

Alaska

ROUND TRIP AIR

Anchorage to Fairbanks

JULY 31-AUG. 8, 2021 9 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel from Anchorage to Fairbanks
- Anchorage, Alaska (2 nights)
- Alaska Railroad along Turnagain Arm from Anchorage to Seward
- Dog Sled Tour & Kennel Visit
- Kenai Fjords Cruise with Lunch
- Luxury Dome Rail Anchorage to Denali
- Denali National Park (2 nights)
- Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour with Snack
- Fairbanks (2 nights)
- Salmon Bake Dinner at Pioneer Park
- Gold Dredge #8 - Pan for Gold
- Lunch at Riverboat Discovery Landing
- Riverboat Discovery on Chena River
- Round trip airfare from Minneapolis

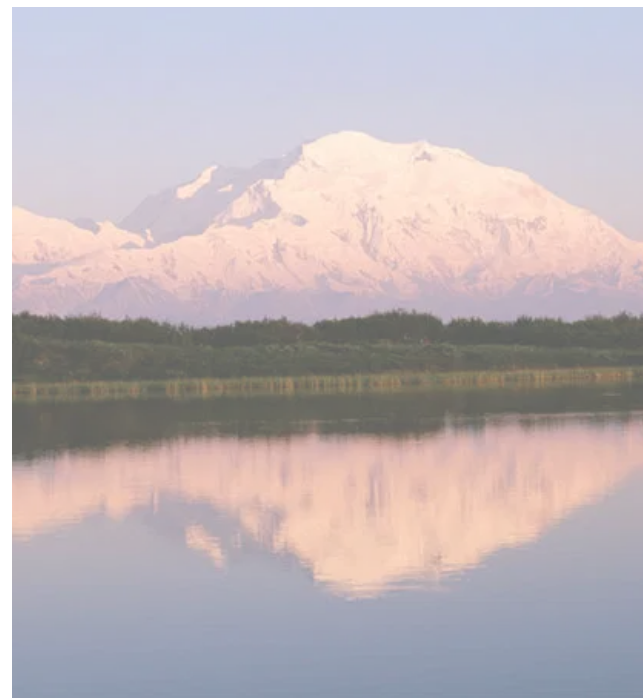
Prices Per Person Double Occ (includes air from Minneapolis):
Double: \$3,990 Triple: \$3,890 Quad: \$3,890 Single: \$4,990
Deposit: \$500 due upon sign-up Final due: May 14, 2021
We recommend travel insurance to protect your vacation.

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Dates changed due to changes in attraction schedules.

Sat., July 31 – Anchorage

You will be transported to the **Minneapolis** Airport for our evening **direct flight on Sun Country to Anchorage, AK**. In Anchorage we will be transferred to our hotel. Our hotel is situated on Lake Spenard. Enjoy the rest of the day in Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. We will learn more about the history and see beautiful scenery, mountains, waterways, etc., as we travel around Alaska, the Last Frontier, the next few days.

Hotel: Lakefront Anchorage

Sun., Aug. 1 – Anchorage / Seward (Boxed Breakfast)

Depart Anchorage by rail with Alaska Railroad this morning. Follow the shores of **Turnagain Arm**, a part of **Cook Inlet** that is famous for having the second highest tidal swing on earth. Look for Dall sheep and moose as you near the summit at Moose Pass. After passing **Kenai Lake**, you will begin the descent into the scenic port town of **Seward**, located on beautiful Resurrection Bay. There is a no-host cafe style dining car aboard the train for meal service. This afternoon your adventure begins with a **two-mile dog sled ride**. Feel the power and the energy as these sled dogs are harnessed to the comfortable wheeled sleds. Your Iditarod veteran guide will thrill you with stories from the trail, as you mush through the Alaskan wilderness **to the base of Resurrection Mountain and along Box Canyon Creek**. Upon your return **tour the kennel facilities**, laugh as a guest is dressed up as an Iditarod musher, and cuddle adorable husky puppies. All guides are Iditarod racers, and offer a delightfully humorous, behind-the-scenes look at the "Last Great Race". This is guaranteed to be one of the highlights of your vacation.

