

TOUR ITINERARY

HOMESTEAD AURORA ADVENTURE®

8:15 pm Begin pick-ups at Fairbanks core hotels.

9:00 pm Depart Fairbanks by coach or van.

11:30 pm Arrive at the Arctic Circle Trading Post in Joy, Alaska.

This is your cozy and rustic base for awaiting the northern lights. Hot water and some powdered drinks are available.

Outhouse restroom facilities available.

2:00 am Depart Arctic Circle Trading Post for Fairbanks.

Approx.

3:30-4:30 am Arrive Fairbanks

Return Shuttle: If you are staying in any local Fairbanks core-area hotel, your Homestead Aurora guide will bring you there at the end of the day. If you are staying in a hostel or bed and breakfast, your guide will bring you to the nearest local hotel.

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 much of Alaska is truly remote. 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

HOMESTEAD AURORA ADVENTURE® **9:00 pm Departure**

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 Homestead Aurora Adventure® will be unlike previous travel you may have encountered. Getting to your Aurora watching venue in Joy, Alaska requires braving travel along the rugged Elliott 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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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TOUR LENGTH

The tour is typically 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 hours in length. Approximately 3 hours are spent in the tour vehicle. The remaining time is spent based out of the rustic and cozy Arctic Circle Trading Post watching for the Northern Lights. The tour departs Fairbanks at 8:00 pm and returns between 3:30 am and 4:30 am.

INCLUSIONS

The tour price includes guided ground tour. Meals are NOT included in the tour price. Guests should plan to bring any food they may need for the night. Hot water is available but there is no facility for cooking or preparing food.

SMOKING

The inside of the vehicle is maintained as a smoke-free environment, as is the Arctic Circle Trading Post. Smoking is allowed outside at the Trading Post.

RESTROOMS

There is no running water at the Arctic Circle Trading Post. Restroom facilities are all non-flush, unheated outhouses.

TOUR VEHICLES

Northern Alaska Tour Company strives to provide a personalized travel 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.

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 own 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.

GUEST SAFETY

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

WHAT TO WEAR

Dress for comfort, not to impress. For many, getting out into the winter boreal forest is a highlight of the day, but temperatures can range from 30° to -40° Fahrenheit, so dress in layers and bring warm coats, snow pants, hats, boots, and mittens.

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 tour range from \$10.00 to \$20.00+ per guest for excellent service.

ALTERATION

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