

WD Tours Presents:

“Frozen Trails & Dancing Skies”

Alaska’s Iditarod & Northern Lights

February 23-March 6, 2028

This 11 Day Tour Includes:

2 Nights in a Borealis Basecamp
Skyview Igloo with expansive clear ceiling

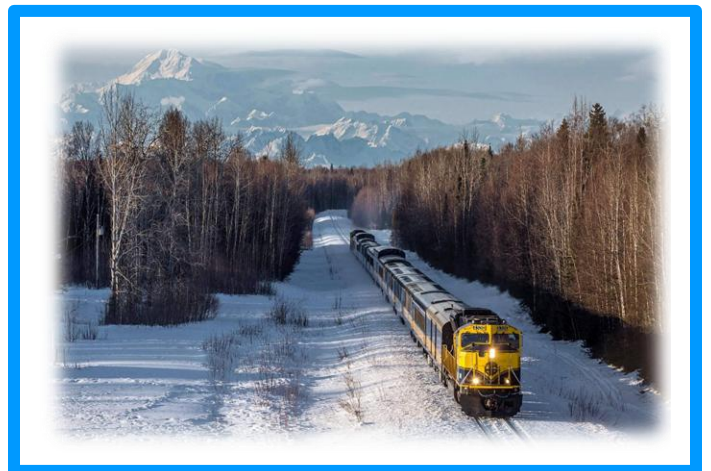
Borealis Basecamp Luxury Package
Includes professional Aurora Borealis Portrait,
Dog Sled Ride & Sauna

Multiple Northern Lights viewing opportunities
(Weather permitting)

Morris Thompson Cultural Center in Fairbanks
Murie Science and Learning Center in Denali
Alaska Railroad Aurora Train from Denali to Anchorage
Visit an Iditarod Champion’s Kennel
Iditarod Musher’s Banquet
Iditarod Headquarters in Wasilla
Attend the Ceremonial Start of the Iditarod in Anchorage
Attend the Official Start of the Iditarod in Willow, Alaska
Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center

Overnight in Fairbanks, Healy and Anchorage
9 Breakfasts
2 Lunches
1 Supper
All Airfare
All Hotels
WD Tours Director

Cost: TBD (we are hoping to keep it
close to \$8500/person based on
double occupancy)



We already have people signed up for
this tour!

Sign Up Deadline: June 1, 2027

Itinerary

(Subject to revisions)

Residents of the Upper Midwest are known for their resilience and ability to embrace even the coldest winter weather. While many Minnesotans choose to travel south during the winter months, WD Tours invites you to take a different approach with an extraordinary journey to Alaska. We are delighted to offer this unique winter adventure, featuring two of Alaska's most remarkable experiences: the breathtaking Aurora Borealis, commonly known as the Northern Lights, and the legendary Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. In addition to these unforgettable highlights, the tour includes a variety of distinctive activities showcasing Alaska's spectacular scenery, rich culture, and adventurous spirit. Prepare for an exceptional journey as we experience the beauty and excitement of Alaska in the winter.

Please note that this tour is still a work in progress. Many of the venues and service providers have not yet finalized their rates or schedules for 2028. When we receive that information in 2027, we will be able to confirm the complete itinerary, pricing, and travel dates. As you begin planning, please keep February 23 through March 7, 2028, available. The dates printed on the cover of this brochure represent our best estimate for the tour. However, flight schedules and other arrangements may require the trip to begin or end a few days earlier or later than anticipated. We appreciate your flexibility as we work to create this exceptional Alaskan winter experience.