Hotel: the Harbor 360 Hotel

Mon., Aug. 2 – Seward / Anchorage (Breakfast, Lunch)

Your morning is free to explore Seward. Later morning, we depart on a **6-hour cruise** that travels throughout the **Kenai Fjords National Park and the Chiswell Islands National Wildlife Refuge**. Covering 120 miles, the trip is narrated by a National Park Ranger, who is highly adept at spotting wildlife, pointing out the many spectacular sights, and fielding any questions you may have. Wildlife is abundant throughout the National Park, and the tidewater glaciers are massive. You'll visit the mighty **Aialik Glacier** where guests often witness calving from a close distance. This cruise also offers the best opportunity for whale watching in Alaska. With photo opportunities galore, your cruise will be unforgettable. Onboard you can enjoy an included **deli-style lunch**. After the cruise we depart for Anchorage by motorcoach. Our trip north features the spectacular scenery of **Moose Pass and Turnagain Pass**. This area is well regarded for its dramatic alpine scenery and hanging glaciers. Your overnight is here in **Anchorage**.

Hotel: Lakefront Anchorage

Tues., Aug. 3 – Anchorage / Denali National Park (Breakfast)

Today transfer from your hotel to the Anchorage Rail Depot to board the **Luxury Dome Rail from Anchorage to Denali**. Traveling between Anchorage and Denali Park, the train crosses the **Knik River** with the **Chugach Mountains** as a backdrop. Just south of **Talkeetna**, watch for **views of Denali** rising high above the **Susitna River**. North of Talkeetna, the tracks veer away from the road system and into the backcountry Hurricane area; this region offers views of the snaking **Indian River**, the occasional remote cabin and the expansive sight of **Hurricane Gulch** from the top of a 296-foot bridge. Just south of Denali National Park, **Broad Pass** offers majestic views of the Alaska Range in all directions. Your on-board Rail Guide will keep you posted on points of interest along the way. A no-host, full-service restaurant is available on the lower level and coffee, tea and a no-host bar are available in the dome area for your enjoyment. Upon arrival you will be shuttled to our hotel in **Denali**. We spend **two nights at our lodging in Denali at the Crow's Nest Cabins**.

Hotel: Crow's Nest Cabins

Wed., Aug. 4 – Denali National Park Tundra Wilderness Tour (Breakfast, Snack)

Today you will **travel 42 miles into Denali National Park to Stony Hill Overlook**. Incredible scenery, a narrated history of the park road, and some of the best opportunities to view the park's wildlife inhabitants await you on this tour. The **Tundra Wilderness Tour** will guide you along a spectacular road corridor, as Denali's wildlife moves at its own pace and according to the seasons. A full view of Denali is a rare treat in Denali National Park & Preserve, your tour will continue beyond the Toklat rest area to Stony Hill Overlook to provide truly awe-inspiring views of North America's highest peak. A small **snack is included** on this tour.

Hotel: Crow's Nest Cabins

Thurs., Aug. 5 – Denali National Park / Fairbanks (Breakfast)

This morning you have more time to explore the Park. Around 1 pm you board the motorcoach taking you to **Fairbanks**. Enjoy the scenery of the river wrapped up in a private Alaskan cottage setting at our lodging in Fairbanks. We are just a few miles from the Fairbanks airport, as well as downtown Fairbanks. The property is situated along the banks of the **Chena River**. This evening we will relax at our hotel, which has a restaurant on their property.

Hotel: River's Edge Resort

Fri., Aug. 6 - Fairbanks (Breakfast, Dinner)

Your adventure begins this morning at **Gold Dredge #8** with a ride on a replica of the **Tanana Valley Railroad** through the gold fields of Interior Alaska. Before you board the train, enjoy a close view of the **Trans Alaska Pipeline** and informational displays about the pipeline. Once aboard the train our conductor and commentators provide lively commentary about the history of mining in Alaska. The train ride takes you to the dredge where you will see firsthand how the dredge worked the gold fields. Once the train arrives at camp, you will receive a brief but informative course in mining, and then you will **try panning for yourself!** We will then go downtown Fairbanks to see the First Family Statue, have lunch on your own, and have time to shop as we get a feel for **Fairbanks**, Alaska's 2nd largest city. After time here, we will travel to **North Pole, Alaska**, to visit **Santa's House** for some early Christmas shopping, and maybe even see Mr. & Mrs Clause. Later, we will stop back at the hotel for a while before departing for **AlaskaLand**. Enjoy a delicious **Salmon Bake farewell meal** in the dining hall here. You may also stroll around this park setting area while here.

