

# Arctic Circle Brooks Range Adventure®

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### FLIGHT WEIGHT

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

### CERTIFICATES

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

### TOUR LENGTH

The tour is two days with one overnight. Approximately one hour is spent in the aircraft vehicle on Day 1. On Day 2, approximately 8 hours are spent in the tour vehicle. The remaining time is spent exploring the sights. The tour departs Fairbanks by air early afternoon and returns by ground the following day between midnight and 1:00 am. Due to rapidly changing weather conditions in Alaska's Arctic it is not unusual for flight departure time 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.

### INCLUSIONS

The tour price includes guided ground tour, overnight accommodations, and air transportation. You will have an opportunity to purchase meals by ordering from the menu at restaurants along the tour route. Due to transportation costs associated with bringing supplies into this remote region, expect to pay more for meals during the tour than you would in Fairbanks or Anchorage (example \$10 for hamburger and french fries.)

### SEAT ROTATION

Guest seating is rotated throughout the day. Thus, each guest is provided with a variety of different viewing perspectives and the opportunity to interact with others on the tour.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

In the spirit of the Arctic wilderness the overnight accommodations in Coldfoot are extremely rustic by urban standards. There are not private bathrooms in the rooms. There are private toilet and shower stalls in separate men's and women's facilities that are shared among guests. Pay telephones are available.

### LUGGAGE

NOTE: It is very important to limit yourself to one hand-carry size bag per person of 10-15 pounds. If needed, NATC can store excess luggage and deliver it to you upon your return from the tour. **WEIGHT LIMIT:** Guests are limited to 10—15 pounds per person. Luggage over 15 pounds is subject to excess freight charges.

### TOUR VEHICLES

Northern Alaska Tour Company strives to provide a personalized touring experience. Touring is done in small groups utilizing a 10-passenger van. The flight portion of the tour is typically conducted in 8-passenger twin-engine Navajo Chieftains. **NON-SMOKING:** Both the ground vehicles and airplanes are non-smoking. There are opportunities to smoke outside the ground tour vehicle throughout the tour.

### 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 ever before experienced.

### ALTERATION

PLEASE NOTE: Guest safety always takes precedence over guest convenience. On rare occasions, weather or other uncontrollable circumstances may require alteration/cancellation of a portion or all of the scheduled tour itinerary.

### RESTROOMS

In the event the ground tour vehicle is not equipped with a restroom, frequent rest stops are made along the tour route. The longest time period between stops is approximately 2 1/2 hours.

### 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, dress in layers, and bring a medium-weight jacket.

### GUEST SAFETY

Guest safety is our foremost priority. Guides are licensed to operate commercial vehicles. Tour vehicles are CB radio and satellite phone equipped. Weather conditions always dictate safe flight altitude. At times it is necessary to fly above cloud cover, thus reducing or even eliminating aerial visibility.

### 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 ground tour range from \$10.00+ per guest for excellent service to \$0.00 for poor service. You may encounter a number of guides during your Arctic Circle Brooks Range Adventure depending on the number of optional tours you participate in.

### OPTIONAL TOURS IN COLDFOOT

**Wiseman Visit** ..... \$49 / person  
Visit a historic gold-mining community and learn of it's dynamic past and present.  
**Koyukuk River Float**.....\$79 / person  
Enjoy a three-hour leisurely float down the Middle Fork Koyukuk River.  
**Arctic Mountain Safari**.....\$79 / person  
Five-hour ground-tour into the Brooks Mountain Range.  
**Anaktuvuk Pass Adventure** .....\$159 / person  
Scenic flight over the Gates of the Arctic National Park to the Nunamiut Eskimo village of Anaktuvuk Pass.

## ITINERARY

# ARCTIC CIRCLE BROOKS RANGE ADVENTURE®

### DAY 1

*Early* Depart by air from terminal in Fairbanks.

*Afternoon*

*1 hour flight from Fairbanks to Coldfoot.*

*Free time to explore Coldfoot or add an optional tour.*

*Overnight in Coldfoot.*

### DAY 2

*Morning free to explore Coldfoot or add an optional tour.*

*2:30 pm* Depart Coldfoot on guided ground tour.

*Arctic Circle. Outhouse facilities available.*

*Approx.*

*6:30 pm* Arrive Yukon River. Outhouse restroom facilities available.

*Dinner on your own.*

*Arctic Circle Trading Post. Outhouse restroom facilities available.*

*Approx.*

*12:00 - 1:00 am* Arrive Fairbanks for transfer to vehicle, hotel, or campground.

*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 may 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 BROOKS RANGE ADVENTURE®

### *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. Your Arctic Circle Adventure® will be unlike previous travel you have encountered. Experiencing the expansive landscapes and fascinating cultures unique to Alaska's Arctic requires braving travel along the rugged Dalton Highway through remote country where the amenities common in today's modern world are rare or non-existent. 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, then the rustic aspects of traveling in Alaska's Arctic will be of little consequence to you. 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.*