



## Alaska's Northern Lights Discover the Aurora Borealis

March 23 -31, 2025

It is predicted that fall through early spring of 2025 will bring the BEST Northern Lights in 20 years, and Daniel's is heading to Alaska to chase the Aurora Borealis! Alaska is one of the best places on earth to see the Northern Lights. When the

conditions are right, colorful bands of light in shades of green, yellow, white and purple dance in the dark night sky and this natural phenomenon is an unforgettable experience! This winter tour to Alaska will be an unforgettable adventure...join us!

**COST PER PERSON: \$4175 (Double Occupancy)**

\$1,000 Deposit Due with Reservation

Reservation Deadline & Final Payment Due January 10, 2025

*Includes: 7 nights lodging, outbound flight from Atlanta-Fairbanks, return flight from Anchorage (overnight), listed attractions (optional attractions are available for an additional fee), Daniel's Tour Host, 5 hotel breakfasts, roundtrip coach transportation, one-way Adventure Class Aurora Winter Train, roundtrip air is Economy Class seating. We reserve the right to make substitutions for activities that may change due to reasons beyond our control. All reservations are double occupancy, no singles available. Small Group Tour – Limited Availability.*

**Day 1:** Join your fellow travelers at the Daniel's Tour Depot in Lula, GA for transport to the Atlanta Airport to board an early flight. Arrive later this afternoon in Fairbanks and settle in at Pikes Waterfront Lodge for a 2-night stay at this traditional Alaska style lodging along the Chena River. Fairbanks is the largest city in Alaska's interior and has a prime location under the auroral oval. During ideal viewing conditions, the Aurora Borealis may make an appearance over the Riverfront Deck – featuring a warm fire pit – or over the aurora conservatory with its three glass walls and glass ceiling. Visit the Aurora Discovery Institute and on-site theater showing *Aurora Hunter*— an exciting locally made film featuring the Aurora of Interior Alaska.

**Day 2:** The far-north latitude of Fairbanks makes it one of the best places on Earth to experience the magic of winter. Today, we strike out to see the sights around town on our private coach including a visit to the fascinating Museum of the North and the Morris Thompson Cultural & Visitors Center. Incredible ice sculptures are the talk of the town – carved by hand out of locally harvested ice blocks – these winter creations can be seen all over town! If you want a bit more adventure today – ask us about setting up an optional Arctic Circle Aurora Adventure for you. (B)

**Day 3:** Chena Hot Springs is world renowned for being one of the best places on Earth to see the northern lights. This remote property is located under the most active band of northern lights, it is away from the light pollution of city lights, and the skies over Chena are clear more often than those over Fairbanks, 60 miles away. We will make our way from Fairbanks to remote Chena Hot Springs by private motorcoach today. Watch for

wildlife along the way, this is moose country! We arrive in time for an afternoon nap so you will be ready for an evening of Aurora watching if the conditions are right. Hang out in the Activity Center with other Aurora chasers tonight into the wee hours of morning for the best chance to see the Aurora come out. Or, we will send a wake up call if that is your preference. Our Chena Lodging is in the “Fox Rooms” – small, comfortable, yet rustic lodging located near the Chena Hot Springs, where you have an unlimited pass to swim and soak. The Hot Springs recorded history dates to the early 1900’s when weary gold miners discovered that soaking in the “oh-so-warm” waters helped their aching bodies. (B)

**Day 4:** Today is the day to explore the Chena Hot Springs property and take advantage of the many optional activities available. Chena is home to the Aurora Ice Museum – the world’s largest year-round ice environment. It was created from over 1,000 tons of ice and snow, all harvested at the resort. Visit the ice bar for an Appletini served in an ice glass. Visit the Chena Kennel where you will be introduced to some amazing Alaskan Huskies, learn about this fascinating breed, and tour a working mushing kennel of over 50 dogs. You can even take a dog sled ride on the groomed trails, go ice-fishing or snowmobiling. Take a walking tour to the Geothermal Energy Plant and year round Greenhouses that provide fresh produce for the onsite restaurant! More Aurora viewing opportunities are in store tonight! You can even choose to take an optional excursion to Charlie Dome and watch for the Aurora in heated yurts. (All Chena activities are optional, at an additional cost and based on availability.) The restaurant at Chena Hot Springs is open 7am – 10pm, so everyone is on their own for all of their meals today since everyone’s wake-up schedule will vary due to late night Aurora watching.

**Day 5:** Enjoy a late morning since we will have been up late chasing the Aurora. Breakfast is served at the restaurant from 7am-11:30am, so you are on your own for breakfast when it suits you. We make a visit to a local Reindeer Ranch to learn about these delightful creatures before arriving back in Fairbanks at a downtown hotel for an overnight stay.



