

AAA Reading-Berks presents...

Alaska's Northern Lights

March 24 – 30, 2026



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Small Group Travel rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

7 Days • 11 Meals: 6 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Fairbanks, Dog Mushing, Northern Lights Excursions, Alaska Railroad, Talkeetna, Anchorage, Winter Glacier Cruise, Prince William Sound

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Days 1 – 3 Pikes Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks, Alaska

Day 4 Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, Talkeetna

Days 5 – 7 Hilton Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 Fairbanks Your journey starts in Fairbanks, in the great state of Alaska. Originally a gold rush boomtown, now known as the “Golden Heart of Alaska.” Due to varied arrivals, there are no group activities planned for today.

Day 2: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 Fairbanks Feel the brisk air and discover Fairbanks, the perfect combination of nature and civilization. Look into the past at the Antique Auto Museum, where vintage cars sit between timely artifacts and fashionable designer dresses from times gone by. Hop in a car and pose for a perfect souvenir snapshot. In the afternoon, embrace the Iditarod spirit as you step into a sled with an expert guide and glide over the snow with a pack of sled dogs. Stay for dinner at the kennel owner’s home and learn more about what the life of a musher is like. Later this evening, chase the legendary northern lights, considered one of the most amazing natural spectacles in the world. Walk out in the snow under an unspoiled bed of stars and search for the shimmering hues of green. (B, D)

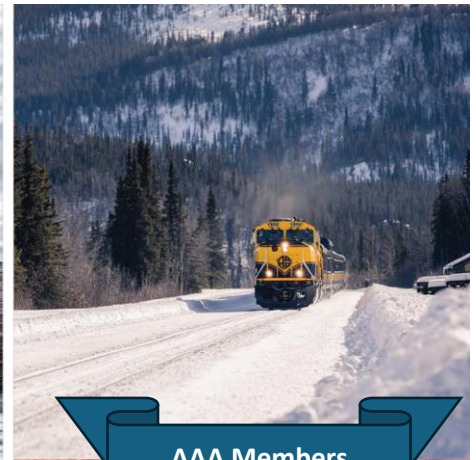
Day 3: Thursday, March 26, 2026 Fairbanks Enjoy a full day at leisure in the city of Fairbanks. Take this opportunity to relax or flex your sense of adventure with optional excursions: consider flightseeing to the Arctic Circle. Later in the evening, enjoy another chance to spot the northern lights. (B)

Day 4: Friday, March 27, 2026 Fairbanks - Alaska Railroad - Talkeetna Begin your day hopping on Alaska Railroad’s Snow Train for a full-day journey to Talkeetna. Sit back and relax as you are whisked away, through snow-covered mountains and striking valleys. Have your cameras ready – the train conductor will point out wildlife as you pass by. Lunch is included in the train’s dining car. Check into the iconic Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, perched on a ridge offering unforgettable views of Denali (when conditions allow). Later, perhaps you will spend some time on the lodge’s expansive deck, a great place to search for the northern lights, or just enjoy some hot cocoa by the roaring fireplace in the great room. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Saturday, March 28, 2026 Talkeetna - Palmer - Anchorage Start your day with a lecture on the down-to-earth Alaskan lifestyle before taking a step into the past when you visit Musk Ox Farm. Learn about the Musk Ox project – a sustainable domestication effort that has worked to preserve, protect, and increase awareness for these wooly creatures since 1954. Your day concludes in Anchorage, an urban enclave surrounded by wilderness. (B)

Day 6: Sunday, March 29, 2026 Anchorage - Winter Glacier Cruise - Anchorage Head to Whittier and embark on an incomparable glacier cruise of Prince William Sound, narrated by an expert guide. Blue skies collide with stark white glaciers, and playful otters dip in and out of the calm waters. Embrace the sheer magnitude of Alaska’s natural beauty as you venture through a geological wonderland. Feel like a true explorer during a beach landing.* Toast to your Alaskan adventure at a farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Monday, March 30, 2026 Anchorage - Tour Ends Enjoy a relaxing morning before heading to the Anchorage Museum. Alaska’s largest museum tells the story of the states multi-faceted culture and history from many different perspectives. The remainder of your day is at leisure. Your hotel room is available for your use whether your flight is today, tonight, or tomorrow morning. (B)



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Important Tour Information:

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 4. This means you're ready to seize the day, whatever it may bring. You lead an active life at home (walking, biking, and half or full day hikes are things you may enjoy) and 10,000 steps a day is normal for you. You can handle longer walking tours (more than 3 hours covering 3+ miles at a steady clip) and activities that involve traversing uneven terrain, steep slopes, standing for periods of time, and varying altitudes and temperatures. You don't mind being on the go with some early starts, late nights, and full days. You can handle altitudes of 9,000 feet or higher with little to no issue. This level is not appropriate for travelers who use wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 16 people (maximum of 24).

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Temperatures in February and March can be quite cold. Anchorage averages a high of 20 degrees Fahrenheit (-7 degrees Celsius) / low of 11 degrees Fahrenheit (-12 degrees Celsius). Talkeetna and Fairbanks average a high of 12 degrees Fahrenheit (-12 degrees Celsius) / low of -13 degrees Fahrenheit (-25 degrees Celsius). It is strongly recommended that travelers dress appropriately for Arctic weather.

Travelers should expect temperatures from 26° to -1°F and plan on being outdoors for a number of included activities.

Travelers should be prepared to navigate streets with heavy snow and icy or slippery conditions on the ground.

The best time to see the northern lights is from late August through April and this itinerary was designed with a multiple-night stay in Fairbanks to

enhance this opportunity. However, this is weather dependent, and sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed.

*Beach landings are weather dependent.

Suitable outdoor gear will be available for rental prior to your tour departure at an additional cost.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 3:00 pm.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

IDENTIFICATION

Travel within USA

For travel completed by May 6, 2025, all airlines will ask for identification when you check in. It is recommended that you carry a passport if you

Experience It! Aurora Borealis - Northern Lights

Due to its close proximity to the Arctic Circle, Alaska is one of the best places to see the Aurora Borealis – better known as the northern lights. This natural phenomenon is the product of collisions between electrically charged particles from the sun that enter the earth's atmosphere, yielding spectacular results. Streaks of colorful light that change from white to green, dazzle and move through the open sky like nature's own lightshow. The best time to see the northern lights is from late August through April. This is weather dependent, but the nights are the longest during these months which increases your chances of seeing the lights.

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