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EVENT

9 DAY HOLIDAY



Alaska Iditarod Race

featuring Fairbanks, Denali National Park and Iditarod Race Festivities

Tour Dates: March 1-9, 2020

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Alaska Iditarod Race

9 Days • 12 Meals Join us on a journey to “The Last Frontier” for the fabulous Iditarod Sled Dog Race. Witness the Ceremonial Start in Anchorage and travel to Willow for the Official Start of this epic race.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ 12 Meals (7 breakfasts, 1 box lunch and 4 dinners)
- ✓ Round trip airport transfers
- ✓ Spend 2 nights in Fairbanks, “The Golden Heart City” with ‘Northern Lights’ viewing
- ✓ Guided city tour of Fairbanks including Morris Thompson Cultural Center and Trans-Alaska Pipeline
- ✓ Time available for an optional dog mushing tours or Arctic Circle flightseeing trip
- ✓ Travel the Parks Highway to the town of Nenana, home of the Nenana Ice Classic!
- ✓ Visit Denali National Park’s Murie Science and Learning Center to see the film, *Heartbeats of Denali* and hear from a local ranger about the park
- ✓ Ride the Alaska Railroad in Adventure Class and keep an eye out for views of Denali from the north face to south face
- ✓ Narrated sightseeing tour of Anchorage including historic downtown, Lake Hood and Earthquake Park
- ✓ Enjoy Iditarod festivities and dinner at the Musher’s Banquet
- ✓ Visit Happy Trails Kennel and meet four-time Iditarod Champion Martin Buser
- ✓ See the Ceremonial Start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Anchorage and cheer on your favorite mushers
- ✓ Travel to Willow for the Official Start of the Iditarod Race, the 1,049-mile odyssey to Nome
- ✓ \$45 in Mayflower Money



Join an optional journey to view the ‘Northern Lights’

DAY 1 – Arrive in Alaska

Welcome to Alaska as you arrive in Fairbanks, the Golden Heart City and transfer to your hotel. Meet your Tour Manager in the lobby for dining suggestions. This evening an optional journey is available for some Aurora Borealis viewing.

DAY 2 – Fairbanks Sightseeing and Optional Tours

A guided city tour of Fairbanks shows you the “Golden Heart City.” Visit the Morris Thompson Cultural Center and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. This afternoon will be at your leisure for optional tours such as dog mushing tours, Arctic Circle flightseeing, as well as many others to choose from. After our included dinner you’ll have another chance to view the Aurora Borealis at a different location.

Meals: B, D

DAY 3 – Denali National Park

Today, take the George Parks Highway south to Denali National Park. En route, enjoy an included visit to the town of Nenana, home of the Nenana Ice Classic! Upon arrival into Denali, enjoy an included visit to the Murie Science and Learning Center which acts as the Denali Visitor’s Center in the wintertime. See the National Park film, *Heartbeats of Denali*, hear from a local ranger about the park, and even have a chance to snowshoe! A box lunch is included today.

Meals: B, Box Lunch

DAY 4 – Ride the Alaska Railroad

After breakfast you are transferred to the Healy Rail Stop to board the world-famous Alaska Railroad, (Adventure Class) for your scenic journey south to Anchorage, Alaska’s largest city. Keep an eye out for views of Denali from the north face to south face. Upon arrival in Anchorage you will be transferred to your hotel. **Meal: B**



HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days One and Two – Pike’s Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks, Alaska

Day Three – Motel Nord Haven, Healy, Alaska

Days Four through Eight – Sheraton Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska



Visit Denali National Park



Enjoy a scenic ride aboard the Alaska Railroad enroute to Anchorage

DAY 5 – Anchorage Sightseeing and Musher’s Banquet

Today, enjoy a city tour of Anchorage featuring the historic downtown area, Lake Hood where 190+ floatplanes take off and land daily, and Earthquake Park to learn about the 1964 Earthquake. There will be time for lunch on own today. Later, travel along the scenic Seward Highway and enjoy an included visit to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center where you will have a chance to see Alaska’s Wildlife up close and personal. Tonight, enjoy Iditarod festivities and dinner at the Musher’s Banquet. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 6 – Happy Trails Kennel

This morning, head to Happy Trails Kennel. Here, meet four-time Iditarod Champion Martin Buser. Hear personal stories and see his dogs while viewing a glimpse of the grandeur Alaska has to offer along the Iditarod Trail. Later, return to Anchorage with an included stop at the Iditarod Headquarters en route. **Meal: B**

DAY 7 – Iditarod Ceremonial Race Start

After breakfast, you head to 4th Avenue to get a great spot at the Ceremonial Start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Spend time cheering on mushers from all over the world. Mushers will depart the starting gate every two minutes. Watch each of them depart or take off early and enjoy other Iditarod festivities in Anchorage. This afternoon, visit the Anchorage Museum, a large art, history, ethnography, ecology, and science museum in the heart of downtown Anchorage. Dinner will be included this evening. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 8 – Official Start of the Race

This morning, depart Anchorage and venture north to Willow for the restart of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. Be sure to dress in layers to maximize staying warm as the entire day will be spent outside cheering on your favorite dog teams. En-route, stop at a local grocery store in Wasilla to pick-up on own snack and lunch items. Prepare for a

bit of a walk to find the perfect spot along the fence line of the race. Mushers take off across Willow Lake on their 1,049-mile journey by dog sled to Nome. The Willow Community Center is open and offers a break from the cold with vendors selling food and drink as well as local crafts. Don’t miss out on snacks throughout the day! Your Tour Director will have more information on this edible portion of the program! The departure time from Willow will depend on weather conditions and guests’ comfort level. It is our goal to see as many of the Mushers depart as possible while still arriving back into Anchorage by 6:00/6:30pm. **Meal: B, D** (Dinner hosted by American Stage Tours)

DAY 9 – Depart for Home

Today we say goodbye to Anchorage and depart for home.



See the Ceremonial Start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Anchorage



Visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center

2020 DEPARTURE	PER PERSON TWIN ROOM	SINGLE ROOM
March 1	\$4,599	add \$909

Pricing includes round trip transportation to San Francisco airport, round trip airfare from San Francisco, a post-night in Anchorage, hosted dinner by American Stage Tours in Anchorage, and the travelers protection plan.

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – Included

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

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- 61 days and more – deposit amount
 - 60 – 31 days – 20% of the tour cost
 - 30 – 15 days – 30% of the tour cost
 - 14 – 1 day prior – 40% of the tour cost
 - Day of departure or early departure from tour – 100% of the tour cost
- No refund on unused portion

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