



**NORTHERN ALASKA TOUR COMPANY**  
Sharing Alaska's Arctic With The World

## ***Aurora and Polar Bears in Alaska's Arctic***

A multi-day journey into Alaska's Arctic to experience the natural and culture heritage of the region with two nights to look for the Northern Lights and a day visit to the Inupiat community of Kaktovik in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to look for polar bears. During the journey taking in the famed Dalton Highway, Yukon River, and arctic tundra and a guided ground tour to Coldfoot Alaska in the Brooks Mountain Range.

Why Coldfoot for aurora viewing? While no one can guarantee you will see the northern lights it is all about location, location, location. Coldfoot is located on the southern side of the Brooks Mountain Range which provides a large number of crystal clear nights. And, it is located directly under the Auroral Oval—the line scientists have identified as the origination of the northern lights.

### **Day 1 - September 14, 2015**

Transfer from the Fairbanks International Airport to Pikes Waterfront Hotel. (Please communicate flight arrival information on reservation form).

1:00 PM City tour including a visit to the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitor Center, University of Alaska Museum of the North, and pending weather a walk at Creamers Field Bird Migratory Field. This exploration around Fairbanks provides an introduction to the cultures of Alaska and the life of the year round residents.

7:30 PM Dinner at The Pump House Restaurant and Saloon – Riverside dining at the historic Pump House established in 1933.

Return shuttle to Pike's Waterfront Lodge

### **Day 2 - September 15, 2015**

Breakfast -- at Pikes

8:00 AM Departure from the hotel on a full day ground tour on the famed Dalton Highway, across the Yukon River and the Arctic Circle to Coldfoot Alaska. Lunch will be a sack lunch. Along the way hear the story of Alaska's Arctic by your informed guide both while in motion as well as the stops along the way to see up-close Alaska's Arctic. Stops like Joy, Alaska to learn about homesteading in Alaska, the Yukon River – a vital transportation link for Native Villages inaccessible by road, walking out on the arctic tundra and feel the veins of ice just below the surface, and of course, celebrate your crossing of the Arctic Circle before arriving into Coldfoot for the next 2 nights.

6:00 – 7:00 PM – Approximate arrival into Coldfoot Camp.

7:30 PM Dinner.

10:30 PM Arctic Village Aurora - Looking for the mysterious northern lights is a waiting game, engage your mind while you wait on the Arctic Village Aurora experience out of Coldfoot. The time is based on the most active time of the lights under this particular section of the Aurora Oval. To keep your mind engaged while you wait for the lights you will visit Wiseman, the only year round lived in community along the Dalton Highway. Hear about their historic past and how/why they live there year round. Hot water is available for coffee, tea and cocoa. 2:00 AM – approximate departure from Wiseman

### **Day 3 - September 16, 2016**

Breakfast

10:00 AM – approximately 6:00 PM Journey deeper into the Brooks Mountain Range north of Coldfoot. The goal for the day is the highest point along the Dalton Highway – Atigun Pass (weather permitting). Along the way hear more information about the Brooks Mountain Range. Stops will be made along the way to see up-close the mountains. Short hike will take place to explore up close the mountains – no designated trail, uneven gravel surface, relatively flat. (sack lunch provided)

7:30 PM Dinner

Evening Participants can choose to do a second night of the Arctic Village Aurora or stay at Coldfoot Camp to look for the lights on their own at Coldfoot Camp.

### **Day 4 September 17, 2016**

Breakfast

8:30 AM departure from Coldfoot for Kaktovik by small plane. (Piper Navajo Chieftain – all guests will have a window and an aisle seat for this flight experience).

11:30 AM approximate arrival into Kaktovik. Kaktovik is located on Barter Island and used to be the major trade center for the Inupiat (especially between the Inupiat of Alaska and the Inuit from Canada). Due to its isolation, the village has maintained its Inupiat Eskimo traditions. Lunch at Marsh Creek Inn. A briefing will take place at the end of lunch on the upcoming viewing experience. Chance to add layers for the boat ride out to view the polar bears.

1:00 PM transfer to the boat.

4:00 PM approximate return to Kaktovik, shuttle to Marsh Creek Inn for use of the bathroom facilities, chance to delay before the flight back to Fairbanks.

7:00 – 8:00 PM return to Fairbanks, transfer to Pike's Waterfront Lodge.

8:30 PM Dinner at Pikes Landing (next door to Pike's Waterfront Lodge – guests will walk to and from the hotel on their own).

### **Day 5 - September 18, 2015**

Breakfast

Late morning flight will be arranged by us from Fairbanks International Airport to Anchorage. Final flight time will be arranged as reservations are made and subject to availability of space and schedule of Alaska Airlines. We will aim to have participants arrive in Anchorage between noon and 3:00 PM. Shuttles in Anchorage upon landing not included in this PSA.

### **RESERVATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Name of each guest as it appears on their identification, birthdate, and individual body weight.

What does the price include?

Hotel shuttle upon arrival, guide in English, private rooms at Pikes Waterfront Lodge in Fairbanks, private rooms at Coldfoot Camp in Coldfoot, meals from dinner on Wednesday, 14 September, 2016 to breakfast on Sunday 18 September, 2016. (Dinner, Breakfast, lunch each day), non-alcoholic beverage at meals. All transportation and tours as listed in the itinerary.

Accommodations:

**Pike's Waterfront Lodge** – 2 nights - Pike's Waterfront Lodge offers comfortable rooms on the outskirts of Fairbanks near the airport. Services include a steam room & sauna, riverside deck, restaurant, a comfortable lounge, and wireless Internet in the public areas and most sleeping rooms. Pike's is a great base for taking in adventures around Fairbanks and as a home to come back to after time in Alaska's Arctic.

**Coldfoot Camp** – 2 nights - located halfway between Fairbanks and Deadhorse, Coldfoot Camp provides an excellent base for travelers in Alaska's Brooks Mountain Range. Although rustic by urban standards, Coldfoot Camp is clean and each room features two twin beds and private bath facilities in each of the rooms, a luxury in the remote wilderness of Alaska's Arctic.

What does the price NOT include:

Flights to Fairbanks, Alaska for the start of the PSA, alcoholic beverages, gratuity, and purchases by guests. This also doesn't include any alterations as made by the guest during the itinerary.

**LUGGAGE** Limitations for the 2 night stay in Coldfoot: For this portion of the experience we ask guests to limit their overnight bag to a carry on sized bag per person plus a day bag that you may need due to the limited space on the ground tour vehicle and small plane. Larger and heavier items will be stored at the hotel while travelling on this tour.

**LUGGAGE WEIGHT LIMIT** for the 2 night stay in Coldfoot: Guests are limited to 10—15 (9 Kg) pounds per person. Guests with luggage over 15 pounds may be asked to leave items in storage. This again are just the bags/items you are bringing for the 2 night stay in Coldfoot.

**ALTERATIONS:** 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.

**PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY:**

Payment methods: visa and master card.

Cancellation Policy: Once confirmed cancellations outside of 21 days prior to the tour date are 100% refundable. Cancellations within 21 days cancellation fee of \$500 per person. Cancellations within 7 days are non-refundable.



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