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The Iditarod Tour & Itinerary

Join Alaska's Guided Tours & Accommodations on this unforgettable Iditarod tour. This is a six day, five night tour that features the Matanuska Susitna Valley, Wasilla, Talkeetna, Girdwood, Willow and Anchorage. This is a fun packed tour that provides some of the best of Alaska's incredible views all along the way. Sit back and enjoy as we take you on an escorted tour with your comfort and safety as our priority. This is a relaxing trip that will show you some of the best sights in Alaska. Enjoy this smaller-sized Alaska tour that is led by local Alaskans. We can also arrange flight seeing tours on request.

DETAILS:

Departure Dates June 1 - August 1, 2012

\$ 2299.00 per person,

Double occupancy

6 Days / 5 Nights

Limited Availability - Vehicle accommodates 6 to 10 Guests

DAY ONE - Wednesday, March 2, 2011 - Anchorage: When you arrive in Anchorage, a 24 hour free shuttle will pick you up from the airport and take you to your Hotel. These great accommodations are downtown so you will be in walking distance of many of the Anchorage attractions and quaint local shops. Explore the city at your leisure. Check out the many festivities during the ongoing annual Fur Rendezvous with: Native Arts Market, Theater Show, Winter Carnival Activities, Snow Sculpturing Competition, Snowshoe Softball Matches and Firework Displays while the city gears for the Iditarod Race over the weekend. Explore the city at your leisure. Overnight lodging in Anchorage. Meals Provided: None

Schedule

Arrive at Anchorage
Shuttle Pick up from to your Hotel
Shopping in Historic Anchorage

Saturday, March 5, 2011 Start of the Iditarod Race / Anchorage: The famous Iditarod Race starts in Alaska's largest city, in Anchorage at 10:00 am on 4th. Avenue. Your tour guides will be getting you up early, so you're not to miss any of the preparations. Make sure to bring your cameras, You will be able to take up close pictures of your favorite mushers and dog teams. With over 80 mushers and 1000 sled dogs lined up, ready to leave shortly from the starting line for the famous "1049 mile race to Nome". After the start of the race, we will be heading towards Wasilla. We will be stopping off at the Iditarod Headquarter and Museum in Wasilla. Make sure to check out all the many Iditarod memorabilia that the museum has to offer. Overnight lodging Wasilla at Alaska's Lake Lucille Bed & Breakfast. Meals Provided: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Day One Links: [Anchorage](#) ^[3] | [Explore the city of Anchorage at your leisure.](#) ^[4]

DAY TWO -

Day Two: Thursday, March 3, 2011 - Anchorage / Mushers Banquet: Your guides will pick you up and your tour continues as you see some of the sites of Anchorage; Wild berry Farms, Ulu Factory, Alaska Fur Company, downtown Anchorage, and the native arts and crafts show at the Dimond Center Mall. All these are great places to pick up some Alaska souvenirs. We will then attend the musher's banquet this evening.

You will be transferred to the Denaina Center for your exciting evening entertainment: the Musher's Banquet, Drawing and Dinner. The dresscode for the evening is casual. Vegetarian meals available upon request. The doors open at 5:00 pm and dinner will begin at 6:00 pm. This is a must for anyone interested to see "The Last Great Race on Earth" for the first time. There will be plenty of photo opportunities and chances to meet and talk with some Iditarod Musher's personally. Overnight lodging in Wasilla, at Alaska's Lake Lucille B & B. Meals Provided: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

Schedule

Hearty Alaskan Breakfast
Alaska Wildlife Center
Lunch
Luxury Catamaran
- The Famous 26 Glaciers
- Prince William Sound
Dinner, Shopping, and Nights Accomodations in Seward

Day Two Links: [Alaska's Wild Life & Big Game](#) ^[5] | [Sea Life Center](#) ^[5] | [26 Glacier Tour](#) ^[6]

Anchorage Sites, Musher's Banquet

DAY THREE -

Day Three: Friday, March 4, 2011 - Willow / Vern Halter's Kennel: After breakfast we head towards Willow. Today you will experience half day of dog mushing knowledge and history before we return you to Anchorage. You will be visiting with Iditarod veteran Vern Halter's kennel. Vern Halter's presentation will include a demonstration of survival gear, mushing requirements, and an extended sled dog ride. Bring your camera and your questions. After lunch, we're headed towards the Iditarod Museum, then back to Anchorage for the evening to the Auction and Dinner at the Millennium Hotel / Host Hotel for the Iditarod. Overnight lodging in Wasilla, at Alaska's Lake Lucille B & B. Meals Provided: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

Schedule

Hearty Alaskan Breakfast

Cruise through Resurrection Bay

- Kenai Fjords
- Fox Island
- Wildlife Sightseeing
- Whale Watching

Dinner Alaskan Salmon, Prime Rib, Alaskan King Crab

Overnight Accomodation in Seward

Day Three Links: [Kenai Fjords Tour](#) ^[7]

Day Three-Willow, Vern Halter's Kennel, Iditarod, Auction & Dinner

DAY FOUR

Schedule

Hearty Alaskan Breakfast

Alaska Sea Life Center

Aerial Tram Ride to Mt. Alyeska

Lunch at Alyeska

Crow Creek Gold Mine

Barbecue Dinner at Alaska's Lake Lucille Bed & Breakfast

Overnight Accomodations at Alaska's Lake Lucille Bed & Breakfast

Day Four Links: [Alaska's Sea Life Center](#) ^[5] | [Crow Creek Mine](#) ^[8]

