



Alaska Express (6 Days)

Land Tour Featuring Anchorage, Denali National Park & Fairbanks!

July 16-21, 2022

Tour includes round-trip transportation & airfare from MSP, taxes/fees!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Iditarod Headquarters
- Alaska Railroad
- Alaska Cabin Nite Dinner Theater
- Denali National Park Tour
- "Mildwater" River Rafting
- Riverboat Discovery
- Gold Dredge 8
- Alaskan Salmon Bake
- Golden Heart Review
- & Much More!

MEALS INCLUDED

Breakfast (B): 4 Lunch (L): 2 Dinner (D): 2

PRICE PER PERSON

Reservation Deposit:	\$200
Double (2 people/room):	\$3450
Triple (3 people/room):	\$3400
Quad (4 people/room):	\$3350
Single (1 person/room):	\$4050

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

Final Payment Due:	6/1/22
Cancel for a Full Refund:	5/16/22
Passport Required?	No

Riley Tours purchases a Global Trip Protection Group Pro for all tour passengers on this tour

Day 1 Anchorage, AK

Our journey to the great state of Alaska begins with our flight to Anchorage. Upon arrival, a Riley motorcoach will be awaiting our arrival.

Day 2 Denali National Park, AK

We head north on the Parks Highway. Our first stop will be in Wasilla, home to the **Iditarod Headquarters**, which features a museum and gift shop. Next, we'll continue to the historic village of Talkeetna which is nestled at the base of North America's tallest peak, Denali. We will board the **Denali Star** and travel the **Alaska Railroad from Talkeetna to Denali National Park**. We'll follow the banks of the Susitna River, and maybe get a view the famous mountain, Denali across the river (weather permitting). After the Indian River Canyon, the track climbs toward tree line, crossing Hurricane

Gulch, the longest bridge on the railroad at 914 feet long and hangs 296 feet above Hurricane Creek. The train will move into Broad Pass, at 2,363 feet, the highest point on the railroad. We'll be traveling in style with Glass-dome ceilings and Upper-level outdoor viewing platforms for panoramic views of Alaska's beautiful countryside. Enjoy a **boxed lunch** while onboard. Upon arrival to Denali National Park, our motorcoach will be waiting our arrival. Our entertainment this evening is at the **Alaska Cabin Nite Dinner Theater**. The show tells the story of Fanny Quigley, a real pioneer in Kantishna back in the gold-rush days of the early 1900s—the same area that is now deep inside Denali National Park. The story is performed in an authentic, log-paneled roadhouse, and the actors and actresses do double-duty as your servers for the all-you-can-eat dinner. (B, L, D)