Hotel: River's Edge Resort

Sat., Aug. 7 (Breakfast, Box Lunch) - Sun., Aug. 8- Home

This will be a leisurely morning at the hotel where we will have **breakfast** and have time to pack up before we head out for the day. Later morning, we will depart for the **Riverboat Sternwheeler Discovery**. Upon arrival we will have an included **box lunch at Alaska Riverways** before we board the Riverboat Sternwheeler Discovery for an exciting **3-hour Chena River** adventure into the heart of Alaska. You will **see a bush floatplane taking off alongside a "bush" style runway; visit the home and kennels of the late four-time iditarod winner Susan Butcher, and gain insight into the ancient Athabaskan Indian culture. Alaskan native guide who have worked and lived in Alaska will take you on a personalized tour of the Chena Indian Village.** After the cruise we will make a meal stop, then continue on to **Fairbanks Airport** to check in for our flight. We will have a couple hours before our overnight **flight** departs at 9:45 pm **to Minneapolis**. With the time change, we will arrive in Minneapolis on Sun., Aug. 8 around 6 am. You will be met and **transferred** to the drop-off points with a fast food stop enroute. We surely hope you have enjoyed this ALASKAN ADVENTURE and will have great memories to keep.

This vacation is through Alaska-based Knightly Tours, customized for Utopia Tours.

Knightly Tours policies and procedures apply. Details subject to change.

On this vacation you visit the training camp of Mitch Seavey, Iditarod champion.

Ride the Alaska Railroad through Grandview aptly named as the views are "grand". Plus...spend a full day exploring Fairbanks from the gold rush history to cruising the on the rivers in the area.



Alaska has 6,640 miles of coastline and, including islands, has 33,904 miles of shoreline.

Some of the different types of whales in Alaska. The Beluga, Humpback, Gray, Orca, Bowhead, Blue, Right, and Minke. The most common whales that you will see whale watching in Alaska are the Orca and humpback whales.

Price per person Double Occupancy: (Price includes round trip airfare from Minneapolis)

Double: \$3,990 Triple: \$3,890 Quad: \$3,890 Single: \$4,990

Deposit Due Upon Sign-up: \$500 per person Balance Due: May 14, 2021

Tour info (dates, inclusions, etc.) subject to change without notice.

Knightly Tours policies and cancellation fees apply (We recommend travel insurance to protect your vacation.):

61+ days before tour departure: \$100 administration fee, plus supplier cancellation charges.

59-45 days before tour departure: 30% of fare, plus any supplier cancellation charges.

44-30 days before tour departure: 70% of fare, plus any supplier cancellation charges.

29--0 days before tour departure: 100% of fare



TOUR INCLUDES:

Transfers to/from Minneapolis Airport
Airfare from Minneapolis to Anchorage, AK
Knightly Tours "Puffin" Tour
Local Tour Guide
Attractions and Meals as listed
Taxes, fees, and port expenses
Transfers during tour
Airfare from Fairbanks, AK, to Minneapolis

Take part in the round trip air tour that departs from Anchorage and ends in Fairbanks.

This custom vacation includes land, rail, and sea adventures to make this an unforgettable vacation.

Two nights in Anchorage, Denali National Park, and Fairbanks to get the best experience in Alaska!



Round Trip Air Tour July 31-Aug. 8, 2021



Please list your legal name(s) as listed on your Passport (Passports are required for this tour)

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Please run the following amount on my credit card below as payment towards this tour:

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Or, enclosed is my check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____ for this tour.

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