

Alaska

ROUNDTrip AIR FAIRBANKS TO ANCHORAGE

AUGUST 1 - 7, 2023 7 DAYS

HIGHLIGHTS

- RT BUS TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM MPLS
- LOCAL UTOPIA TOURS GUIDE
- * FLIGHT - MPLS TO FAIRBANKS, AK - DELTA
- Fairbanks, AK - 2 nights - Hyatt Place
- Sightsee & visit North Pole-Santa's House
- Discovery River Cruise / Salmon Bake/Show
- Gold Dredge # 8 and Pipeline viewing
- Denali National Park - 2 nights / Inc meal
- Tundra Wilderness Tour w/ box lunch
- Gold Star Train Denali to Anchorage
- Reserved seats / Glass-dome ceilings / 2 meals ++
- Anchorage, AK 2 nights - Clarion Inn & Suites
- Prince William Sound Cruise & Lunch inc.
- * Flight Anchorage to Mpls - Delta (non-stop)
- * RT Bus Alex/Mpls & return
- 5 Breakfasts & 6 Meals

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Final Payment Due: May 13, 2023. Airlines will need passports or real-ID's
Cancel by April 20, 2023 for full refund. Trip cancellation/
interruption insurance available w/AIG Travel Guard (see our website or call)



Price Per Person:

\$ 3850 Double Occ

\$ 3820 Triple Occ

\$ 3790 Quad Occ

\$ 4900 Single Occ

Deposit \$300 PP

Due on sign-up

ALASKA - THE LAST FRONTIER

Tues., Aug 1- FAIRBANKS, AK

We will **bus to Mpls** and board our **Delta Non-stop flight** and depart from **Minneapolis at 6:10pm and arrive at 8:52pm in Fairbanks, AK** (with the time change). Upon arrival, collect our luggage and transfer to our hotel for 2 nights at the **Hyatt Place**. We look forward to the next few days exploring Alaska - the Last Frontier! **So, IMAGINE ALASKA - Mt Denali, wild rivers, salmon, glaciers, bears, moose and more. It is all here in ALASKA.**

Wed., Aug 2- FAIRBANKS, AK (B,D) Enjoy **inc breakfast** before departing for the day here in Fairbanks, which is Alaska's 2nd largest city and known as "**The Golden Heart City.**" Fairbanks is near the geographical center of Alaska and is in the Alaskan Interior region. We will go downtown and see the **First Family Statue** and then go to **North Pole, AK** where we will spend some time at the **Santa Claus House** for some early Christmas shopping. Then back in town, we will go to the **Steamboat Landing of the Riverboat Discovery**, one of Alaska's top attractions. This is run by the Captain Binkley family and is narrated by family. Once here we will have lunch (on own) and shop before boarding the **Discovery River Cruise for a 3 hr tour on the Chena River**. There are 3 decks on the sternwheeler and first we will watch a bush plane on floats take off alongside the boat. The pilot talks about the life of bush flying in Alaska. Then we will stop at the Riverside Kennels of the late four time Iditarod musher, Susan Butcher where they will give us a sled dog demo and give us a talk on the life of dog mushing. Then reaching the confluence of the Chena & the Tanana Rivers, we will disembark for a walking tour of a Chena Indian Village. Native Alaskan Guides will lead us to the Old Chena Village, experience, a traditional Athabascan fish camp and more before reboarding our boat and return to the Landing and re-board our motorcoach. From here, we will go to **Pioneer Park**, Alaska's only historic theme park to enjoy an included delicious **Salmon Bake** of salmon, cod and prime rib plus more fixin's as we sit outside in a rustic setting. Within the Park you can walk around and we will also attend an **included** Alaska style show at the **Palace Theatre**. The show is the "**Golden Heart Review,**" which is a musical comedy depicting the life in the last frontier of Alaska that you are sure to enjoy. After this fun day in Fairbanks, we will return to our lodging for the night.



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.

Thurs., Aug 3: Denali Natl Park (B,D) Enjoy **included breakfast** this morning. We will see the **Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline** and at **Gold Dredge #8** learn how it was built to transport crude oil from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez, AK. Here at Gold Dredge #8, we will also venture in to the gold mining history of Alaska when we hop aboard a replica of the **Tanana Valley Railroad for a narrated rail ride to Gold Dredge#8**. They will demonstrate how the gold was mined and then later you will get to pan for gold and bring home some of the gold dust or nuggets, plus shop for Alaskan gifts here. The train takes us back to the main entrance where we board our bus. We will make a stop to eat and then on our way out of Fairbanks stop at a **Musk Ox Farm** out at the research station of the University of Alaska.

Our destination this afternoon is **Denali Natl Park** as we travel the **Denali Hwy** with a stop in **Nenana**. You may be able to see **Mt Denali** as it sits on the horizon. **Denali means "The Great One"** and sits at **20,320 feet high!** Our lodging for the next 2 nights is the **Denali Park Lodge**, a rustic setting you are sure to enjoy.

We will get checked in and then later enjoy an **included evening meal** in the main restaurant at the Denali Park Lodge. A fun Alaskan evening here to walk around and enjoy the Lodge and its surroundings.



