

“Date with Aurora” 2018-2019 Alaska Aurora Season | Arctic Overnight Fairbanks 5days/4nights

Chena Hot Springs Aurora Viewing Tour, 66°N Yukon River Camp Overnight, Cross the Arctic Circle, Visit
Coldfoot
Free Seafood Welcome Dinner

Aurora Viewing at Different Locations, Departure Guaranteed from 1 Person

TOUR CODE: NFF5-YK

AVAILABILITY: 09/16/2018-04/10/2019. Depart every Monday to Saturday.

Rooms & Rates	Double	Triple	Quad	Single
Shoulder Season	\$859/person	\$859/person	\$759/person	\$1139/person
Peak Season	\$919/person	\$919/person	\$819/person	\$1199/person
Hotel Upgrade	+35.00/person/night	+35.00/person/night	+35.00/person/night	+50.00/person/night
Hotel Reference	Fairbanks Default Hotel: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Fairbanks or Westmark Fairbanks Hotel Fairbanks Upgraded Hotel: SpringHill Suites by Marriott Fairbanks or similar 66°N Yukon River Accommodation: Yukon River Camp (Cannot extend nor upgrade) <p style="text-align: right;">The hotel upgrade is limited to Fairbanks City Hotel</p>			

Shoulder Season: 09/16/2018-11/14/2018

11/26/2018-12/17/2018

12/31/2018-01/30/2019

02/11/2019-04/10/2019

Peak Season: 11/15/2018-11/25/2018

12/18/2018-12/30/2018

01/31/2019-02/10/2019

PRODUCT FEATURE:

- ✓ **Date with Aurora**--Include 4 nights aurora viewing experience:
 - ✧ Wait aurora as enjoy the hot springs at Chena Hot Spring Resort.
 - ✧ Wait aurora in Aurora Viewing Bar or Clear Summit Aurora Viewing Lodge.
 - ✧ View aurora at 66°N Yukon River Camp around Arctic Circle zone.
 - ✧ Chase aurora when driving back from Arctic Circle.
- ✓ **Tasty Food**--Japanese seafood teppanyaki welcome dinner; delicious Asian lunch.
- ✓ **Extra Service**--Professional photography guides let you get the best aurora pictures.
- ✓ **Explore Arctic**--Take the Thomas Arctic Bus all the way to the Arctic, check in at Yukon River Camp, view the starry sky and the dancing aurora at liberty, photograph at 66°33'N Arctic Circle Sign in the daytime, chase aurora when driving back from Coldfoot.
- ✓ **Local Experience**--Have chance to experience Dog Sled Tour, Snow Machine Ride, Ice Fishing and Barbecue at your own expense.

- ✓ **Featured Hotel**--International chain hotels, including breakfast and free wi-fi; featured lodging experience at 66°N Yukon River Camp.

Fairbanks airport pick-up:

- ※ Airport shuttle
 - 24/7 service for guests staying in Holiday Inn Express & Suites Fairbanks and SpringHill Suites by Marriott Fairbanks
 - Please call hotel front desk (contact information listed below) after arrival for shuttle arrangement
- ※ Free pick-up with a mandarin guide:
 - Limited to flights arriving between 16:00 and 17:30, and between 22:00 and 12:30 the next morning. Please meet at the "Alaska Tour" tour desk near baggage claim carousel #1
 - Please provide updated flight information and a working cell phone number by calling/texting +1 (907) 310-6346 before boarding. Note that plans from many cellular carriers do not work in Alaska, please make sure the number you provided can receive texts or calls after landing, otherwise an alternative communication method should be established beforehand.
 - Limited to one pick-up per guest
- ※ Taxi: estimated fare of \$25-35 plus tips
- ※ Specially arranged pick-up: \$100 per guest with a mandarin guide and \$70 per guest with an English guide
- ※ Hotel contact information:
 - Holiday Inn Express & Suites Fairbanks
Front desk: +1 (907)238-1100
Address: 400 Merhar Avenue, Fairbanks, AK 99701
 - Westmark Fairbanks Hotel and Convention Center
Front desk: +1 (907)456-7722
Address: 813 Noble St, Fairbanks, AK 99701
 - SpringHill Suites by Marriott Fairbanks
Front desk: +1 (907)451-6552
Address: 575 1st Ave, Fairbanks, AK 99701