Day Four-Iditarod Race & Iditarod Museum

DAY FIVE-Sunday, March 6, 2011 - Anchorage / Iditarod Re-Start Race in Willow: After breakfast, we will travel north towards to Willow for the offical restart ceremony. The re-start takes place on a frozen lake in Willow. There will be crafts and displays set up inside of the Willow Community Center, you can observe volunteers settings up for the race, and see the mushers arrive. If it is a clear day you can see Mt. McKinley from here. The race will begin at 2:00 pm. Enjoy the busy and bustling Iditarod race atmosphere. View the musher's final preparation for the famous final 1049-mile trip throughout Alaska's backcountry to the finishing line in Nome, Alaska. Overnight lodging Wasilla at Alaska's Lake Lucille Bed & Breakfast. Meals Provided: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Schedule

Hearty Alaskan Breakfast

Historic Frontier Town of Talkeetna

130 Mile River Boat Safari through Denali State Park

- Mahey's Safari site
- Dena'ina Indian Encampment
- Trapping Demonstrations
- Box Lunch Provided

Talkeetna Souvenir Shopping

Alaska Cabin Night Dinner Theater

Menu - Ribs and Salmon, potatoes, beans and corn, and blueberry cobbler.

Overnight Accommodations Near Denali National Park

Day Five Links: [Talkeetna](#) ^[9] [Mahays River Ride](#) ^[10] [Denali National Park](#) ^[11]

[Alaska Cabin Night Dinner Theater:](#) ^[12]

Day Five-Talkeetna & Iditarod Re-Start in Willow

DAY SIX

Monday, March 7, 2011 Anchorage, Girdwood, Wildlife Conservation Center: Your guides will pick you up and your tour continues as you travel south of Anchorage along Turnagain Arm to the mountain community of Girdwood where you will ride the Alyeska Resort Aerial Tramway. The Aerial Tramway is a seven-minute ride that brings you to a viewing deck. The viewing area provides some of the most breathtaking views of mountains, glaciers, and wildlife. After lunch, your tour continues to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center on the shores of Cook Inlet in Portage. The center is dedicated to preserving Alaska's wildlife and takes in injured and orphaned animals year-round and provides them with spacious enclosures and quality animal care. Animals that cannot be released into the wild are given a permanent home at the center.

Return to Anchorage for 8:00 pm or later departures or overnight Anchorage lodging for the next day departure, or optional flights watching the musher's on the trail.

As we bring you back to Anchorage to connect with your flights we hope that you have enjoyed your tour of Alaska and have a safe return home.

Meals Provided: Breakfast & Lunch. *Overnight lodging in Anchorage not included. Meals Provided: Breakfast & Lunch.

Schedule

Hearty Alaskan Breakfast

Denali Park Tundra Wildlife Tour

Sack Lunch provided while on tour

Dinner in Wasilla

Evening Campfire on Lake Lucille

Overnight at Alaska's Lake Lucille Bed & Breakfast

Day Six Links: [Denali National Park](#) ^[11]

DAY SEVEN -

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 Anchorage: Back to airport for flight home, or optional flight to watch musher's arriving at checkpoints.

Schedule

Hearty Alaskan Breakfast

Matanuska Glacier

Box Lunch

White Water Rafting

Lakeside Gazebo BBQ Dinner at Alaska's Lake Lucille Bed & Breakfast

Overnight Accommodations at Alaska's Lake Lucille Bed & Breakfast

Day Seven Links: [Chickloona](#) ^[13] | [Matanuska Glacier](#) ^[13]

Day Seven-Depart Anchorage

DAY EIGHT Hearty Alaskan Breakfast

Iditarod Museum and Dog Sled Headquarters

Lunch

Eklutna River - Thunderbird Falls

St. Nicholas Church

Dinner

Anchorage Souvenir Shopping

Schedule

Day Eight Links: [Iditarod Headquarters](#) ^[14] | [Thunder Bird Falls Trail](#) ^[15] | [Eklutna Historical Park & Lake](#) ^[16] | [Eklutna Russian Orthodox Church](#) ^[17] | [Alaska Native Heritage Center](#) ^[18] | [Anchorage](#) ^[3]

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A deposit of 50% of the services reserved is due at the time of your booking. The balance of your tour is due thirty days prior to your first day of travel. Alaska's Guided Tours & Accommodations recommend and encourage you to purchase travel insurance. We cannot make exception to our cancellation or change policies for any reason, this includes family and medical emergencies. Alaska's Guided Tours will do our very best to help make your visit to Alaska a good one. We cannot be liable for inclement weather or acts of God.

Reservations: To request this package, or to receive a quote at no obligation, please email or call 907-357-0352.

Not included is Airfare from your home to Anchorage, and some of your meals.

Included in your Tour

*All lodging

- *All transportation including rail, flight seeing, van & boat
- *All park and entrance fees
- *National & State Park fees
- *All activities except those stated as optional
- *Complimentary beverages

*Breakfasts & lunches where listed.

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