

## TOUR ITINERARY

# ARCTIC CIRCLE MIDNIGHT SUN OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE®

### DAY 1

9:45 am Depart Fairbanks on guided ground tour.

*Arctic Circle Trading Post*

2:30 pm Yukon River

5:30 pm Arctic Circle

*Meet your Coldfoot Camp guide who will take you the rest of the way north to Coldfoot.*

7:30 pm - Arrive Coldfoot

8:00 pm

*Overnight at Coldfoot Camp*

### DAY 2 (and day 3 and 4 if you are staying longer)

*Free time to explore on your own, relax, or purchase one or more of the optional tours available at Coldfoot Camp.*

### LAST DAY

Morning *Free time to relax and explore on your own.*

*Depart Coldfoot by air for Fairbanks.*

*Travel by small plane can vary in Alaska's Arctic. Departure time could be as early as 10:00 am or as late as 5:00 pm. Check with the Coldfoot Camp guide the night prior for your particular date of travel. ETA: 6:00 PM*

*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

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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 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.*

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# Arctic Circle Midnight Sun 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 25-passenger tour coach. Occasionally, a 15-passenger van is used for smaller groups or special circumstances. The flight portion of the tour is conducted in 9-passenger aircraft: Piper Navajo Chieftains or Cessna Caravans.

### SEATING / 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.

### FLIGHT WEIGHT / LUGGAGE

It is very important to limit yourself to one hand-carry size bag per person for your overnight bag. This will need to be a soft sided bag, like a back pack, duffle or tote bag. Nothing with wheels. If needed, Northern Alaska Tour Company can store excess baggage while you are traveling with us.

**WEIGHT LIMIT:** Baggage is limited to 15-20 pounds per person. Guests with luggage over 20 may be asked to leave items in storage.

### FOOD

Food is not included on this adventure. Guests may bring their own snacks/

As part of check in you can order lunch for the ground tour from Yukon River Camp. You would receive this lunch at approximately 3:00 pm.

Once at Coldfoot Camp you can purchase all other meals or snacks at the Truckers Café.

### 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.

We also recommend a reusable water bottle. Bring it full and you can refill it at the Yukon River Camp on the ground tour north and then again at Coldfoot Camp while you are there.

### 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.

### 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 range from \$15.00-\$25.00+ per guest, per day for excellent service.

For this adventure you will have at least 2 guides. One for the guided ground tour from Fairbanks to the Arctic Circle and one from the Arctic Circle to Coldfoot.

### RESTROOMS

Outhouse facilities are the norm along the Dalton Highway. The longest time between stops is approximately 2 1/2 hours. The tour coaches are equipped with a restroom that can be used between outhouse stops. The tour vans do not have a bathroom.

### 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 private toilet and shower stalls in each room. Pay telephones are available.

### 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 an additional overnight stay due to weather or other uncontrollable circumstances, the cost of accommodations and meals is the guest's responsibility.

If the weather requires us to change the return method of travel from air to ground, no price alteration will be made.

### COLDFOOT OPTIONAL TOURS —Available for purchase

#### Wiseman Village Visit

Visit a historic gold-mining community and learn of it's dynamic past and present.

#### Koyukuk River Float

Enjoy a three-hour leisurely float down the Middle Fork Koyukuk River.

#### Arctic Mountain Safari

Five-hour ground-tour into the Brooks Mountain Range.

#### Gates of the Arctic Air Adventure

Scenic flight over the Gates of the Arctic National Park.

#### Fat Tire Bike Retnal

Explore the beautiful Coldfoot wilderness area on a fat tire bike. Helmets provided.

#### Packrafting Adventure—Half Day

Float for 3+ miles on the edges of the Gates of the Arctic National Park. Perfect for beginners!

*We recommend you prebook any activity you know you want to do. Coldfoot will do their best to accommodate on site reservations; however, you will not always be able to make reservations once in Coldfoot due to space or guide availability.*