Yukon River Camp Overnight 2days/1night Tour Diagram



ITINERARY

Day 1 Arrive in Fairbanks (Airport Code: FAI)

Destination:

- **Fairbanks**—The largest city in the Interior region of Alaska, located less than 120 miles (190 km) south of the Arctic Circle. One of the best places on earth for experiencing the beautiful and mysterious aurora. Aurora is visible on average more than 200 days per year in the vicinity of Fairbanks. **A welcome seafood dinner will be arranged after the 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm pick-up.**
- **Aurora Viewing Lodge**—Take our shuttle to the selected aurora viewing lodge, Aurora Viewing Bar or Clear Summit Aurora Viewing Lodge, to experience the mysterious aurora at 10:00 pm. (Night one, fee is included.) Back to the hotel at around 2:00 am next morning.

Aurora Viewing Bar:

There are thousands of one-dollar bills with hand-written blessings all over the wall and the roof of the bar. You could wait for the Northern Lights in this lovely warm lodge and have a drink if you're interested.



Clear Summit Aurora Viewing Lodge:

The bar is on the mountain top where is far away from the city and has less light pollution. There is a large monitoring screen in the bar, so please make yourself comfortable inside while waiting for the Northern lights to show up.



Additional:

- A welcome seafood dinner is included; other meals are at your own expense.
- Check in at Holiday Inn Express & Suites Fairbanks or Westmark Fairbanks Hotel and Convention Center.

Attention!

- Please be noticed the free welcome seafood dinner only be arranged on the day of arrival in Fairbanks; The guests who could not arrive on time shall be deemed to have given up the seafood dinner and have no refund.
- If your flight arrives in Fairbanks before 5:00 pm, you could have a welcome seafood dinner for free. The guide will meet you around 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm in Fairbanks airport; Then will take you to the restaurant after the pick-up. If you arrive early and have already check in at the hotel, there will be another guide taking you to the restaurant from the hotel lobby at 5:00 pm.

Day 2 Fairbanks City Tour – Chena Hot Springs Aurora Viewing Tour

Destination:

- Depart from the hotel around 1:00 pm, enjoy Fairbanks city tour. Asian Lunch included.
- **The UAF Museum of The North** --The University of Alaska Museum of the North is a vital component of the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the only research and teaching museum in Alaska. Explore Alaska Native cultures, natural wonders, and diverse wildlife, and experience 2,000 years of Alaska art. (You will take a tour of Morris Thompson Cultural & Visitor Center if UAF Museum of the North is closed. And get refund USD12 per person.)
- **Santa Claus House**--It's Christmas year-round in the North Pole, Alaska—just 20 minutes away from Fairbanks. It has the world's largest Santa statue. You can choose holiday gifts for your special friends, or you can mail a postcard to them. (You will take a tour of North Pole Village if Santa Clause House is closed.)
- **Chena Hot Springs Aurora Viewing**-- Depart from the hotel around 5:30 pm, enjoy the warmth of these natural Hot Springs in winter. Chance to visit the world's only all-year around open **Ice Museum** (at your own expense) made of 1,000 tons of ice. It will be a memorable experience to see the creative things that are being carved out of ice! You can order an apple martini that comes in an ice molded martini glass (at your own expense, at least 21 years old). As daylight wanes, you can watch the northern lights while enjoying the hot springs! Back to Fairbanks hotel around 2:00 am the next morning. (Night two, fee is included.) (If you are not convenient to enjoy the hot springs due to physical sick, the tour guide will help to change your hot spring ticket to Ice Museum ticket which has the equal value.)
- You could enjoy a free morning before Fairbanks City Tour. **Optional tour: Dog Sled Tour.**
- ✦ **Dog Sled Tour (This tour would take approximately 2 hours, Pick-up and drop-off at the specified hotels.)**
 - Depart at around 10:30 am from hotel, then an Alaskan resident Leslie, will take you **experience dog sledding and introduce you the dog sledding culture**. Leslie came to the Alaska from twenty years ago, started from 2 Alaskan Malamutes and has grown into 50 dogs and a dogsledding cultural exhibition center now. As the annual dog sled race in Alaska becomes so popular all over the world, Leslie opens a training ground for the sled dogs and trains young mushers. She also provides dog sled adventures for the tourists and the income is to prepare for various International dog sled races. She is honored very much by the local community for supporting young mushers and helping them raise funds. In Leslie's dog sledding cultural exhibition center, it uses pictures, audios and physical objects to show visitors how an Alaskan native use the dog sled as a traditional commuting tool and its profound cultural traditions. You will also have a chance to play with the cute dogs.
 - In winter (approximately from November 16th to the beginning of April, the specific date will be adjusted according to the local weather and temperature) you will experience the thrill of the dog sledding over the snow for about 20 to 25 minutes. Two passengers will sit on one sled that is being pulled by a team of dogs. The leading dogs are responsible for the direction and the dog near the seat is the most powerful. You will be speeding on the trail through the forest, splashing snowflakes and have lots of fun.
 - In autumn when there is insufficient snowfall (approximately from September 16th to November 15th, the specific date will be adjusted according to the local weather and temperature), the musher will let the dog team pull a ATV instead of a sled for about 5 to 10 minutes. Usually the mommy dog will breed in early fall, so you