Wednesday, February 23, 2028

Today we board the motorcoach at Wes & Karen's farm and travel to Minneapolis where we take our flight to Fairbanks, Alaska! We land early morning of Thursday, February 24th. Overnight Fairbanks, AK

Thursday, February 24, 2028

Breakfast is included. We will have a few options for you to choose from today. Overnight Fairbanks, AK (B)

Friday, February 25, 2028

Today, Borealis Basecamp will pick us up in Fairbanks and transport us to its breathtaking wilderness retreat. Tonight, you'll experience something truly unforgettable—a stay in a modern Sky View Igloo! Designed for comfort and exceptional aurora viewing, each spacious igloo features cozy beds, luxurious linens, a full bathroom, and an expansive clear ceiling. Settle in and gaze at the star-filled Arctic sky—and, if conditions are right, watch the northern lights dance overhead from your front porch or the comfort of your bed. Relax with a cup of hot coffee, cocoa, or tea at your igloo's live-edge breakfast bar while enjoying the peaceful Alaskan scenery. Additional dining options are available at Latitude 65, The Pub, and the Basecamp Café. Overnight: Borealis Basecamp north of Fairbanks, Alaska (B)

Saturday, February 26, 2028

Today is filled with unforgettable activities at Borealis Basecamp! Begin with an exciting Alaskan Sled Dog Experience. Mushing is Alaska's official state sport, and you'll experience the thrill firsthand during a dogsled ride through the beautiful Arctic boreal forest. Along the way, learn about life on the trail from an experienced musher and meet the hardworking—and lovable—team of sled dogs. Next, enjoy a peaceful walk with reindeer. These remarkable animals have evolved over thousands of years to thrive in the Arctic's extreme climate. Walk through the boreal forest alongside reindeer while learning about their lives and unique adaptations. Your experience concludes with a visit to the entire herd. Tonight, capture the magic of Alaska during a professional Aurora Portrait Photography Session. A Borealis Basecamp photographer will create beautiful portraits of you beneath the Arctic sky—and, conditions permitting, the northern lights. Each session includes five to eight photographs to remember this extraordinary experience. Overnight: Borealis Basecamp

Sunday, February 27, 2028

Today, we say goodbye to our unique Sky View Igloos and return to a more traditional style of lodging. This afternoon we check into our Fairbanks hotel and begin the next portion of our Alaskan adventure beyond Borealis Basecamp. Overnight: Fairbanks, Alaska

Monday, February 28, 2028

Enjoy an included breakfast before setting out on a guided tour of Fairbanks. Highlights include visits to the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. The afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure. A variety of optional excursions may be available, including dog-mushing adventures, Arctic Circle flightseeing, and other exciting Alaskan experiences. This evening, board a motorcoach and travel away from the city lights for an opportunity to view the spectacular aurora borealis.* Overnight: Fairbanks, Alaska (B)

**Aurora viewing is not guaranteed and depends on weather conditions and solar activity.*

Tuesday, February 29, 2028

After an included breakfast, travel south toward magnificent Denali National Park. Along the way, stop in the community of Nenana, home of the famous Nenana Ice Classic. Upon arrival in Denali, visit the Murie Science and Learning Center, which serves as the park's winter visitor center. Watch the park film, Heartbeats of Denali, learn about this remarkable wilderness from a local park ranger and, weather permitting, try snowshoeing. A boxed lunch is included today. This evening, visit the Denali Discovery Center for another opportunity to witness the spectacular aurora borealis.* Overnight: Healy, Alaska (B, L) **Aurora viewing is not guaranteed and depends on weather conditions and solar activity.*

Wednesday, March 1, 2028

Enjoy an included breakfast before our transfer to the Denali Rail Stop and board the world-famous Alaska Railroad. Settle into Adventure Class for a spectacular winter journey south to Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. Relax and enjoy breathtaking views of Alaska's snow-covered wilderness along the way. Keep watch for glimpses of majestic Denali as the train travels from the mountain's north side toward its south side. Overnight: Anchorage, Alaska (B)

Thursday, March 2, 2028

After an included breakfast, begin the day with a guided tour of Anchorage. Highlights include the city's historic downtown, Lake Hood—where more than 190 floatplanes take off and land each day during the summer—and Earthquake Park, where you'll learn about the powerful 1964 Alaska earthquake. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own. This afternoon, travel along the spectacular Seward Highway to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. Here, you'll have an opportunity to see some of Alaska's remarkable wildlife up close while learning about the center's conservation efforts. Tonight, join in the excitement of the Iditarod festivities and enjoy dinner at the Musher's Banquet. Overnight: Anchorage, Alaska (B, S)

