



Washington County | Waukesha

Continuing Education & Professional Development

The Iditarod: Anchorage, AK

With Continuing Ed Director, Holly Wehrhahn



March 5 – 12, 2020

Eight Day, Seven Night

Overnights: Anchorage 3, Talkeetna 1, Fairbanks 2, Anchorage 1

Price (based on projected airfare):

\$3,999/person based on double occupancy or \$4,379/person based on single occupancy
With 15-19 travelers

\$3,599/person based on double occupancy or \$3,979/person based on single occupancy
With 20 or more travelers

Day 1-----March 5th (D)

Arrive into Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. Upon arrival into Anchorage you will be met by your local Tour Director and transfer to your local hotel. Tonight, enjoy Iditarod festivities and dinner at the Musher's Banquet. *Overnight Anchorage.*

Day 2-----March 6th (B, D)

Today travel north to meet four-time Iditarod Champion Martin Buser at his Happy Trails Kennel. Hear personal stories while viewing a glimpse of the grandeur Alaska has to offer along the Iditarod Trail. Later, return to Anchorage with an included stop at the Iditarod Headquarters en route. Dinner will be included this evening. *Overnight Anchorage.*





Day 3-----March 7th

This morning head to 4th Avenue to get a great spot at the Official Ceremonial Start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Spend time cheering on mushers from all over the world. Mushers will depart the starting gate every two minutes. Watch each of them depart or take off early and enjoy other Iditarod festivities in Anchorage.

Overnight Anchorage.

Day 4-----March 8th (B & Snacks)

This morning, depart from your hotel for the adventure north to Willow for the restart of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. Be sure to dress in layers to maximize staying warm as the entire day will be spent outside cheering on your favorite dog teams. En-route, stop at a local grocery store in Wasilla to pick-up on own snack and lunch items. Prepare for a bit of a walk to find the perfect spot along the fence line of the race. Mushers take off across Willow Lake on their 1,049-mile journey by dog sled to Nome. The Willow Community Center is open and offers a break from the cold with vendors selling food and drink as well as local crafts. Don't miss out on snacks throughout the day!

Your Tour Director will have more information on this edible portion of the program! Later, you will board your deluxe

motor coach for a scenic motor coach for a scenic transfer north to the quaint town of Talkeetna.

Overnight Talkeetna.



Day 5-----March 9th (B, L)

After breakfast, you will board your deluxe motor coach for a scenic transfer north to Denali national Park. Upon arrival into Denali, enjoy an included visit to the Murie Science and Learning Center which acts as the Denali Visitor's Center in the wintertime. Enjoy the National Park Film, "Heartbeats of Denali", hear from a local ranger about the park, and even have a chance to snowshoe! Later,

continue north to Fairbanks, the Golden Heart City. Tonight, enjoy a night of Aurora Viewing.

Overnight Fairbanks.



Day 6-----March 10th (B, D)

Today, enjoy an include city tour of Fairbanks featuring the Trans-Alaska Pipeline as well as the Museum of the North. Later, you will then board your deluxe motor coach for a scenic transfer to Chena Hot Springs where you will have a chance to relax in the healing waters of the hot springs. Dinner will be included this evening. Later, return to Fairbanks.
Overnight Fairbanks.



Day 7-----March 11th (B)

After breakfast you will be transfer to the Fairbanks Rail Depot where you will board a deluxe railcar for a scenic transfer south to Anchorage. Food and drinks are available for purchase on board. Upon arrival into Anchorage you will be transferred to your local hotel.
Overnight Anchorage.



Day 8-----March 12th (B)

Flight TBD