

Alaska's

Iditarod

February 26 - March 8, 2021



Tour Highlights: Your time in Anchorage focuses on the Iditarod, Alaska's best-known sporting event. Meet four-time Iditarod Champion Martin Buser at his kennels. Witness the ceremonial start of the race in Anchorage and the official restart of the race in Willow, where you can cheer on your favorite mushers as they head off into Alaska's wilderness on this 1,049-mile journey to the finish line in Nome.

Day 1, Fri., Feb. 26: Chicago to Fairbanks. Welcome to Fairbanks! Join your Local Guide and traveling companions and get your first glimpse of one of nature's most magnificent shows—the colorful celestial arcs and waves of the aurora borealis (Northern Lights). When conditions are right, the aurora dances across the horizon and lights up the night sky, enchanting even Alaska's toughest "Sourdoughs" (old timers).

Day 2, Sat., Feb. 27: Fairbanks. Your morning is free to start exploring Fairbanks. Later this afternoon, enjoy a city tour of Fairbanks that includes a visit to the Morris Thompson Cultural Center. Afterward, see the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, one of the most difficult and remarkable engineering feats of modern time. This evening is another opportunity to view the amazing aurora borealis as it lights up the northern skies. (B)

Day 3, Sun., Feb. 28: Fairbanks-Alaska Railroad-Talkeetna-Anchorage. Travel from Fairbanks to Talkeetna today on the world-famous Alaska Railroad. The train's wide windows are ideal for drinking in the stunning scenery on this full-day journey that truly showcases America's 49th state. Keep an eye out for views of Denali, as well as wildlife along the way. You will end the day in Anchorage, the capital of Alaska. (B,L)

Day 4, Mon., Mar. 1: Anchorage. Enjoy a full day at leisure in Anchorage. You may want to explore the historic downtown area or join in some of the festivities happening throughout the city, including a winter carnival, ice-sculpting contest, a melodrama, dog mushing, and more. Check at your hotel's front desk for an up-to-date list of activities. (B)

Day 5, Tue., Mar 2: Anchorage-Seward-Girdwood. This morning after breakfast, board your motorcoach and make one of the world's great drives as you travel along spectacularly scenic Turnagain Arm. Marvel at the dramatic views, and keep your eyes open for Dall sheep, eagles, and other wildlife.



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Features and Inclusions

- Round-trip airfare and transfers from Chicago
- 10 nights hotel accommodations
- 13 meals: 9 breakfast (B) 2 lunch (L) 2 dinner (D) (including gratuity)
- Sightseeing and admissions per itinerary
- Professional Tour Director and local guides
- Luxury coach transportation with professional driver
- Baggage handling for 1 bag/person up to 50 lbs. (including gratuity)
- Small group departure

Tour Price Per Person

Double Occupancy: \$4,537

Cash Discount Price: \$4,337

(Payments by check/cash)

Single Supplement: \$990

**Price is subject to change once
airfare is finalized.**

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Take a break at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center for the chance to see moose, musk ox, caribou, lynx, and even a porcupine up close. In coastal Seward, visit the Alaska Sealife Center for an in-depth look above and below the waters of Alaska. The next two nights will be spent at the luxurious Hotel Alyeska in the ski resort community of Girdwood. (B,L)

Day 6, Wed., Mar. 3: Girdwood. Enjoy a full day at leisure—perfect for joining in a wide variety of optional activities. Consider flightseeing, skiing, snowshoeing, or you may choose to just relax at the hotel's spa. An included aerial tram ride offers breathtaking panoramas of Turnagain Arm and seven glaciers. (B)

