

Grand Alaska by Land featuring the Arctic Circle at Barrow

10 Days: August 24-September 2, 2010



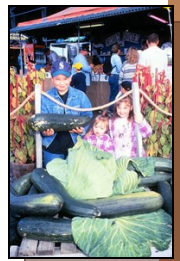
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A Legacy Educational Package

Come along with our experienced Alaska guide, enjoy spectacular mountains and valleys, watch wildlife in their natural habitats and travel north of the Arctic Circle! You will also enjoy Alaska Native culture and history on this travel package. The Aleut Indians called it “**Alyeska**” or “**The Great Land.**” This trip is sure to be an experience of a lifetime!

August 24 we travel to Minneapolis, MN, to check in and board our afternoon, direct flight to **Anchorage, AK**, Alaska’s largest city. A motor coach awaits us at the Anchorage Airport to take us to our hotel.

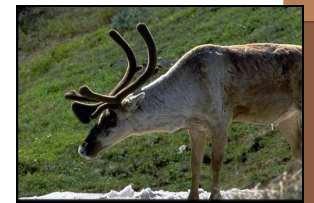
August 25 after **breakfast** we travel along the Knik Arm of Cook Inlet. Our journey will take us through the **Matanuska Valley**, a farming area settled by Midwest farmers, known for its gigantic vegetables made possible by long summer days. Visit the unique **Church of a Thousand Trees**, with its moose hide altar. The church was built in 1937 and is still the home of a congregation of 150. We’ll also visit the headquarters of the Iditarod, a sled dog race from Anchorage to Nome on the western Bering Sea coast. Each team of 12-16 dogs and their musher cover more than



1,150 miles in 10 to 17 days. Experience the thrill of a dog sled experience (under much warmer conditions than the IDITAROD) as an optional activity! We’ll stop for views of rushing glacial rivers, the Talkeetna mountain range and our first view of Mt. McKinley (also known as Denali, meaning “the great one”). We stay 2 nights at a beautiful, rustic resort on the edge of Denali National Park. Tonight, experience **Alaska Cabin Nite Dinner Theater**. Wave your napkin for more platters of food as you enjoy the hilarious vaudeville Gold Rush tale of adventure in the early 1900s in Alaska.



August 26 enjoy an early **breakfast** then feel the excitement as we board a tundra bus at dawn for a full day of exploration in Denali National Park. Have your camera ready for that big moose in the brush, the grizzly bear in a glacier stream, caribou feeding in mountain pastures, wolves prowling along the road or Dall sheep clinging to mountain cliffs. Around the curve on the mountain road awaits that spectacular sight of “the great one,” Denali, Mt. McKinley. This fully narrated tour travels more than 50 miles into Denali National Park to the Toklat River. Photo opportunities should abound and many rest stops are made. This evening, relax at our resort.



August 27 have **breakfast** before we depart Denali National Park. Buy a ticket for the famous Alaska Spring Ice Out raffle on the Tanana River. You could be the lucky winner! We’ll rub elbows with the locals as we stop for lunch at a rural, off-highway roadhouse – a cultural treat! Marvel at the high country scenery as we continue to **Fairbanks, AK**, the largest city in the interior, also known as the “Golden Heart City.” We’ll stay along the banks of the Chena River for the next 3 nights.



August 28 after an early **breakfast**, we’ll board our flight to the **Inupiat “Eskimo” Village of Point Barrow**. This ancient village is the northernmost point on the continent, 330 miles north of the Arctic Circle and is Alaska’s largest Eskimo village. We’ll spend the day with a local Indian guide as he shows us this community of 4,000. Take part in a traditional blanket toss and hunter’s dance. Your guide will explain the annual whale hunt and how whales are divided among the hunting party. Stand inside the jawbone of a bowhead whale and dip your hand or toe in the frigid waters of the Arctic Ocean. We fly back to Fairbanks for the night. This will be a day you’ll never forget!

