

## Alaska: America's Last Frontier

### Highlights...

Fairbanks • Gold Mining • Trans-Alaska Pipeline • Dog Mushing • Denali National Park • Tundra Wilderness Tour • Talkeetna • Musk Ox Farm • Anchorage • Prince William Sound Glacier Cruise



9 Days • 13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts • 2 Lunches • 3 Dinners

#### Collette experiences

- Learn about Alaska's gold mining past through the voices of two local sisters, and try your hand at panning for paydirt.
- Visit a Musk Ox Farm and learn about the sustainable domestication project.
- Get a local's perspective on the Alaskan way of life during an interactive discussion.

#### Must-see inclusions

- Embark on a Tundra Wilderness tour with an expert in Denali National Park.
- Enjoy a scenic glacier cruise of Prince William Sound.
- View the scenery from Fairbanks to Denali aboard a deluxe domed railcar.

#### Culinary inclusions

- Dine on the grounds of the champion owned Trail Breaker Kennel.
- Sample beers and local fare at an Alaskan brewery dinner.

#### Day 1: Fairbanks, Alaska - Tour Begins

Your Alaskan adventure begins with a 3-night stay in Fairbanks – the “golden heart city.” Discover this gold rush boomtown's unique mix of contemporary culture and rich history.

#### Day 2: Fairbanks

Tap into Alaska's “golden heart” with a visit to a locally owned gold panning experience, where you'll learn about the region's gold mining past and try your hand at panning for some paydirt yourself. Get to know Fairbanks on a city tour, including a stop at the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, an engineering marvel that delivers oil across the state to the port city of Valdez. After some free time this afternoon, you'll visit legendary Trail Breaker Kennel where you'll meet mushers and their happy pups. Witness the dogs in their element on a training run before enjoying dinner on the kennel's scenic property. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 3: Fairbanks

Enjoy a full day at leisure in the city of Fairbanks. Take this opportunity to relax explore the diverse options the city has to offer. Look into the past at the Antique Auto Museum, where vintage cars sit between timely artifacts and fashionable designer dresses from times gone by, or take a ride on the Riverboat Discovery to get a glimpse into everyday life along Alaska's rivers. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 4: Fairbanks - Denali

Behold beautiful scenery as you relax and have breakfast in a deluxe domed railcar on your way to Denali National Park. Upon arrival in Denali, enjoy some free time to explore the Visitors Center. After **it's your choice!** Join your Tour Manager on an easy hike and discover wildflowers and gorgeous views in every direction **-OR-** take a bus into the park where a ranger will introduce you to the park's sled dogs – the traditional mode of Alaskan wilderness transportation. The evening is yours to discover Denali as you please. Perhaps you'll enjoy an optional dinner theater outing at the Alaska Cabin Nite Dinner Theater, where the history of Denali is performed by your wait staff. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 5: Denali National Park

Bring your binoculars and camera as you head deep into Denali National Park on a full-day Tundra Wilderness Tour.\* Travel over 50 miles into the heart of the park and enjoy a wide range of incredible scenery, narrated history, and some of the best opportunities to view the park's abundant wildlife. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

#### Day 6: Denali - Talkeetna

Leave Denali National Park behind and step into small-town life in Talkeetna. Check into the iconic Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, perched on a ridge offering unforgettable views of Denali. Perhaps you will take an optional flightseeing tour and witness the park's breathtaking beauty from the air before landing on a glacier for incomparable views of the Alaskan Range. Later, meet up with a local for a discussion on the down-to-earth Alaskan lifestyle before dinner and beer at one of Alaska's most popular micro-brewers. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 7: Talkeetna - Anchorage

On your way to Anchorage, discover the pastoral charm of Matanuska Valley. Enjoy free time in Palmer for lunch before you take a step into the past with a visit to a 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. Get acquainted with Anchorage on a panoramic city tour before enjoying an evening at leisure to discover what Alaska's largest city has to offer. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 8: Anchorage

Delve into the area's indigenous culture this morning at the Alaska Native Heritage Center where you'll learn about Alaska Native customs, dances, songs local crafts. Head to Whittier and embrace the sheer magnitude of Alaska's natural beauty on a glacier cruise\* through Prince William Sound. Listen to an expert narrate your journey through a geological wonderland as blue skies collide with stark white glaciers and playful otters dip in and out of the calm waters. Tonight, gather at a local restaurant to toast to your journey through America's last great frontier. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 9: Anchorage - Tour Ends

Your Alaskan adventure comes to a close today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

### Experience It! Denali National Park

Boasting more than 6 million acres, this incredible National Park has a fascinating ecosystem and doubles as a wildlife reserve. But, this park's biggest claim to fame could be Denali itself – North America's highest peak towering at more than 20,000 feet. Though the park has some marked trails for exploring, the park remains largely trail-less to encourage wilderness exploration. As you explore the park, keep your eyes peeled for a variety of animals, with the most popular residents being moose, caribou, wolf, brown and grizzly bear. Majestic beauty and natural wonders are on full display in this incredible park.

#### Your itinerary at a glance

Days 1 – 3	Pikes Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks, AK
Days 4, 5	Grande Denali Lodge, Denali, AK
Day 6	Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, Talkeetna, AK
Days 7, 8	Hilton Anchorage, Anchorage, AK
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

**Collette's Flagship:** Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.

## Please Note:

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

\*The Tundra Wilderness Tour is a fully narrated 7-9 hour tour, including frequent rest stops. The lunch on Days 5 and 8 will be a boxed lunch and snacks so you can enjoy it on your Tundra Wilderness Tour and Glacier Cruise. You may bring along some extra snacks as there is no food available to purchase once inside the park.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

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.

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.

#### IDENTIFICATION

Travel within USA

For travel completed by September 30, 2021, all airlines will ask for identification when you check in. It is recommended that you carry a passport if you have one. A driver's license (with a photo I.D.) is also acceptable for domestic flights.

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**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2.** This means you like a balanced approach to travel. You feel confident walking at least 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to easy pathways; a couple of hills or a few flights of stairs. You're comfortable walking a few city blocks at a time, but need some time to unwind and relax.

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**\*Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all vacation packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

**Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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