# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **TOUR LENGTH**

The tour is typically 5 to 5 1/2 hours in length. Approximately 2 hours are spent in the aircraft (one hour each direction) and 3 hours on the ground above the Arctic Circle. The flight departs Fairbanks at 7:00 am and returns by air approximately between Noon and 12:30 pm.

**MEAL**: Meals are not included; however, guests can order a bag lunch during check-in.

#### TOUR VEHICLES

Northern Alaska Tour Company strives to provide a personalized touring experience. The flight portion of the tour is typically conducted in 9-passenger twin-engine Navajo Chieftain. Ground-touring is done in small groups utilizing a 15-passenger van.

#### **CERTIFICATES**

Please provide the reservationist with the correctly spelled first and last names of each person in the tour party. Each name provided will appear on an official Arctic Circle Air Adventure® certificate.

#### **SMOKING**

The interiors of the tour vehicles are maintained as smoke-free environments. There are opportunities to smoke outside the vehicles throughout the tour.

#### FLIGHT WEIGHT

Please provide the reservationist with the individual weight of each member of the tour party. The weight is required for proper balance of aircraft used for the flight portion of the tour.

**WEIGHT LIMIT**: Guests are limited to 5—10 pounds per person. Luggage over 10 pounds is subject to excess freight charges.

#### **GUIDES**

Northern Alaska Tour Company guides are highly-trained Alaskans who are able to share their unique understanding of Alaska with you based on their personal experiences. We are confident that you will find the level of service provided by your guide to be as high or higher than you have experienced before.

#### WHAT TO WEAR

Dress for comfort, not to impress. Wear comfortable walking-type shoes that can get a bit soiled in the event of rain, and dress in layers.

#### RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available at the departure terminal. Once on tour, there are outhouse facilities available approximately 2 hours after departure. There are no facilities on the plane.

#### **GUEST SAFETY**

Guest safety <u>always</u> takes precedence over convenience. Weather in Alaska's Arctic can and does affect flying conditions. Weather conditions always dictate safe flight altitude. At times it is necessary to fly above cloud cover, thus reducing or even eliminating aerial visibility. Ground tour vehicles are CB radio equipped.

#### ALTERATION

Due to rapidly changing weather conditions in Alaska's Arctic, it is not unusual for flight departure times to be delayed from 15 minutes to over an hour. Guest safety is our foremost priority and potential delays are simply an unavoidable aspect of flying in Alaska's Arctic. On rare occasions, weather or other uncontrollable circumstances may require alteration/cancellation of a portion or all of the scheduled tour itinerary.

#### GRATUITIES

Gratuities Policy: As with other service industries tips are not required but are used to reward guides for a job well done. Standard tip amounts for a tour range from \$10.00+ per guest for excellent service to \$0.00 per guest for poor service.

#### **TOUR ITINERARY**

# ARCTIC CIRCLE AIR ADVENTURE®

7:00 am Depart by air from the Air Arctic/ Northern Alaska Tour Company terminal located on the East Ramp of the Fairbanks Airport (3820 University Avenue).

Fly north over the Yukon River, across the Arctic Circle, and over the Brooks Mountain Range.

8:00 am Land north of the Arctic Circle at Coldfoot, located at mile 175 of the Dalton Highway.

Guided ground tour.

11:00 am Depart by air for Fairbank

Approx. 12:00 pm -

12:00 pm - Arrive terminal in Fairbanks. 12:30 pm

The above is only intended to provide an approximate tour itinerary. Northern Alaska Tour Company strives to make each tour a unique and personalized tour experience. The exact schedule of each tour varies day to day and is dictated by the interests of the group and unique events of the day, not by a rigid pre-set itinerary.

#### SAFETY IN THE WILDERNESS

It is important that travelers with Northern Alaska Tour Company understand that Alaska's Arctic is a truly remote wilderness region. Traveling through vast wilderness stretches requires adequate time and preparation. Weather or mechanical factors, albeit infrequent, can result in multi-hour delays. Medical facilities are limited. Limited communication and transportation infrastructure inherently cause evacuation for illness or other emergency situations to take, at the very best, several hours to conduct. For this reason, travelers to this region should be of reasonable health and physical condition.

Northern Alaska Tour Company is an Alaskan-owned tour operator based in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The company was founded in 1987 to provide unparalleled travel and touring experiences in Alaska's Arctic for guests while maintaining the highest standards of safety and commitment to traditional culture and the environment.

Our cooperative, grassroots tour programs strengthen the local economies in the communities and regions we visit and help preserve the wisdom of knowledgeable locals by recording and incorporating their knowledge into tour programs.

As our traveling guests learn of and experience firsthand the delicate, wondrous environment of Alaska's Arctic, they are able to appreciate and help protect it. When carried forth conscientiously, travel and touring can serve to protect the natural environment and preserve traditional culture where it might otherwise be destroyed.

In sharing our culture and environment with visitors, we as hosts, along with our guests are deeply enriched by the experience......which is really what travel and touring is all about.



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#### TOUR PROGRAM

# ARCTIC CIRCLE AIR ADVENTURE® 7:00 AM Departure

### The Spirit of Alaska's Arctic

Alaska's Arctic is one of the last great wilderness regions on earth. It is a remote, wild, and unpopulated land of vast wilderness expanses. Travel in Alaska's Arctic is always an adventure. Northern Alaska Tour Company prides itself in its reputation for providing a high quality travel experience which "smoothes out" the "rough edges" of travel in Alaska's Arctic. Yet it is the spirit of you the adventurer which is unquestionably the key to making the most of today's travel experience. Travel in Alaska's Arctic is not for everyone. If you are young at heart, adventurous. have a desire to learn, to explore new territories, and to seek out new experiences, you are certain to come away from today's experience with a deeper understanding of the culture, greater appreciation of the natural history, and wonderful memories of time spent in Alaska's Arctic. . . . . . that is the spirit of Alaska's Arctic.