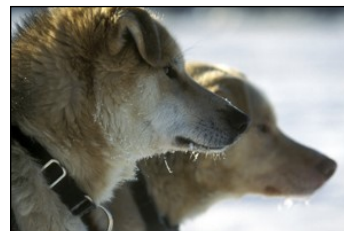
Day 7, Thu., Mar. 4: Girdwood-Anchorage. Today you will return to Anchorage and join an included tour through the historic downtown district and to Lake Hood, the world's busiest seaplane base. Next, visit the Alaska Zoo for a behind-the-scenes tour. This afternoon, there is time to explore Anchorage on your own, maybe you want to visit the Anchorage Museum. Tonight, enjoy Iditarod festivities and dinner at the Musher's Banquet. Enjoy Alaskan entertainment, see the mushers draw for starting positions, and have the opportunity to meet them for photos and autographs. (B,D)

Day 8, Fri., Mar. 5: Anchorage-Excursion to Big Lake. Travel north to Big Lake and visit the home of four-time Iditarod Champion Martin Buser at his Happy Trails Kennels. Hear his fascinating personal stories, including how his sons are named after Iditarod checkpoints, while viewing the grandeur Alaska has to offer along the Iditarod Trail. Next, visit Iditarod Headquarters to view pictures, videos, and other mementos of the Last Great Race. This evening is at leisure back in Anchorage. (B)

Day 9, Sat., Mar. 6: Anchorage-Ceremonial Start of the Iditarod. It's time for the main event! Head to 4th Avenue to get a great spot for the ceremonial start of the Iditarod. Before the race starts, there's a chance for photos and autographs with some of the mushers. Spend time cheering on mushers from all over the world, and enjoy other Iditarod festivities. Later, visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center, which shares the rich heritage of Alaska's 11 indigenous cultural groups. Tonight, reminisce over your Alaska winter adventure at a group dinner. (B,D)

Day 10, Sun., Mar. 7: Anchorage-Excursion to Willow-Race Restart. Travel north today to the quaint community of Willow, which started as a mining camp when gold was discovered in 1897. Here, you'll view the official restart of the Iditarod. Cheer for your favorite musher as they head off into the Alaska wilderness on this 1,049-mile journey to Nome and the finish line. Be sure to have your camera ready for this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

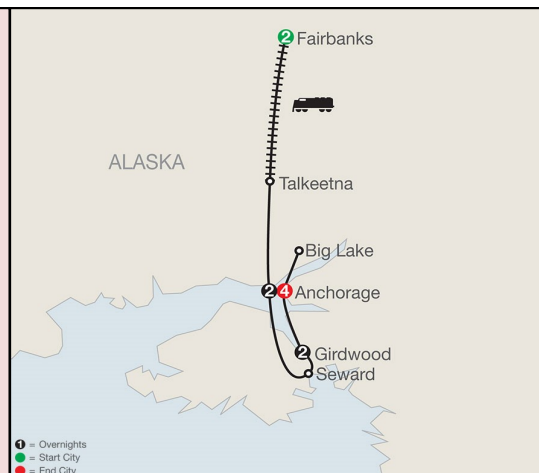
Day 11, Mon., Mar. 8: Anchorage. Your tour ends after breakfast this morning. With your included transfer, depart for the Anchorage airport and board your flight back to Chicago. (B)



~Small Group Departure~

Tour Accommodations

Fairbanks: Pike's Waterfront Lodge
Girdwood: Alyeska Resort Hotel
Anchorage: Marriott Downtown Anchorage



TOUR APPLICATION

TOUR NAME: Alaska's Iditarod

DATES: February 26 - March 8, 2021

TOUR #: H3062

Application Requirements: The name on your tour documents and airline tickets must match your valid photo i.d. name.

One form per address, please.

Please Contact Us For Tour Availability

Passport Name 1 _____ Name Tag Name: _____

Birthdate _____ Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male TSA KTN # _____

Passport Name 2 _____ Name Tag Name: _____

Birthdate _____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female TSA KTN # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____ **Burkhalter Agent** _____

Roommate Name _____ Other Traveling Companions _____

Special requests - please understand that we cannot guarantee that requests will be granted