Fri., Aug 4: Denali Nat'l Park: (B, L) Enjoy **included breakfast buffet** and then be ready to be gone for about 7 hrs on the **Alaska Tundra Wilderness Tour** going deep in to Denali Nat'l Park. **We board their Park buses with a box snack included and a lunch sandwich to enjoy as we travel along.**

A Park Ranger narrates and will stop if we see bear, moose or doll-sheep as we go along. At the turnaround point is where is a perfect view of **Mt Denali** (weather permitting). Be sure to bring your camera! After spending some time here enjoying the view, the bus will return us to the Denali Park Lodge where you will have a free evening to explore around and have a wonderful meal in their restaurant overlooking the river,



Sat., Aug 5: Anchorage, AK (B, L) Another exiting day awaits us today. After **inc breakfast** and loading all the luggage, we will go to the Train Station here in the Park and get ready to board the **Denali Star Train** with **Gold Star Service** including Glass-dome ceilings for panoramic views as Alaska unfolds before us, plus lower level dining car includes lunch & dinner meals, unlimited soda's & coffee & more, (2 adult beverages) plus **Alaska guide narration** as we go along. The Train will stop in **Talkeetna and Wasilla** and continue on to **Anchorage** for the night arriving about 8pm.. On arrival, we will be picked up at the station and brought to our hotel for 2 nights at the Clarion Inn & Suites close to downtown. Balance of evening is free after this enjoyable Train excursion - a highlight surely!
Anchorage is Alaska's largest city.

Sun., Aug 6: Anchorage, AK (B, L) inc bkft This morning we travel from Anchorage along the **Seward Hwy** and make some picture stops as we go along the **Cook Inlet**. We will go through the **Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel** which is 2.5 miles and is the longest highway tunnel in North America. It opened to train traffic in 1942-43. In 2000 it was opened to public access connecting **Whittier** to **Anchorage**. Once through the tunnel we will be in Whittier, AK. Whittier is the gateway to **Prince William Sound** and has over 700,000 visitors annually and is one of the states largest tourist attraction. **Whittier** is full of sightseeing and fishing vessels and we will join **Phillipps Cruises on a 5 hour Wilderness Explorer Cruise** along the **PWS** with a **lunch included**. It is narrated and we will marvel as we see wildlife, many **glaciers** and may see some calving as parts break off and also enjoy the beauty as we cruise along. Once back in Whittier we will re-board our bus and travel through the tunnel again and back to Anchorage. .Then return to the Clarion Inn & Suites. This will be a free evening to enjoy last minute shopping and a meal on own in downtown Anchorage. *We will go over our flight information for tomorrow too.



Mon., Aug 7: HOME (B) Included breakfast at the Clarion this morning. As we depart, we will do some sightseeing on the way to the Ted Steven's Int Airport and our direct flight on Delta departing at 1:25pm and returning to Mpls at 9:42pm. Will have a motorcoach here to pick everyone up and bring to the drop off points. We surely hope everyone enjoyed this tour to the Last Frontier of Alaska. We Thank you so much for traveling with Utopia Tours.

****If you wish to extend your stay to go fishing or more sightseeing, etc, we can work with you on the details and pricing.**

Contact Alex Travel - 320-762-0244



Take part in this round trip air tour that departs for Fairbanks and ends in Anchorage. This custom vacation includes land, rail, and sea adventures to make this an unforgettable vacation.

Fairbanks (2 nts), Denali Park (2 nts), Anchorage (2 nts)



TOUR INCLUDES: Motorcoach transportation and transfers, roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodations, train excursion, attractions and meals as listed. Local tour guide and more!

Dbl pp \$3850; Tpl - \$3820 Quad -\$3790

Sgl-\$4900 \$300 deposit pp on sign-up

Final due 5 /13 / 23



Round Trip Air Tour AUG 1 - 7, 2023



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Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

A Receipt of the deposit will be sent with a payment form for the final payment. Final information with airline info, hotel list, pick-up info, etc will be sent out approx 3 weeks prior to departure

Occupancy:
(Circle one)

- Dbl
- Triple
- Quad
- Single

Room:

- 1 Bed
- 2 Beds
- 1st floor
- Handicap

Pick-up
(Circle one)

- Alexandria
- Sauk Centre
- St Cloud

To sign up: Visit our office and use the form, call us, use the form on our website. Deposit \$300 PP upon sign up. Final payment: Due 5 / 13/ 23 (No credit card payment at this time). Pick ups: will begin in Alexandria Perkins, Sauk Ctr & St Cloud. Other pick-ups may be available. Cancel: by April 20, 2023 for 100% refund. After final payment due date - non-recoverable fees will apply -- receive 75% less non-recoverable fees ie: tickets, hotels, etc. Within 14 days of departure 0% refund. Airline rules and cancellation policies/penalties apply. Optional insurance is available through AIG Travel Guard, please inquire - see form on website. Purchase your plan within 15 days of paying your deposit to qualify for pre-existing conditions Check out our policies and procedures on line www.utopiatours.com for more information.

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