Friday, March 3, 2028

After an included breakfast, travel north to Happy Trails Kennel, home of four-time Iditarod champion Martin Buser. Hear fascinating personal stories from the trail, meet the sled dogs, and discover what it takes to compete in Alaska's legendary Iditarod. Later, return to Anchorage with an included visit to the Iditarod Headquarters in Wasilla along the way. Learn more about the history, traditions, mushers, and remarkable canine athletes behind the famous race. Overnight: Anchorage, Alaska (B)

Saturday, March 4, 2028

Enjoy an included breakfast before we make our way to Fourth Avenue for the official ceremonial start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Find a great viewing spot and join the excitement as mushers and their sled-dog teams gather from around the world. Cheer them on as each team leaves the starting gate at two-minute intervals. Stay to watch every team depart, or explore the many other Iditarod festivities taking place throughout Anchorage. This afternoon, visit the Anchorage Museum in the heart of downtown. Discover fascinating exhibits featuring Alaska's art, history, Indigenous cultures, ecology, and science. Overnight: Anchorage, Alaska (B)

Sunday, March 5, 2028

After an included breakfast, depart for Willow and the official start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Dress in warm layers, as much of the day will be spent outdoors cheering on your favorite mushers and sled-dog teams. Along the way, stop at a grocery store in Wasilla, where you may purchase additional snacks and refreshments. Upon arrival, be prepared for a short walk to find the perfect viewing spot along the racecourse. Experience the excitement as the mushers race across Willow Lake and begin their legendary 1,049-mile journey to Nome. The Willow Community Center offers a warm place to take a break, along with vendors selling food, beverages, and locally made crafts. A boxed lunch is included today. Our departure time from Willow will depend on weather conditions and the group's comfort level. We hope to see as many mushers depart as possible while planning to return to Anchorage around 6:00–6:30 p.m. Upon arrival in Anchorage, transfer to the airport for our overnight flight home to Minnesota.

Meals included: Breakfast and boxed lunch (B, L)

Monday, March 6, 2028

We land at approximately 6:00 AM. A motorcoach will transport us back to Wes & Karen's place arriving mid day.

Thank you for traveling on this "Frozen Trails & Dancing Skies" tour with WD Tours. We hope this once in a lifetime experience exceeded your expectations! Wes & Karen

Notes to passengers:

- We hope Mother Nature provides favorable weather and clear skies during our tour, giving us the opportunity to witness the magnificent Aurora Borealis. With two nights at Borealis Basecamp and three additional nights in Fairbanks, we have planned several opportunities for northern lights viewing. However, because this is a natural phenomenon and weather conditions can vary, sightings cannot be guaranteed.
- We will keep you posted as to what type of clothing to bring. It might be such a thing that our carry on has our clothing, and the large suitcase would be our snowmobile suits/Carhartt clothing and the like. We are going to dig out our winter clothes and see how this will all work.
- We hope to keep this tour in the \$8500/person range based on two people per room. 2028 rates for a lot of things are not set yet, but that is our closest estimation at this point.
- This tour includes 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 supper. This adventure does not have a meal plan like our summer one does, so you will be spending more on meals than our summer Alaska tour.
- We are excited for this tour! Who would have thought that Alaska in the wintertime is even a thing, but we have had a lot of interest in this experience and already actually have a few people signed up for the tour as of the end of August 2026!
- The day of the official start of the Iditarod in Willow could possibly be up to a ½ mile walk to the starting line. There can be alternative activities in Anchorage for those that do not want to walk that distance.





WD Tours General Policies

TOUR INCLUDES: All sightseeing admissions, transportation, transfers, guide fees, tour director services, events included in tour itinerary, lodging, taxes included in the itinerary.

