

TOM'S CHRISTIAN TOURS

Presents

ALASKA 2021

June 7-19 and June 19-July 1

Price: \$4,650.00 per person double

* The first date listed is for the first Alaska tour and the second date listed is for the second Alaska tour

DAY ONE, June 7 or June 19--Welcome to the trip of a lifetime! Today a tour director from Tom's Christian Tours will accompany the deluxe coach shuttle of participants to Chicago and then on to Alaska via our non-stop 6 hour 47 minute American Airlines flight. Our Riley's Motor Coach and skilled driver will be waiting in Anchorage to shuttle us to our downtown hotel for the evening. Night in Anchorage, AK.

DAY TWO, June 8 or June 20--(B,L) An included breakfast will start our day before we begin seeing the beauty of Alaska. Today our travels will take us along Turnagain Arm to Portage. We will stop at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. There, we will see many of the native Alaskan animals in an environment in which they can rehab and eventually be introduced back into the wild. Then it is back to Girdwood. We visit the Alyeska Resort. At the resort we will enjoy an included lunch at the top of the mountain. To get there, we will take the 2,300 foot ascent on the Alyeska Aerial Tramway. After lunch, choose where you would like to explore--the top of the mountain and/or back at the resort. Night in Anchorage.

DAY THREE, June 9 or June 21--(B) Today we travel towards Valdez on the Glennallen Highway, much of which is a National Scenic Byway. We will make a stop at Thompson Pass, Alaska's snowiest location. As we follow the Chugach Mountains, sights to be visited along the way are Bridal Veil Falls, Keystone Canyon, Valdez Glacier Lake and much more. Night in Valdez.

DAY FOUR, June 10 or June 22--(B,L) Valdez, known as the "Switzerland of Alaska", is our focus today. It is also the southern terminus of the Alaska pipeline. Our adventure for the day is a full day cruise through the fjords and glaciers of Prince William Sound. This is the day to be on the lookout for sea life. Sea lions, orca whales, puffins, and many birds are often spotted on this cruise. Night in Valdez.

DAY FIVE, June 11 or June 23--(B,D) Our journey continues north on the Richardson Highway following the path of the Alaska pipeline. Our stops today will include Delta Junction, to see the marker for the end of the Alaska Highway; Rika's Roadhouse for a lunch stop; and a visit to an oil pipeline suspension bridge. Late afternoon we will check into our cottages along the Chena River for a three night stay. We will relax during our included dinner at one of Fairbank's most famous restaurants. Night in Fairbanks.

DAY SIX, June 12 or June 24--(B,D) After an included breakfast, we will enjoy a city tour of Fairbanks, Alaska's largest interior city. After lunch we will visit North Pole, AK, for some shopping and post card sending. This evening we'll help ourselves to grilled salmon, cod, prime rib and all the fixin's at Pioneer Park. Afterwards, our toes will be tappin' and we'll be laughin' through "The Golden Hearts Review" show. Night in Fairbanks, AK.

DAY SEVEN, June 13 or June 25--(B,L). This morning, we'll board the Discovery III Riverboat. Native guides will accompany us ashore for a tour of a recreated Athabascan Indian fishing and trapping camp. We'll see Indian fish

wheels and enjoy a sled dog demonstration. After a hearty lunch at the docks, we'll experience an authentic mining camp and pan for gold at the **El Dorado Gold Mine**. You may strike it rich!. Night in Fairbanks

DAY EIGHT, June 14 or June 26--(B) It is time to go south. We will enjoy the scenery along the way with a stop in **Nenana** to learn about this small town. After a group lunch, you will have time to enjoy our beautiful hotel with its magnificent views or enjoy a late afternoon of **white water rafting**. The rafting is an 11 mile journey down the Nenana River through a breathtaking gorge and some great rapids. A professional guide will be on board to do all the work so we can enjoy. This has been a favorite for our travelers for many years. It is something to "write home about"! Night in Denali, AK.

DAY NINE, June 15 or June 27--(B,L,D) Early morning we'll board a **tundra wildlife tour bus** for an exciting journey into **Denali National Park**. Grizzly bears, caribou, wolves, moose, red foxes, mountain goats, and Dall sheep could be anywhere. (Bring **binoculars** and pack warm clothes and rain gear because weather conditions can change rapidly from one side of the park to the other.) Weather permitting, we'll see **Denali** tower above us during this day filled with magnificent views. A box lunch will be provided. Time will be allowed to explore the visitor center at the park. This evening an **included dinner show** will round out a scenery filled day. Night in Denali, AK

DAY TEN, June 16 or June 28--(B,D) Today we continue south on the beautiful Parks Highway. Our first stop is Talkeetna. In Talkeetna, you are invited to enjoy an **included scenic jet boat** on the Susitna River. You may opt out of the jetboat ride and take a scenic flight to Denali if you wish (additional charge). There will be free time to get lunch and explore this quirky little town. This afternoon we head to Wasilla keeping alert for glimpses of the highest mountain in North America, Denali. We will gather together for an **included dinner** in Wasilla. Night in Wasilla, AK.

DAY ELEVEN, June 17 or June 29--(B) This morning we will visit the **Iditerod Trail Headquarters** where we will learn about this famous Alaskan dog race. We move on to the heart of the Matanuska Valley, the breadbasket of Alaska's agricultural region. We'll see how the extra hours of daylight in **Palmer** produce heavy-weight vegetables and monstrous flowers. This afternoon, we visit a **musk ox farm**. A walking tour will have us wandering among the pens of these amazing creatures and learning how they are making a come-back and providing income for the local people. As we make our way back to Anchorage, we will stop at **Eklutna** to view unique Native American burial grounds. Night in Anchorage.

DAY TWELVE, June 18 or June 30--(B,D) Our bags will be packed before we are off to see the sights of Anchorage. After a city tour, the group will have **free time** in downtown Anchorage for lunch and shopping for those final souvenirs. We will visit the **Alaska Native Cultural Center**, where Alaska's 11 major cultural groups share their past. This evening the group will enjoy an **included farewell dinner** at a popular Anchorage restaurant. After dinner, we will head to the airport for our late non-stop 5 hour 44 minute flight back to Chicago.

DAY THIRTEEN, June 19 or July 1--Early morning we'll land in Chicago. A deluxe coach will be waiting to carry us home. We may come home tired, yet filled with memories of new friends and amazing Alaskan adventures. Drop-off locations will be the same as pick-up.

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE: All lodging, all entrance fees, all transportation (land, water, air), tip for airport shuttle driver, and main meals (listed in itinerary) are included in the low price of **\$4,650.00 per person with double occupancy; \$4,000.00 pp triple, \$3,800 pp quad, and \$6,000 pp single**. TCT reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary if it serves the best interest of the participants and/or if there are changes in public transportation.

NOT INCLUDED: Meals not listed, optional activities, tips for Alaska driver, and tips for TCT tour directors.