

# DENALI TALKEETNA EXPLORER

*The tour that gives you the best possible opportunity to see the largest mountain in North America from two distinctly different views.*

## PLEASE NOTE

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## SOUTHBOUND TOUR ITINERARY†

### DAY 1: WEDNESDAY - AIR ARRIVAL DAY\* INTO FAIRBANKS

Welcome to Fairbanks. Whether you're exploring Alaska's Golden Heart City or the wonderful amenities your hotel has to offer, get ready for an unforgettable journey in the days ahead.

Please note the standard hotel check-in time is 3:00 pm. Guests who arrive earlier may have to wait to occupy their rooms. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

#### Overnight: Fairbanks

### DAY 2: THURSDAY - FAIRBANKS

Your Norwegian Cruise Line Tour Director will greet you at your hotel this morning. After the orientation, enjoy a ride on the Riverboat Discovery, a three-hour journey that will take you into the heart of Alaska. Operated by a family who has made the Alaskan rivers home for five generations, you'll witness a Bush pilot take off and land beside the boat, and hear stories of flying into remote Alaska firsthand. Halfway through the experience, you'll be immersed in frontier living with a guided walking tour of a re-created Athabascan Indian village. See cabins made of Spruce Logs, along with other indigenous dwellings that have allowed the strong Athabascan people to survive for thousands of years in this harsh environment. In the afternoon, you'll enjoy a city tour of Fairbanks in a deluxe motorcoach. The tour includes a stop at the Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline and gives you a great overview of the Fairbanks community. Open evening to explore Fairbanks or take an optional tour.

**8:45 am** Riverboat Discovery

**12:45 pm** Lunch on your own in Fairbanks

**2:45 pm** Fairbanks City Tour

**4:00 pm** Return to Hotel

#### Overnight: Fairbanks

### DAY 3: FRIDAY - FAIRBANKS/DENALI

This morning, enjoy traveling along the rails of the world-famous Alaska Railroad from Fairbanks to Denali National Park with 360-degree views from your deluxe dome railcar seat. As you travel through the high tundra plateau into the gorgeous scenery of the Healy Gorge and Canyon, be watchful for wildlife. Full bar and meal service are available for purchase during your rail journey.

Open afternoon and evening for optional activities such as whitewater rafting, helicopter flightseeing, hiking or one of the park service programs.

**8:15 am** Deluxe Dome Rail Fairbanks to Denali

**12:30 pm** Lunch on own

**3:30 pm** Arrive at Hotel

#### Overnight: Denali

### DAY 4: SATURDAY - DENALI

More than just a mountain, Denali National Park is six million acres of wild land. This afternoon, your Denali Natural History Tour will take you into this pristine region of Alaska on the only road into and out of the park. Along the way, enjoy a fully narrated ride learning about the flora and fauna of the area while looking out for the wild animals that roam freely and call this park home. While in this beautiful area, set aside time to experience the solitude and tranquility that vast wilderness can provide.

During your Denali Natural History tour, you will travel approximately 17 miles into Denali National Park, enjoying the incredible scenery and learning about the history of the park. Tour duration is approximately 4-5 hours. Upon arrival in Alaska, your Tour Director will advise you of your tour time. The remaining part of the day is open for optional activities.

**7:00 am**  
(approx.) Denali Natural History Tour

#### Overnight: Denali



Anchorage, Alaska

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### DAY 5: SUNDAY - DENALI/TALKEETNA

Today's itinerary includes the morning kennel tour. Learn about the Alaska state sport of dog mushing with an included stop at a local Iditarod sled dog kennel. You'll be amazed to learn about this fascinating sport, the musher, the dogs and even get to hold a future champion puppy in your arms. After this authentic visit, we won't be surprised if you are ready to run "The Last Great Race" yourself. Late morning, continue south by motorcoach and explore the unique town of Talkeetna. Open afternoon and evening for optional activities in Talkeetna. Overnight in one of the finest lodges in Alaska, the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge with great views of Mt. Denali (weather permitting).

**10:00 am** Iditarod Sled Dog Kennel Visit (time subject to change)

**12:00 pm** Depart by Motorcoach to Talkeetna

**2:30 pm** Arrive in Talkeetna

**Overnight: Talkeetna**

### DAY 6: MONDAY - TALKEETNA/SEWARD

This morning, you'll head south towards Seward. Stop in Anchorage for a brief Anchorage City Tour before continuing this afternoon down Turnagain Arm. Make a stop at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center to view large animals found throughout Alaska. You'll get up close to moose, bears, musk ox and other indigenous animals of the region. Taking in orphaned animals and providing quality animal care year-round, the conservation center is dedicated to the protection and preservation of Alaska's wildlife. Animals that cannot be released back into the wild are given a permanent home at the Center. Continue towards Seward where you will board Norwegian Jewel.

**8:00 am** Depart Talkeetna by motorcoach

**11:30 am** Anchorage City Tour and lunch on your own

**2:00 pm** Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center

**5:00 pm** Arrive in Seward and embark Norwegian Jewel

### DAYS 7-13: TUESDAY - MONDAY

Norwegian Jewel Southbound Cruise



Juneau, Alaska

<sup>\*\*</sup> Itinerary may be altered with a morning Riverboat Discovery cruise and an afternoon Fairbanks City Tour

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