

# Absolute Alaska's Winter Tour Packages

## Northern Lights, Winter Adventure Tour

This 8-day tour is the best that Alaska has to offer in the winter. Enjoy cold air immersed in a natural hot spring lake at Chena Hot Springs looking up at an amazing display of Aurora Borealis. Learn everything about the Iditarod Dog Sled Race in an amazing all-day excursion where you will have a chance at riding the dog team. Enjoy breathtaking views of our tallest mountain McKinley from the air. Ski at the famous Alyeska Ski Resort. Visit the Fairbanks' Ice Art Championship and Museum of the North. Experience Alaska Railroad in the winter with beautiful scenery.

### Highlights Include:



**Aurora Borealis** - some people come to Alaska just to see the Northern Lights, if you are one of those people, you have a 100% chance at seeing one on this trip.

**Dog Sledding** - spend a day at the Iditarod Kennel Facility, where you will learn everything about the world famous Iditarod Dog Sledding Race and Mushing Basics combined with the exhilaration of a sled dog ride and driving a team.

**Anchorage Highlights and Alaska Native Heritage Center** - See the highlights of this metropolis in the middle of the wilderness, visit the Native Heritage Center to discover the rich culture of the local people.

**Talkeetna** - you will fall in love with this little town which offers many of the adventures.

**Alyeska Ski Resort** - have a chance at skiing or snowboarding at this world class resort with amazing views of glaciers and bay. Dine on top of the world. For those not interested in skiing, can swim in the hotel or skate nearby.



**Fairbanks** - visit the North capital of Alaska, it has much to offer, but be sure to dress warm. Visit the best rated Museum of the North with its extraordinary natural history collection and Alaska's art.

**Chena Hot Springs** - relax in a mineral natural hot spring under a clear, starry sky with a clear view of the Northern Lights away from city lights. The resort features new hotel and Ice sculptures. During the day you will have lots of activities to get out into the snow.



**Alaska RailRoad** - there is nothing like taking a train in Alaska in the winter! This ride will have some amazing scenery, so just sit back and enjoy.

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### Detailed Itinerary:

#### **Day 1. Arrival, greeting and relaxation after the flight.**

Arrive to Anchorage and meet your local guide at the airport to be taken to your comfortable hotel downtown Anchorage. Spend the night in Anchorage. D

#### **Day 2. Anchorage's most popular highlights, skiing at the Alyeska ski resort, and Wildlife Conservation Center.**

Board your coach and explore Anchorage with such highlights as Alaska Native Heritage Center where you will discover the rich native history and culture of Alaska, Lake Hood airport (the largest float plane airport in the world!), Alaska Wild-berry Products (with a chocolate fountain), and downtown Anchorage. Then head out to the Alyeska Ski Resort located in a small community town Girdwood. There is fun and adventure for everyone here – skiing near sea level with extraordinary ocean views from the slopes and lifts or for those who don't ski: sliding at the tube park or skating on the outdoor rink at the base of the mountain. Visit the Wildlife Conservation Center where you will see Alaska's animals. Overnight in Anchorage. B,L,D

#### **Day 3. Anchorage to Talkeetna.**

Board your motorcoach and transfer to the cute little town Talkeetna. On the way visit the Iditarod Dog Sled Race Headquarters to learn about the great race that takes place in March and travels from Wasilla to Nome. Overnight Talkeetna. B,L,D

#### **Day 4. Dog Sled learning and practice adventure. Transfer to Fairbanks.**

Drive your own dog team with guided supervision! The Lead Dog tour provides an excellent opportunity to learn about the Iditarod Race and Mushing Basics combined with the exhilaration of a sleddog ride and driving a team. The ride alone will be one and a half hour adventure on our beautiful winter trails. The Iditarod presentation is inspiring and educational. The Mushing 101 course focuses on the equipment, sleds harnessing, commands and what to expect from our sled dogs. After the tour transfer to Fairbanks. Overnight Fairbanks. B,L,D



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### Detailed Itinerary continued:



**Day 5. Fairbanks – Chena Hot Springs Resort. Visit Museum of the North, the World Ice Art Championship, and Santa Clause House in North Pole.**

Visit the University of Alaska Museum of the North, which features Alaska's art, and an extraordinary natural history collection, see the state's largest public display of gold, the new addition to the museum offers a combination of grand shapes of moving icebergs, presentations of the Aurora, Alaska Native games and dance, and much more. Then visit the World Ice Art Championship where carvers from all over the world sculpt immense chunks of clear ice. Some ice sculptures stand as tall as a two-story building. Visit the North Pole where the Santa Clause lives. Then travel to Alaska's only public Hot Spring Resort. There is an outdoor swimming pond of hot mineral water, without chlorine or treatment, and a couple of smaller indoor pools and hot tubs with treated water. There is modern hotel where you can relax and unwind after swimming. At night, the views of Aurora Borealis are exceptional away from city lights, enjoy them immersed in the hot pool outside (don't forget to bring your bathing suite on this tour). Overnight at Chena Hot Springs. B,L,D



**Day 6. Chena Hot Springs Resort activities.**

Today spend the day relaxing in the pool, skiing, snow-machining, dog-sledding or other activities as you prefer. There is an aurora-viewing station on a hilltop, where you will surely see the display of this natural wonder (activities today are optional and are not included in tour package). Overnight at Chena Hot Springs. B,L,D

**Day 7. Fairbanks – Anchorage Railroad trip.**

Take Alaska Railroad from Fairbanks to Anchorage and enjoy the unforgettable scenery. Overnight in Anchorage. B,L,D

**Day 8. Winter adventure ends today.**

Transfer from hotel to airport for flights home. B

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### Prices and Dates

Tour price	Tour departure dates	Tour level	Departure city	Tour options
\$2,930	February 1 - April 15	EASY	Anchorage	8-day escorted tour

**Price is per person based on double occupancy.**

**Single supplement is \$462.**

**Discounts are available for groups 8 or more. Triple, Quad occupancy and Child discounts available.**

**The tour price package includes:** all hotel fees; meals as specified; arrival and departure transfers; fully-guided sightseeing as noted in the itinerary (including park and entrance fees); bottled water supplied during sightseeing; services of an Absolute Alaska Tour Director; handling of two pieces of baggage per person; hotel taxes; gratuities throughout, except to your Tour Director, and driver.

**The tour price package does NOT include:** Travel insurance; airfares; excess baggage charges; gratuities to the Absolute Alaska Tour Director, driver or staff (our employees work for your tips); meals other than specified in the itinerary; alcoholic beverages; sightseeing and drives not included in the itinerary; personal expenses such as laundry, communication charges and optional activities (which are subject to availability)

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