Northern Lights. Complimentary hot beverages are also included.

### 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.

### WHAT TO WEAR

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 medium-weight jacket.

### 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.

### SEAT ROTATION

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.

### 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 a tour range from \$10.00-\$20.00+ per guest for excellent service.