

TOUR ITINERARY

**ARCTIC OCEAN ADVENTURE™ with BARROW EXTENSION™**

**Southbound Ground Tour**

| <u>DAY 1</u>   |   | <u>DAY 3</u> |  |
|--|---|--------------|--|
| Depart Fairbanks by air.   |   | Approx.      |  |
| Arrive Barrow.   |   | 8:00 am      | Depart Prudhoe Bay on guided ground tour.<br><b>(Please confirm exact departure time with your guide on the evening of Day 1.)</b> |
| SEE ITINERARY FOR TIME DETAILS.<br>Flight times can vary greatly dependent upon flight availability, weather, number of guests and weight of guests traveling. |   |              | Outhouse restroom facilities available.  |
| Embark on Barrow sightseeing ground tour.  |   | 6:30 pm      | Pass through Brooks Mountain Range.  |
| Free time to explore Barrow.   |   |              | Arrive Coldfoot.   |
| Overnight in Barrow.   |   |              | Overnight in Coldfoot.   |
| <u>DAY 2</u>   |   | <u>DAY 4</u> |  |
| Approx.  |   | Approx.      |  |
| 1:15 pm  | Depart Barrow by air for Deadhorse.<br><b>(Flight times are subject to change. Please confirm flight time by calling Northern Alaska Tour Company at 1-800-474-1986 on the morning of Day 2.)</b> | 6:00 am      | Depart Coldfoot on guided ground tour.<br><b>(Please confirm exact departure time with your guide on the evening of Day 2.)</b>    |
|  |   | 6:30 am      | Arrive at the wilderness community of Wiseman.   |
|  |   |              | Arctic Circle. Outhouse facilities available.  |
|  |   | 1:15 pm      | Arrive Yukon River. Restroom facilities.   |
|  |   |              | Arctic Circle Trading Post. Outhouse restroom facilities available.  |
| 3:00 pm  | Arrive Deadhorse. Guide will meet you in Prudhoe Bay. Hotel check-in.   | Approx.      |  |
|  |   | 8:00 pm -    | Arrive Fairbanks for transfer to vehicle,  |
|  |   | 9:00 pm      | campground, or accommodations.   |
| Enjoy free time to dine on your own, and visit the general store and post office.  |   |              |  |
| Arctic Ocean Shuttle.  |   |              |  |
| Overnight in Deadhorse.  |   |              |  |

*The above is only intended to provide an approximate tour itinerary. Northern Alaska Tour Company strives to make each tour a unique and personalized 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 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**

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**with BARROW EXTENSION™**

**Southbound Ground Tour**

***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 Prudhoe Bay 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 this 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 the 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.*

# Arctic Ocean Adventure™ with Barrow Extension™ - Southbound Ground Tour

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### TOUR LENGTH

The Arctic Ocean Adventure™ with Barrow Extension™ is four days in length with three overnights. Approximately 10 to 12 hours per day are spent touring. Please see reverse for departure and arrival times.

### INCLUSIONS

The tour price includes guided ground tour, Barrow village tour, air transportation, and overnight accommodations. Meals are NOT included in the tour price. Meals can be purchased at restaurants along the tour route. Tour price is based on double occupancy at hotel accommodations. An additional single supplemental fee applies for single occupancy arrangements.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

In the spirit of the remote wilderness, the overnight accommodations consist of very basic, clean rooms that 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.

### MEALS

Due to transportation costs associated with bringing goods into this remote region, expect to pay more for meals along the tour route than in Fairbanks or Anchorage. Meals in Coldfoot and Prudhoe Bay are buffet-style. Meals in Barrow, Coldfoot, and Prudhoe Bay range from \$10 - \$20 for most items.

### ARCTIC OCEAN ACCESS

A valid picture identification, preferably a driver's license or passport, is required to access the Arctic Ocean. At the time of booking, guests must provide their identification number and issuing state or province or country. Safety regulations also require guests to have eyewear. Prescription glasses or sunglasses are sufficient.

### TOUR VEHICLES

Northern Alaska Tour Company strives to provide a personalized travel experience. Touring is done in small groups utilizing 10-passenger vans. Gear is stored in the rear of the vans. In the event that more than ten guests are booked for a single departure date, a second departure will be added utilizing an additional 10-passenger tour van.

### AIRCRAFT

The flight between Prudhoe Bay and Barrow is typically conducted in 8-passenger twin-engine Piper Navajo and/or 15-passenger twin-engine Beechcraft 99 aircraft. The flight between Barrow and Fairbanks (or Anchorage) is conducted aboard large, Boeing 737 commercial jet aircraft.

### SEATING

Seating configuration in the tour vans is three guests per bench seat, and one guest up front. Guest seating is rotated throughout the tour. Thus, each guest is provided with a variety of different viewing perspectives and the opportunity to interact with others on the tour.

### RESTROOMS

The tour van is not equipped with restroom facilities, thus frequent rest stops are made along the tour route. The longest time period between stops is approximately 2 1/2 hours. Outhouse facilities are the norm at rest stops.

### SMOKING

The inside of the vehicle is maintained as a smoke-free environment. There are opportunities to smoke outside the tour vehicle along the tour route.

### 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.

### WHAT TO WEAR / BRING

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 warm medium-weight jacket. During spring (mid-May to mid-June) and fall (mid-August to early September) bring a warm cap and gloves or mittens.

### FLIGHT WEIGHT

Please provide the reservationist with the approximate weight of each member of the tour party. The weight is required for the proper balance of aircraft used for the Prudhoe-Barrow air portion of the tour.

### LUGGAGE

NOTE: It is ***very*** important to limit yourself to one hand-carry size bag per person. If needed, Northern Alaska Tour Company can store excess baggage 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.

### GUEST SAFETY

Guest safety is our foremost priority. Guides are licensed to operate commercial vehicles and are trained in first aid and CPR. Tour vehicles are CB radio and satellite phone equipped for ground communication.

### ALCOHOL

The village of Barrow is a "damp" community. The sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited and punishable by law. Alcohol is allowed for personal consumption and may be brought into the village. Please respect the laws set forth by the residents of the community.

### BARROW ARRIVAL

Upon arrival in Barrow a tour representative will meet incoming visitors at the airport. If you should encounter any delay please contact Top of the World Hotel/Tundra Tours at 852-3900.

### BARROW VILLAGE TOUR

The vast majority of all visitors to Barrow participate in a village tour operated by Tundra Tours, a major ground tour operator in Barrow. Tundra Tours provides service for tour groups, independent travelers, and other visitors to the village. Tundra Tours is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation whose shareholders are the Alaska Native residents of Barrow and the surrounding area. While Northern Alaska Tour Company operates land, air, and river sightseeing excursions throughout Alaska's Arctic, we are able to offer our guests the Barrow Extension™ by utilizing the services of commercial airlines and the local Barrow ground operator and hotel(s). Northern Alaska Tour Company does not operate any component of the Barrow tour.

### 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 the Prudhoe Bay guide range from \$50.00+ per guest for excellent service to \$0.00 per guest for poor service. It is also appropriate to tip the guide in Barrow.

### ALTERATION

PLEASE NOTE: Guest safety ***always*** takes precedence over convenience. On rare occasions, weather or other uncontrollable circumstances may require alteration/cancellation of a portion or all of the scheduled tour itinerary. If the tour requires additional overnight stay due to weather or uncontrollable circumstances the cost of accommodations and meals is the guest's responsibility.

If an alteration does occur, please notify Northern Alaska Tour Company immediately at 1-800-474-1986 so that efforts can be made to provide logistical assistance from Fairbanks.