Trans-Alaska Pipeline



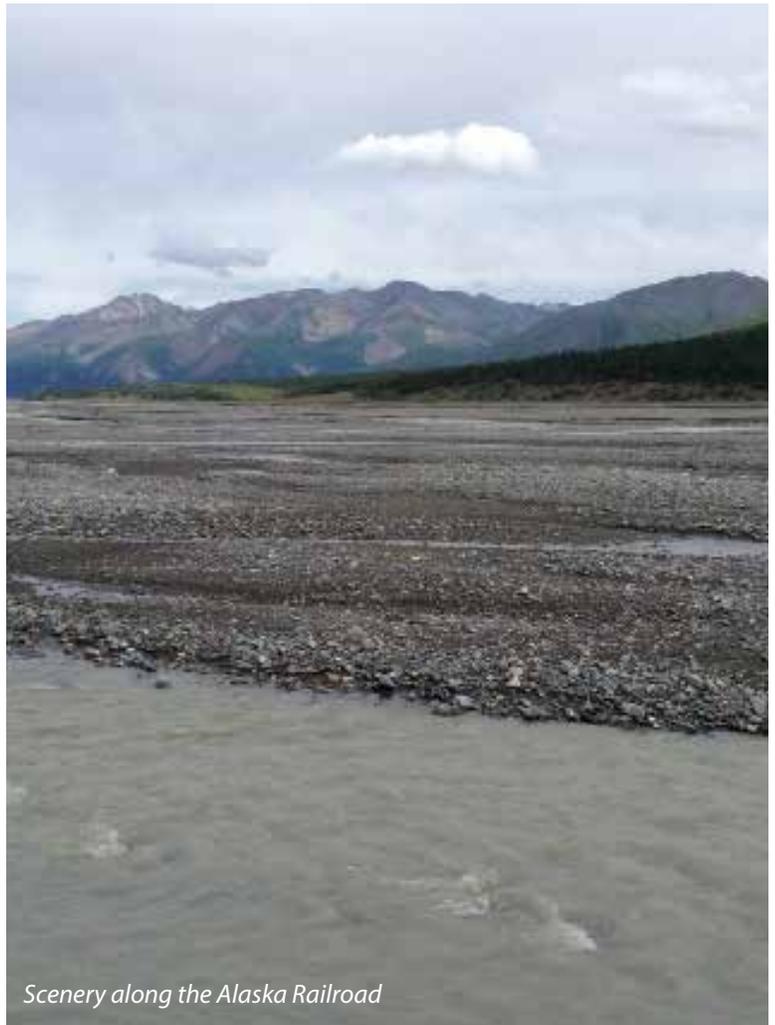
Riverboat Discovery



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Gold Dredge 8



Scenery along the Alaska Railroad

Day 3 Denali National Park, AK

Today's adventure is one you will never forget! **"Mildwater" River Rafting** down the Nenana River. You may see moose, sheep, caribou and bear, as you raft downstream 11 miles. Hold on and enjoy this mild water introduction to rafting in Alaska. The most scenic portion of the river gives you a thrilling yet pleasant rafting experience. Afterwards, the day is at your leisure to relax at the hotel, explore the town or do an excursion such as flight seeing, ATV tour, Dog Sledding, biking and more! (B)

Day 4 Fairbanks, AK

Today will be spent aboard a special bus for the **Tundra Wilderness Tour of Denali National Park**. We will travel 63 miles into the park to Stony Hill Overlook and hopefully see the famous Denali-the highest mountain peak in North America. We'll also see incredible scenery, learn history of the park road and have some of the best opportunities to view the park's wildlife on this 6-8 hour tour. Keep an eye

out for Dall sheep, moose, caribou, wolves and grizzly bears. Afterwards, we will continue our trek north to Fairbanks on the Parks Highway, where we will spend the next two nights. (B)

Day 5 Fairbanks, AK

Our Alaskan adventure continues this morning! After a short tour of Fairbanks, we'll stop at the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline. It was built as a means of transporting crude oil from the oil fields at Prudhoe Bay on Alaska's North Slope to Valdez. Then we will head out to **Gold Dredge 8** and strike it rich! Ride a replica of the **narrow-gauge Tanana Valley Railroad** while the conductor tell tales of prospectors who arrived by the thousands during the gold rush. We will see first-hand how the dredge worked the gold fields, then receive a brief but informative course on **gold panning** before panning for ourselves. This afternoon we will have an **included lunch** before we board the **Riverboat Discovery** to cruise along the Chena and Tanana Rivers. We'll experience

a **real Alaskan Bush Pilot in action** as he takes off from the river; see the **home and kennels of Iditarod Champion**, the late **Susan Butcher** and see her champion sled dogs in action; learn about the area's Native cultures, lifestyles and experience frontier living first hand with a **tour of an Athabaskan Indian Village**. Tonight, **dinner is included at the All-you-can-eat Alaska Salmon Bake**. Your salmon is fire cooked on an open wood grill while the Prime Rib is slow roasted. The Bering Sea Cod is directly from icy Alaskan waters and is beer battered to perfection. Included with our meal is a salad bar, soft drink and a yummy dessert! Afterwards, we'll walk over to **Pioneer Park** and see the **"Golden Heart Review"** a lighthearted, comic look at the colorful characters from early and present day Fairbanks. (B, L, D)

Day 6 Home

Today we say goodbye to our new friends and to this spectacular place. We will never forget the time we enjoyed in "the last frontier."