NOT INCLUDED:

1. Gratuities for WD Tours Tour Director, which is customary
2. Gratuities for WD Tours Driver, which is customary
3. Tips for meals or services not included in tour price

WD TOURS reserves the right to make changes or alterations in the printed itinerary, dates, routings or included features prior to or during the tour as deemed necessary to make the tour operation as smooth as possible. WD Tours assumes no responsibility for delays and/or expenses due to such modifications.

WD TOURS will provide a tour director to handle every detail associated with the tour and its passengers. Should any concern develop while on the tour please contact the tour director to help resolve the situation.

TRIP INSURANCE/CANCELLATION POLICIES

The purchase of trip cancellation/interruption insurance is highly recommended by WD TOURS. You may purchase trip insurance from any company you would like. Some companies to consider:

Travel Guard www.travelguard.com

USI Travel Insure <https://select.travelinsure.com/>

Generali Insurance <https://www.generalitravelinsurance.com/>

Allianz Travel Insurance <https://www.allianztravelinsurance.com/>

RESPONSIBILITY

- WD TOURS and our agents act only as an agent for such other parties, firms, or corporations providing services herein.
- No liability shall be incurred by WD TOURS, their agents, presenters, or co-sponsors because of injury, loss, delay, or other complication experienced by tour participants.
- WD TOURS reserves the right to accept, decline, or retain any person as a participant of these tours at any time
- Any person who requires special assistance needs to be accompanied by an able companion who will assist them throughout the trip. WD TOURS is not able to provide individual assistance to passengers with walking, wheelchairs or other personal needs.

Notes For Our Travelers Regarding The Type Of License Needed to Fly

Do you need to bring your passport?

Maybe.. depending on the kind of drivers license you have.

You need to have a MN Real ID or Enhanced Drivers license to fly. If you do not have that, then you need to bring your passport.

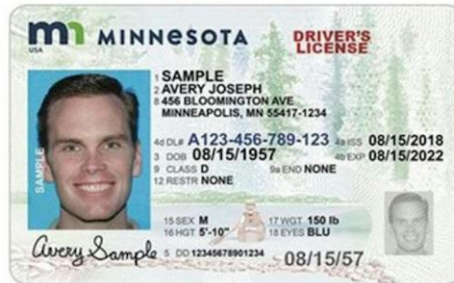
Here are a few examples. The top one is A regular MN Drivers license which DOES NOT work for flying

The real ID has the gold star in the top Right hand corner. This one works to fly.

The last one on the bottom left is the Enhanced Drivers License. This one also works to fly. If you do not have either one of these licenses, then you need to bring your passport to fly. Make sense? If you do not have any of these forms of identification please contact Wes or Karen so we can help you get what you need.

New Minnesota DL/ID Card Designs

Standard Driver's License



Enhanced Driver's License



REAL ID Driver's License



Just a reminder to check on purchasing trip insurance. Some companies like Allianz offer affordable annual policies that are often as cheap or cheaper than one policy to cover an expensive tour like Alaska or Hawaii. Each company has their quirks and little fine print about deadlines etc. So read it over carefully, but we encourage everyone to buy trip insurance.



sign up**"Frozen Trails and Dancing Skies" Wintertime in Alaska Tour****Passenger Sign Up Sheet****February 23 – March 6, 2028****Signup deadline: June 1, 2027**

Please fill in all information. Return this sheet with your deposit of \$1000/person to WD Tours at the address below.

Passenger #1 Name: _____

(print your full name) Complete First Name Middle Name Last Name

Name you would like on your nametag: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Email address: _____

Delta Skymiles Number: _____

Do you have a Delta American Express Card? Circle one YES NO

Passenger #2 Name: _____

(print your full name) Complete First Name Middle Name Last Name

Name you would like on your nametag: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Email address: _____

Delta Skymiles Number: _____

Do you have a Delta American Express Card? Circle one YES NO

I would like the following type of hotel room if available: 1 bed _____ 2 beds _____

Please include your deposit of \$1000/person to hold your seat for this tour. Mail to WD Tours at:

Signup Deadline:**June 1, 2027**

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