may have chance to play and take pictures with the newborn puppy! Leslie will also take you to the kennel and explain the history, breeding and training of the dogsledding in Alaska. And you will have a chance to sled first-hand with the musher and enjoy the cooperation and the team work spirit of the sled dog team.

Additional:

- Hotel breakfast and Asian Lunch are included; dinner is at your own expense.
- Hotel: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Fairbanks or Westmark Fairbanks Hotel and Convention Center.

Day 3 Fairbanks – Yukon River Camp Overnight 2days/1night Tour – DAY1

Destination:

Thomas Arctic Bus:

- Alaska's 30 years of local operating experience, professional Arctic travel company services, with up to \$10,000,000 commercial operating insurance.
- All commercial vehicles have Alaska local license plates and are operated by local reliable drivers who have rich experience of driving heavy vehicles on the Dalton Highway.
- Strict implementation of the D.O.T. professional driver driving electronic records of the US Department of Transportation.
- Thomas Arctic Bus has American school bus chassis, over weighted body and the shortest wheelbase to ensure safe commercial operation.
- Redesigned by a professional car manufacturer in the cold region of Edmonton.
 - ✦ Canada 72-hour automatic independent heating and floor heating system.
 - ✦ Capacious space with seat spacing and 120-degree tilt high back leather seats.
 - ✦ Satellite phone, car satellite communication system CB Radio to ensure emergency rescue.
 - ✦ Anti-fog double glazing.
 - ✦ Equipped with washroom.
- Along the Dalton Highway, Fairbanks-Arctic Circle Midpoint Yukon River Camp, there are rescue workers to provide more security.
- At exclusive Yukon River camp restaurant, you could taste "Polar braised beef noodles".



- Depart from the hotel at 5:30 pm and leave for Yukon River Camp.
- **Trans-Alaska Pipeline**—View the remarkable Trans-Alaska Pipeline, one of the world's longest continuous pipeline systems, is more than 800-miles in length. It moves 500,000 barrels of crude oil a day.
- **Yukon River Camp**—Cross the Yukon River and use the Aurora Tent at the Yukon River Camp as your base for Aurora viewing (Night three, fee is included.) The tent is heated and complimentary hot drinks are available while you wait. You will also have a chance to visit with your hosts who will share their lifetime of experience

living and working along the Yukon River.