**Day 6:** We depart Fairbanks on the Adventure Class Aurora Winter Train in Fairbanks this morning for a once in a lifetime experience crossing the quiet serenity of pristine snow. Enjoy the winter wonderland of Alaska’s backcountry from the comfort of a warm railcar, complete with comfortable seats, large picture windows and onboard dining available. On a clear day, a spectacular view of Denali rises into view above the Susitna River. And anywhere along the tracks, a watchful eye may be rewarded with the sight of a moose in the wild. We arrive at Talkeetna this afternoon for a 2-night stay at the beautiful Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge in Mountain View rooms. (B)

**Day 7:** The Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge sits on a ridge just above the town of Talkeetna. On a clear day, the Lodge offers majestic views of the tallest peak in North America, Denali. Inside, there’s a crackling fire in a giant river rock fireplace. Today is at your leisure to enjoy the beautiful lodge, take the hotel shuttle on the short ride into downtown Talkeetna and browse the unique gift shops, and enjoy casual or fine dining at the hotel or at one of the



restaurants downtown. If the conditions are right overnight, the northern lights can make an appearance over Talkeetna, and the lodge will offer a wake-up call so you don't miss it! If you want more adventure today, ask us about setting up an optional excursion such as a flight above the Alaska Range for some spectacular winter views of the frozen rivers and landscapes below. (B)

**Day 8:** We depart Talkeetna by coach this morning and make the scenic drive to Anchorage to board our afternoon flight to return to Atlanta. (B)

**Day 9:** Our flight arrives in Atlanta early this morning and our coach will return to the Daniel's Discovery Tours Depot with memories of our once in a lifetime trip to Alaska.

**(B) = Breakfast is included**

## What is the Winter like in Alaska?

The subarctic environment is surprisingly agreeable with low humidity, little precipitation, and almost no wind. Optional winter activities are plentiful and available throughout the tour at your discretion, so you can be out in the weather a little or a lot based on your choice of optional activities. Clothing essentials include a winter parka, snow pants, warm socks, waterproof snow boots, scarf, face covering, hat that covers ears, gloves or mittens, long johns/base layer. The average daylight hours during the time we visit is approximately 11 hours, the average snowfall in March is 5", and the average temperature is 25 degrees. All planned Aurora viewing activities have outdoor viewing areas and indoor viewing areas available for your comfort. We can't guarantee that you will see the Aurora Borealis, aka the Northern Lights. Weather can affect viewing, Auroral intensity varies from night to night and throughout the night. The best viewing tends to be late evening to early morning hours, from 10PM-3AM, so be prepared to stay up for the show. We will have some late mornings so you can catch up on rest.



**TOUR PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO COMFORTABLY NAVIGATE WALKING IN SNOW AND ICE. EXPECT AN ACTIVE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION THROUGHOUT THE TOUR. FLY/DRIVE TOURS REQUIRE PARTICIPANTS TO NAVIGATE LARGE AIRPORTS WHERE WALKING MAY BE EXTENSIVE BETWEEN AIRPORT GATES, YOU WILL CHECK-IN YOUR OWN LUGGAGE, AND FLIGHT SCHEDULES MAY REQUIRE EARLY/LATE DEPARTURES/ARRIVALS. GROUP AIR IS ECONOMY SEATING, IS NOT UPGRADEABLE & AIRLINES CONTROL ALL SEAT ASSIGNMENTS. CONTACT US IF YOU WANT TO MEET THIS TOUR AT THE GATEWAY HOTEL AND SECURE YOUR OWN AIR AND AIRPORT TRANSPORT.**



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## REGISTRATION FORM

COUPLES USE ONE FORM

To Avoid Airline Ticket Change Fees, provide name(s) exactly as it appears on your Passport

Traveler #1 \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name for your nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

Traveler #2 \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name for your nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

Traveler #1 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Is Traveler #2 address the same? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no (if no, Traveler #2 provide a separate Registration Form)

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

**COST PER PERSON: \$4175 (Double Occupancy)**

**\$1,000 Deposit per person due with Reservation; Final payment due 1/10/25**

CANCELLATION POLICY: No Refunds after Final Payment Due Date of 1/10/25

Optional Trip Cancellation Insurance is available.

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to purchase Travel Protection Insurance, call me with a quote. For full coverage, Insurance payment is due with deposit & should be added to the deposit amount. Insurance payments are not refundable.

Deposit Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ I am paying by: Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Deposit Check payable to: Daniel's Discovery Tours  
Deposit can be made by cash/check/credit card**

Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code \_\_\_\_\_

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**Final Payment is Due by Check to avoid credit card processing fee.**

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