Accommodations: Double Occupancy ☐ -1 bed ☐ -2 beds Single Occupancy ☐ -1 bed

Air Request: ☐ Air with Group ☐ Customized individual air _____

Airline Seat Request (Not Guaranteed): ☐ Window/next ☐ Aisle/next ☐ Other _____

Tour Extension Request: _____

Dietary requests: _____ **Any special celebration?** _____

Medical conditions the host should be aware of: _____

Any special assistance required: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Relationship:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Interested in a travel protection plan? ☐ Yes, Globus \$299 ☐ Yes, please provide information ☐ No, thanks

I/we have read and understand the terms and conditions for this tour (see back):

Signature REQUIRED

PAYMENT

Amount enclosed: _____ **\$300** per person deposit required w/Insurance - Final due by **December 10, 2020**

Payment: ☐ Cash or check payable to Burkhalter Tours ☐ Credit card (call us with your card info if you prefer not to mail it)

CC # _____ Expiration date _____ Security Code _____

Name on credit card: _____

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TOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

I.D./Citizenship: Travelers must possess a valid photo i.d. with names matching those on their tour and flight reservations. Complete name, gender and birth date are required to confirm reservations per TSA/airline requirements.

Deposits and Payments: Please make checks payable to Burkhalter Tours. Most major credit cards are also accepted, although sometimes a cash discount may be offered. A deposit of **\$300 per person** is required to secure reservations. All tour confirmations are subject to receipt of signed tour application and payment verification. **Final payment is due by December 10, 2020.**

Cancellations/Refunds: All cancellations are subject to a \$50 Burkhalter Tours service fee that may not be covered by tour operator insurance. In addition to the service fee and possible airline penalties, tour cancellation penalties are as follows:

Cancel prior to December 10, 2020: Deposit is non-refundable

Cancel after December 10, 2020: Trip is non-refundable

No refund will apply on unused portions of the tour. If a roommate cancels, the remaining traveler may have to pay any single room supplement that is incurred. Name changes and departure date changes are considered reservation cancellations and are subject to cancellation fees. Once issued, airline tickets are 100% non-refundable.

Travel insurance is strongly advised in order to protect your investment. Coverage for trip cancellation/interruption/delay, and medical emergency expenses is available from Globus Tours for \$299 and we recommend you purchase at the time of booking. Ask your agent for more information.

Tour Conditions: This tour is a regular Globus tour departure and no minimum number of Burkhalter travelers is required for the tour to operate. All arrangements are based upon tariffs in effect on December 29, 2019 and are subject to change. Once deposit has been received, any changes to air or land arrangements may be assessed a \$50 revision fee. Revision fees may be higher once air is ticketed.

Air Transportation: Group air requires a minimum of 10 travelers. Airline seat assignments can only be requested after final payment and may be limited in availability. If specific seat assignments or schedule are vital to your enjoyment of the tour, we recommend individual air reservations prior to final payment. Deviations from the group air schedule may result in a different airfare. Routing and schedules are subject to change.

Accommodations/Coach Transportation: Tour hotels are superior tourist or first class properties with private ensuite facilities. Rooms typically have two beds. Hotels are subject to change. Touring coaches are deluxe vehicles with panoramic windows and seats that partially recline. Single travelers are allocated one seat only.

Traveler Fitness: Travelers should be in reasonably good health, able to board a motorcoach in a timely manner, climb stairs and walk moderate distances. Individuals with physical and/or cognitive limitations must be accompanied by an able individual who will assume complete responsibility for them - tour personnel cannot and will not provide such assistance.

Passenger Consent Agreement: Department of Transportation regulations require that we inform you that your purchase is subject to supplemental price increases beyond our control that may be imposed after the date of purchase. Such increases may come about due to increased fees, fuel surcharges, government tax increases, fluctuations in foreign exchange markets or any combination of these events. Post-purchase price increases may be applied to your invoice due to these unforeseen cost increases from suppliers. While a post-purchase price increase is very rare and not anticipated, Burkhalter Tours will inform you of any increases as soon as possible. By signing the tour application and making your deposit, you are acknowledging that you have been made aware and accept the fact that such increases may occur, and that you agree to pay Burkhalter Tours and our contracted suppliers accordingly.

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