- You could enjoy a free daytime before 5:30 pm in Fairbanks. We especially recommend you **Optional tours: Snow Machine Ride, Ice Fishing and Barbecue. Both of them could be arranged in the same day.**
- ✚ **Snow Machine Ride (This tour would take approximately 2 hours, Pick-up and drop-off at the specified hotels.)**
 - An Alaskan resident Somkey will take you on your Alaska Snow Machine Tour! There is nothing like the thrill of driving the snow machine on your own. It is the fastest commuting tool on the snow, and its speed is comparable to a regular vehicle. The snow machine is different from the motorcycle because it is not driven by wheels but by the track rotation. Therefore, you will find the driving safer, more stable and easy to learn. You can ride it up to the hills, cross the obstacles and speed through the open field. You do not need any license to operate the snow machine! Come on and enjoy a scenic route with lots of fresh snow and experience the paradise on earth. (Please bring you winter gear such as waterproof suits, hat, gloves and warm boots to avoid frostbite.)
- ✚ **Ice Fishing and Barbecue (This tour would take approximately 4 hours, Pick-up and drop-off at the specified hotels.)**
 - All rivers are frozen in Alaska from the end of November to March next year. The depth of the ice is up to 2m. The fish are very hungry under the ice and can often be readily caught even by people with little fishing experience (LMAO) The fishing guide Don will guide you to catch the trout and salmon! The Fishing equipment, clothes, transportation from the hotel are included.
 - **Fishing License**--The tour guide will assist you to buy a fishing license (\$25/person at your own expense) on the tour day.

Additional:

- Hotel breakfast is included; lunch and dinner are at your own expense.
- Check in at Yukon River Camp.

Reminder:

- No separate toilet or bathroom at Yukon River Camp. There are only public toilets and bathrooms.
- There are only two single beds in each room. If you book a Triple or Quadruple room, you will be arranged in two separate rooms during your stay at Yukon River Camp, and no one will share a room with strangers.
- You could just take the required items to Yukon River Camp, store the heavy luggage in the front desk of Fairbanks hotel.

Day 4 Yukon River Camp Overnight 2 days/1night Tour – DAY2

Destination:

- Depart from Yukon River Camp around 10:00 am.

- **Arctic Circle**—Cross the Arctic Circle and receive an official Arctic Circle Adventure Certificate.
- **Dalton Highway**—It is one of the most isolated roads in the United States. It directly parallels the pipeline. It begins at the Elliott Highway, north of Fairbanks, and ends at Deadhorse near the Arctic Ocean and the Prudhoe Bay oil fields. It became a legend through the hit TV show “Ice Road Truckers” on the History Channel. More chances to see wildlife, such as caribou, arctic fox, wolf, moose etc.
- **Coldfoot**—Arrive at Coldfoot Camp in the foot of the Brooks Range. Mail postcards to your family and friends in the northernmost post office in America, or get your precious stamp in the National Park.
- Chance to chase Aurora on the way back to Fairbanks. (Night four, fee is included.)



Additional:

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner are at your own expense.
- Check in at Holiday Inn Express & Suites Fairbanks or Westmark Fairbanks Hotel and Convention Center.

Day 5 Fairbanks – Airport

Destination:

- Take the free hotel shuttle to the airport.

Additional:

- Hotel breakfast is included; lunch and dinner are at your own expense.
- Hotel: none.

Attention!

1. The order of the itinerary will be adjusted according to your departure date or other conditions, and the content of the itinerary will remain the same.
2. To avoid missing flight, please book a departure flight after 7:00 am on the last day.
3. Please see the attached table for details of the optional tours at the end of the document.

Fairbanks airport drop-off:

- ✘ Airport shuttle
 - 24/7 service for guests staying in Holiday Inn Express & Suites and SpringHill Suites by Marriott
 - Reservation required, preferably at least 12 hours before leaving the hotel
- ✘ Taxi: estimated fare of \$25-35 plus tips

****Aurora is a natural phenomenon and depends on solar activity. You are not guaranteed to see it.****

****All the itinerary schedules are as above, but they could be changed according to your travel date, and the weather.**

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Application notes:

1. This main tour is hosted by local professional Chinese tour guides.
2. We strongly recommend that you confirm receipt of our trip and then buy air tickets.
3. We strongly recommend that you sign up at least 7 days in advance.
4. This journey requires a US visa.
5. If your itinerary includes a connection to Alaska, once you have received confirmation of the tour from us, please provide your travel details promptly and we do our best to get you vehicle connections/flights to the desired destination of the tour departure.
6. If you fail to provide timely and accurate flight information, it will result in a delay in the deployment of vehicles, tour confirmations, and personnel. We reserve the right, free of confrontations to refuse service to those individuals.

