

Alaska's Northern Lights

March 4* - 10, 2024
(7 days - 6 nights)



Mon, Mar 4 ***overnight in DFW Area**

This afternoon we board our motorcoach in Abilene and route to the DFW area to overnight in anticipation for tomorrow's flight to Fairbanks, Alaska.

Tue, Mar 5 **Fairbanks, AK**

After breakfast, we transfer to DFW Airport for our flight to Alaska, where we are off to explore the majesty of our 49th state. Arriving in Fairbanks, we will settle in for the next three nights in search of the dancing, dazzling display in the sky known as the aurora borealis.

Wed, Mar 6 **Fairbanks, AK**

With the help of a guide, we learn about the vibrant river city in the far north where locals embrace the natural world around them. After lunch on your own, we step back into an amazing time in history to see a world-class collection of vintage automobiles and period fashions at the Fountainhead Antique Automobile Museum. Annually Fairbanks hosts the World Ice Art Championship, where the finest sculptors from around the world compete in the most challenging ice sculpting competition. Today we enjoy the finished carvings on display at the Tanana Valley Fairgrounds. At 65 degrees north latitude, the sky takes on a capricious life of its own—a canvas for the aurora borealis. Tonight we venture outside of the city lights in hopes for our first glimpse of the Northern Lights.

Thu, Mar 7 **Fairbanks, AK**

This morning will be an experience like none other as we join a lifelong Alaskan on a walk with her furry friends at Running Reindeer Ranch. This immersive

Highlights Include:

- 3 nights Fairbanks, AK
- 2 nights Chena Hot Springs Lodge
- Aurora Borealis Viewing Tours (2 nights)
- Santa's House at North Pole
- World Ice Art Championship Carvings
- Ice Museum
- Museum of the North
- Reindeer Ranch
- Chena Hot Springs
- Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum
- Extended time for numerous optional excursions (such as dog sledding, ice fishing, flight around the Artic Circle, and more)

walk along side the reindeer will help us discover why reindeer are ideal for Arctic living. Next we stop at the University of Alaska—Fairbanks to visit the Museum of the North, the only research and teaching museum in Alaska. The museum's research collection is comprised of 2.5 million artifacts and specimens collected on public lands in Alaska. Enjoy the afternoon and evening at your leisure. Carve out an Alaska memory that is perfect for you; perhaps that is dog sledding or ice fishing, or hop a flight and fly around the Artic Circle. Whatever you choose, this memory will last a lifetime.

Fri, Mar 8 **Chena Hot Springs Resort**

After lunch we discover the place every child has dreamed...the North Pole! Known for its year-round Christmas decorations, including candy cane-striped street lights, we stop at Santa Claus House where the walls are covered in children's letters to Santa. Surely you will want a selfie with the huge Santa statue outside. Afterwards we make our way to Chena Hot Springs Resort, where we will enjoy a two

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night stay. The resort is world renown for being one of the best places on Earth to see the northern lights. Located under the most active band of northern lights, it is away from the light pollution of city lights. Make the most of your time at the resort but why not start with a dip in the Chena Hot Springs. For your viewing pleasure tonight, Chena Hot Springs Resort provides a special “aurora wake up call” for guests staying since most aurora “shows” are more visible from 10pm—3am.

Sat, Mar 9 **Chena Hot Springs Resort**

Today is a day filled with options. Perhaps you want to take the Chena kennel out, venture out on a snowmobile (or as the Alaskans call it, a snowmachine), try your hand at dog sledding, explore the Aurora Ice Museum (the world’s largest year-round ice museum with its very own ice bar), experience an Alaskan sub-artic ice fishing adventure, or even sign up for a sunset tour; this day is filled with numerous optional activities for you to purchase for yourself. Locals will tell you that one of the best experiences one can have is sitting in the soothing natural hot springs rock lake at Chena Hot Springs Resort and watching the lights dance above your head! Make the most of your time.

Sun, Mar 10 **Return home**

Today we begin our journey to the lower 48 with an afternoon flight back to Texas. You will forever be sharing your stories of your winter trek to see the Aurora Borealis from the vantage point of the Alaskan skies. This tour is truly like none other.

Thank you for traveling with Bilbrey Tours!



Price Includes:

- Roundtrip transportation to DFW
- *Overnight in DFW area on March 4
- Roundtrip air from DFW
- 6 nights accommodations
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage
- Admissions to included attractions per itinerary
- Meals: 4 continental breakfasts, 2 breakfasts 5 lunches or dinners
- Gratuities for motorcoach driver and local guides
- Services of a tour escort

Cost per person:	Ins. (25+)
\$3959 (2 people per room)	\$248
\$4575 (1 person per room)	\$313

\$250 deposit due upon booking
(**\$100 of the deposit is non-refundable upon cancellation**)

Final payment due December 1, 2023

Travel Insurance

An optional Travel Insurance plan is available for purchase on overnight tours. In today’s changing travel environment, it’s important to protect your travel investment so you can relax and enjoy your trip. Unforeseen events such as flight delays, baggage loss or even a sudden sickness or injury could impact your travel plans. For convenience, we offer a Travel Insurance Services protection plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. For more information and rates, please review the product flyer at:

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Tour Activity Level: EASY 1 2 3 4 ACTIVE

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