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Proposed Alaska Winter Tour

Commencing 21 February 2012

Tour Code GCA2

February 2012

Tue 21: Australia / Los Angeles / Seattle - departure from Australia on Air New Zealand flights to Los Angeles. After clearing customs and immigration in Los Angeles we board an Alaska Airlines flight to Seattle. Airport Hotel (2 nights)

Wed 22 : Seattle – a day at leisure or shopping for winter gear.

Thu 23: Seattle / Fairbanks - in the morning we board an Alaska Airlines flight from Seattle to Anchorage and then onto Fairbanks arriving mid afternoon. Spring Hill Suites (3 nights).

Fri 24: Fairbanks - Northern Lights viewing tour (B) - after lunch we head out to Chena Hot Springs which is located approximately 55 miles from Fairbanks. Chena is internationally renowned for its northern lights viewing and natural hot springs. Our visit includes entrance to the Aurora Ice Museum and Snow Coach Tour to view the northern lights. Whilst viewing the northern lights can never be guaranteed, Chena is one of the best places on the planet to see the Aurora Borealis. The northern lights area is an outdoor venue, however, there is a Yurt where we can go inside and warm up.

Sat 25: Fairbanks (B) - after dressing ourselves in warm clothes we start the day with a visit to one of the largest annual ice art competitions and exhibitions in the world. This competition features teams from around the world with more than 100 ice artists competing in various categories. The afternoon is free to enjoy the winter activities in downtown Fairbanks.



Fairbanks

Sun 26: Fairbanks / Talkeetna (B) - this morning we depart Fairbanks on the world famous Alaska Railroad Aurora winter train. Our journey takes us through the stunning snow covered interior of Alaska. We pass Denali National Park before arriving into Talkeetna late in the afternoon. Kink River Lodge (1 night)

Mon 27: Talkeetna/Anchorage (B) - after a leisurely morning looking around Talkeetna, we drive through spectacular Hatcher Pass to Anchorage the largest city in Alaska



Alaska Railroad Aurora Winter Train

Tue 28: Anchorage/ Seward/ Girdwood (B) - today we climb aboard our motorcoach for a journey to the coastal community of Seward. We travel south along the spectacular Turnagain Arm. Visit the Alaska Sealife Center for an in-depth look above and below the waters. Return to Girdwood for overnight accommodations at The Hotel Alyeska.(2 nights)

Wed 29: Girdwood (B/L) - day at leisure at the resort. There are many optional tours to choose from or just relax and enjoy the hotel amenities ranging from relaxation in the spa or undertake activities such as: dog sledding, snow machining, flightseeing, or snow shoeing (costs not included). You can also enjoy a tram ride (cost included) to take in spectacular views of the valley.

March 2012

Thu 01: Girdwood / Anchorage (B/D) - we start the day by driving north from Alyeska back to Anchorage. On arrival, we take a tour through the historic downtown district, Lake Hood, Lake Spenard and also visit the Alaska Zoo for a “behind the scenes” tour. In the evening we enjoy Iditarod festivities and dinner at the Musher’s Banquet. Anchorage Hilton (4 nights)

Fri 02: Anchorage - Happy Trails Kennel Tour (B) - we travel north to the home of four-time Iditarod Champion Martin Buser at his Happy Trails Kennel. We hear personal stories from Martin and also gain an appreciation of the grandeur Alaska has to offer along the Iditarod trail.

Sat 03: Anchorage - Iditarod Ceremonial Start (B/D)

- this morning we head to 4th Avenue to take up our positions to watch the start of the Iditarod. We have the opportunity to view each of the mushers depart or alternatively take off early and enjoy other Iditarod festivities in Anchorage. This afternoon, enjoy the cultural opportunities available at the Alaska Native Heritage Center.

Sun 04: Anchorage - Iditarod Official Restart - this morning we board our coach and travel north to Willow for the official restart of the Iditarod. The mushers head from the start line in Willow into the Alaskan Wilderness on their 1,000 mile race through to Nome.



The Iditarod

Mon 05: Anchorage / Seattle / San Francisco - in the morning we transfer to Anchorage Airport for our flight to Seattle, then onto San Francisco. San Francisco Airport Hotel (1 night)

Tue 06: Depart San Francisco - we have the day at leisure to enjoy San Francisco before boarding our evening Air New Zealand flights back to Australia.

Tour Prices (\$A Per Person)

Air New Zealand international flights	\$2,000
Alaska Airlines flights	\$1,000
Land arrangements (twin share basis)	\$3,400
Total price including group flights	\$6,400

Notes

1. Group flights - instead of using the Air New Zealand group flights you are welcome to organize your own flights to/from Seattle.
2. Internal flights - includes the following sectors: Los Angeles/Seattle, Seattle/Anchorage, Anchorage/Fairbanks, Anchorage/Seattle and Seattle/San Francisco.

Tour inclusions:

- Accommodation as specified
- Meals as specified (Breakfast = B, Lunch = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Alaska Railroad Fairbanks/Anchorage
- Chena Hot Springs tour including northern lights viewing
- Happy Trails Kennel tour
- Alaska Sealife Center
- Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center
- Alaska Zoo
- Guaranteed seats at annual Mushers Banquet for bookings confirmed by 01 January 2011
- Iditarod Ceremonial Start in Anchorage
- Day tour to Willow for official Iditarod Start

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