Disclaimer:

1. Irresistible factor

If it is affected by irresistible factors (including but not limited to: natural disasters, government or social activities, accidents or malfunctions, etc.), we will consider the safety and rights of tourists as the first prerequisites, and according to the actual situation on site, we have the right to take appropriate reactions and make appropriate adjustments, such as temporarily changing the time or content of the itinerary or even canceling some or all of the attractions, etc. We will retain the final interpretation.

Natural disasters: floods, earthquakes, hail, blizzards, tsunamis, etc.

Government or social activities: war, strikes, marches, political alternations, policy changes, terrorist threats, etc.

Accidents or malfunctions: tour bus malfunction, equipment damage, traffic accidents, etc.

2. Tourists Reason

If the tourists fail to meet the tour guide at the location on time for personal reasons (including but not limited to diseases, accidents, late arrivals, etc.) and miss the bus, which result in failing to participate the tour, we will not take any responsibility, reschedule nor refund.

Attention:

- a) Please arrive at the meeting place at least 10-15 minutes in advance;
- b) You can contact our number 1-2 days before departure to confirm the time and location again.

3. Change of itinerary

If you need to leave early in the middle of the tour or have other personal arrangements, please inform us by email or other ways 30 days before the tour date to ensure the specific arrangements will be made to the itinerary. If you fail to notice us on time, we will not be responsible for any inconvenience caused by the change of the itinerary (such as delay of the departure flight, unable to visit your local friends, etc.)

Fees paid include:

1. Hotel Stays within the tour dates.
2. Free guide pick-up within free pick-up time ranges.
3. The tours, tickets and traffic included in the itinerary.
4. Part of breakfast at hotel and other meals included in the itinerary.

Price does not include:

1. Lunches and dinners not included in the itinerary.
2. Optional tours and Optional services.
3. Unconventional airport pick-up.
4. Transportations, tours and tickets which not included in the itinerary.
5. Tips to the tour guide/driver adjustment:
 - o Pick-up: USD 5/person/day.
 - o Anchorage day tour: USD 10/person/day.
 - o Denali National Park Hiking: USD 10/person/ tour.
 - o Fairbanks day tour: USD 5/person/tour.
 - o Chena Hot Springs Aurora Viewing Tour: USD 10/person/tour.
 - o Aurora viewing tour: USD 5/person/tour.
 - o Arctic Circle tour: USD 15/person/day.

We suggest each guest pay a tip to the tour guide as encouragement when the tour/day end.

Special note:

1. Due to fire safety requirements in Alaska, extra beds cannot be added to hotel rooms. Every room is furnished with 2 beds.
2. The optional tour is affected by the weather factors. If the tour got cancelled, we will issue a refund.
3. The items included in the itinerary and the meals indicated in the itinerary are the designated items. If you are unable to participate in the itinerary, it's considered you have voluntarily given up and no refund will be issued.
4. No separate toilet or bathroom at Yukon River Camp, there are only public toilets and bathrooms.
5. Two single beds in each room at Yukon River Camp. If you book Triple or Quadruple room, you will be arranged in two separate rooms during your stay at Yukon River Camp, and the single guest would not share the room will others.
6. If there is any discrepancy between the schedule and the tour guide, please refer to the guide time.
7. The order of the trip will be adjusted according to your departure dates and weather conditions.

Optional tours table: (Please prepay optional tour when book the tour)

Tour Name	Availability	Rack Rate	Remarks
Autumn Dog Sled Tour	2018.09.16-2018.11.15	\$99/person	Dates may vary due to the weather and temperature
Winter Dog Sled Tour	2018.11.16-2019.04 beginning	\$129/person	
Snow Machine Ride	2018.12 beginning-2019.03 end	\$149/person	English-speaking guide Dates may vary due to the weather and temperature

Ice Fishing and Barbecue	2018.11 beginning -2019.03 end	\$149/person	English-speaking guide Dates may vary due to the weather and temperature (Fishing License \$25/person at your own expense)
Chena Hot Spring Resort Ice Museum	2018.09.16-2019.04.10	\$15/person	
Chena Hot Spring Resort Ice Museum Apple Martini	2018.09.16-2019.04.10	\$15/person	Inside Chena Hot Spring Resort Ice Museum

*Price is subject to seasonal change without prior notice