Reservations & Information: 1-877-694-8687 or www.northlandtravel.com



August 29 after **breakfast** we're off to visit **Gold Dredge No. 8**. Explore the dredge and learn about how one of the largest dredges of its kind harvested gold. You'll have a chance to **pan for gold** and enjoy a **miner's lunch**. We'll make a stop at the Trans-Alaska Pipeline for explanations and pictures. This afternoon history comes to life aboard the **Riverboat Discovery Boat** as we cruise the Chena River with a stop at a recreated trapper's camp. Learn how furs and hides were made into clothing, how huts were built, see a sled dog demonstration, discover how a fish wheel works and how salmon are prepared for storage. See "the wedding of the rivers" as tons of glacial silt is carried downstream. Tonight enjoy an excellent meal at the **Alaska Salmon Bake**. Then enjoy "**The Golden Heart Revue**" in the Palace Theater. The show is a light-hearted, comic look at the colorful characters from early & present day Fairbanks.



August 30 after **breakfast** we travel the Richardson Highway, making a stop to mail a letter in the little town of North Pole. At Delta Junction, we'll take a tour of the agricultural countryside with an agriculture teacher. We turn south, traveling through gorgeous country and stopping by a salmon stream. Enjoy samples of homemade bread at Sourdough Roadhouse. A photo stop will be made for Mt. Wrangell and Mt. Drum. Marvel at roadside waterfalls and spectacular scenery as we make our way through Thompson Pass and to **Valdez**, on Prince William Sound. Valdez is the terminus of the North Slope Trans Alaska Pipeline. The towering Chugach Mountains rise from the sea to make Valdez absolutely picturesque. Our hotel is located on the fishing harbor. Stroll the harbor docks, visit with the fishermen and watch for salmon!



August 31 after **breakfast** hear the story of Valdez during a **tour with a local guide**. Walk down to the harbor by the fish hatchery and watch the seals hunt for fish. Observe an ocean-going tanker loading crude oil. Travel through Old Valdez. Bears are now seen where buildings stood before the great Alaska Earthquake. Traveling back up the Richardson Highway through Thompson Pass, we'll stop at **Worthington Glacier** for an up-close look at this moving ice formation. Our overnight destination is **Copper Center**, where we stay at a beautiful resort. Our lodge is situated on 200 acres at the junction of the Klutina and Coppers Rivers and features spectacular scenery of the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. We plan to arrive in plenty of time for explorations on your own.



September 1 after **breakfast** we travel along Glenn Highway through **Glennallen** and Palmer, site of the Alaskan State Fair. Enjoy a stop at the **Alaska Wildlife Museum**, which presents more than 50 panoramas of Alaska wildlife in their habitat. This small but unique museum is filled with realistic displays and features grizzly bears, black bears, wolves, wolverine, moose, caribou, Dall sheep and mountain goats to name a few. We'll also enjoy a stop at **Eureka Summit**, highest point on the Glenn Highway. We're likely to see Dall sheep along the road. We'll make a number of stops along the way to finish off your taste of the real Alaska. We stay the night in Anchorage, where we have a special **farewell dinner**.

September 2 enjoy **breakfast** before departure for the airport. Our morning flight will take us back to Minneapolis where a Hawkeye Stages motor coach will be waiting to take us home!

Your 10-day Alaska by Land tour includes: Luxury motor coach transportation, air transportation, lodging for 9 nights, luggage handling, tickets/admissions to bolded attractions, 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 3 dinners (meals inclusive of tax and gratuities).

\$4,345 per person, double occupancy

\$4,130 per person with 3 or 4 person sharing a room with 2 beds

\$5,270 single room accommodations

Reservations: anytime as long as space remains (but don't delay as we have airline tickets involved!)

Deposit: \$525 per person, due with reservation

Balance due: July 23

Cancel by: May 24 for penalty-free cancellation. Cancellations from May 25-July 23 are subject to a \$100 penalty per person. After July 24 standard cancellation policies apply.

Early booking discount: \$50 per person discount applied to final balance if deposit is received by February 8

Peace of Mind Protection: not available for this travel package but Travel Insurance is available at a group rate for this travel package. Without protection, regardless of the reason for cancellation, the following penalties apply:

Guaranteed departure cities: Newton, Des Moines, Ames, Fort Dodge, Webster City, Williams, Clear Lake, Owatonna, Tama, Waterloo, Waverly, Charles City, Coralville, Cedar Rapids, Independence, West Union, Decorah and Rochester