

# Wonders of Alaska February 28 - March 7, 2019

# The Seymour Bank Seniority Club

Experience the excitement and energy of the Ceremonial Start of the famous Iditarod. Bask in the warmth of natural hot springs as you marvel at the vibrant colors of the Northern Lights. Take a thrilling dogsled ride through an Alaskan winter wonderland. All this and much more are included on this fabulous, once-in-a-lifetime, authentic Alaskan adventure! Don't miss out on the fun!

# Thursday, February 28

Fly to **Anchorage** and check into the perfectly located **Anchorage Hilton** for three nights. You'll be just a heartbeat away from the excitement of the **Fur Rendezvous Festival**, museums and shops.

# Friday, March 1 (Dinner)

Step outside into a winter wonderland to discover the magic of Anchorage in winter! Take an incredible, *optional*, 90-minute flightseeing excursion or stay in town to visit museums, shop and explore the Fur Rondy Arts & Crafts Show. Tasty lunch options abound including food carts offering local cuisine like reindeer sausage. This afternoon, see artistic masterpieces carved from huge blocks of compressed snow at the **GCI Snow Sculpture Competition**. We'll visit the **Train Depot** filled with history, displays and a working miniature train. Dinner tonight will be at the **49th Street Brewing Company** known for its specialty Alaskan foods, followed by the **Fur Rondy Melodrama**. Throw popcorn, clap and cheer, hiss and boo at the zany cast as they sing and dance their way directly into your funny bone.

# Saturday, March 2 (Breakfast, Dinner)

Prepare for an exciting day at the **Fur Rendezvous Festival**! Known locally as **Fur Rondy**, this premier festival celebrates winter and the pioneering spirit of Alaskans. Cultural events, sporting activities and many special activities offer wonderful, wacky winter fun! Experience the incredible excitement of the **Iditarod Ceremonial Start**. Visit with mushers, pet the dogs and then cheer for your favorites as the race begins! Watch the exciting **Fur Auction**, named in honor of the economic importance of the Alaska fur trade. Learn about Alaska's 11 major cultural groups through storytelling, song, dance, and artist demonstrations at the **Alaska Native Heritage Center**. Don't miss the hilarious **Run with the Reindeer Race**, where the locals make a mad dash through town with caribou at their heels. Indulge in a typical Alaskan feast tonight at the **Glacier Brewhouse**.

# Sunday, March 3 (Dinner)

Today we travel to **Talkeetna**, an authentic Alaskan town used as the model for the TV show *Northern Exposure*. Have lunch at one of the local eateries and look for authentic souvenirs in the unique shops including Nagley's General Store where miner and trapper history lines the walls. We'll check into the **Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge** where it's all about the view! The lodge is built atop a high bluff and overlooks the entire Alaska Range, with Mt. Denali right in the middle! We'll gather in the hotel's restaurant for dinner tonight. The hotel provides northern lights wake up calls, so when the **Aurora** 

**Borealis** comes into view, the hotel will call you! This is a great opportunity to see the dramatic northern lights with Denali as the backdrop!

#### Monday, March 4 (Breakfast, Dinner)

Today our flight to **Fairbanks** takes us over **Denali National Park** affording us amazing views! After checking into the **Springhill Suites**, you are free to visit the shops and galleries filled with Alaska Native art and jewelry. Visit the Yukon Quest Cabin that









highlights the Yukon Quest, a 1,000-mile International Sled Dog Race that starts in Fairbanks. We'll enjoy dinner at **LaVelle's Bistro** and then head to the **World Ice Art Championship** to view hundreds of amazing ice sculptures created by more than 100 sculptors from 30 different countries! With our Alaskan sense of adventure in high gear, we're off to "hunt the Aurora." With an elevation above hills and trees and lack of light pollution, **Ski Land's** warm lodge will give us an excellent chance to see the **northern lights**.

## Tuesday, March 5 (Breakfast, Dinner)

We set out this morning to discover more of Fairbanks including a photo stop at the **Alaska pipeline** before we check into the **Chena Hot Springs Resort**, world-renowned for being one of the best places on Earth to see the Aurora Borealis due to its location under the most active band of northern lights. We'll visit the **Aurora Ice Museum**, the world's largest year-round ice environment filled with amazing ice sculptures! It was created from over 1,000 tons of ice and snow and is kept at a cool 25° F. During our **Geothermal Renewable Energy tour**, we'll learn how the resort generates its own power. After dinner at the resort you can experience the **Chena Natural Hot Springs Pool**. The thermal waters, rising steam, and glorious winter sky create a unique and memorable experience! Choose to watch the northern lights as you soak in the hot springs pool or stay toasty warm inside the resort's Activity center until the **Aurora Borealis** is in view.

### Wednesday, March 6 (Breakfast, Box Lunch, Dinner)

Authentic Alaska experience here we come! Just imagine gliding silently along a stunning wooded trail on a **sled powered by a team of dogs**! Our experienced guides and teams of eager Alaskan huskies will make this a memory of a lifetime! Enjoy a box lunch as we fly back to Anchorage. Tonight dinner will be at **Simon & Seafort's** featuring panoramic views and classic American fare. Then we head to the Anchorage airport for our overnight flight home.

#### Thursday, March 7

Arrive home today filled with wonderful memories of our fabulous Alaskan adventure!

Tour Costs per person: \$3,949 - Double	\$4,409 - Single	\$3,829 - Triple
Tour Includes:		
+ Local round-trip airport transfers	<b>↓</b> F	our breakfasts, one box lunch and six dinners
🕂 Round-trip airfare	+ F	Il attractions and admissions as listed in the itinerary
+ Deluxe motor coach transportation	+ F	Il tour related taxes and gratuities
+ Six nights hotel accommodations	+ S	ervices of a Seniority Club representative
+ Baggage handling at all hotels	+ 5	ervices of a Cruises and Tours Worldwide tour manager

Not Included: Checked baggage fees, optional flightseeing excursion, and optional travel protection premium of \$242 per person in double and triple occupancy and \$276 in single occupancy.

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Deposit:	\$100 per person	Balance due: November 19, 2018	
Reservations: Please complete a reservation form and submit it with your \$100 per person deposit and the travel protection			
	premium, if desired, to:	The Seymour Bank Seniority Club, Delilah Johnson, PO Box 248, Seymour, MO 65746	
		Phone: (417) 935-2293 email: djohnson@seymourbank.com	
		Please make checks payable to The Seymour Bank.	

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