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Alaska Northern Lights Aurora Train | Winter Delights

2025/2026 Winter

Alaska Rail Vacation

7 Days / 6 Nights Anchorage to Fairbanks
Priced at USD \$2,965 per person

INTRODUCTION

Combine Alaska's Northern Lights with Alaska Railroad Aurora Winter Train. Located directly under the Auroral Band with the most clear weather days and cloud-free nights, Fairbanks is one of the best places to see the magical Aurora Borealis in Alaska. On this 7-day trip you'll have multiple chances to see the lights, plus ride the Aurora Winter Train, go dog sledding and explore Anchorage and Fairbanks.

Itinerary at a Glance

- DAY 1** Anchorage | Arrival
- DAY 2** Talkeetna Winter Dog Sledding with Lunch
- DAY 3** Anchorage | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions
Option 1. Anchorage Winter Wonderland Photo Tour | Evening at Leisure
Option 2. Evening Anchorage Northern Lights Tour | Day at Leisure
Option 3. Prince William Sound Cruise | Evening at Leisure
- DAY 4** Anchorage to Fairbanks | Alaska Railroad
- DAY 5** Day at Leisure | Evening Chena Hot Springs Northern Lights Tour
- DAY 6** Fairbanks | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
Option 1. Fairbanks afternoon City Tour | Evening at Leisure
Option 2. Evening Fairbanks Northern Lights Tour | Day at Leisure

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Option 3. Dog Sledding & Mushing| Evening at Leisure

Option 4. Half Day Ice Fishing | Evening at Leisure

DAY 7

Fairbanks | Departure



MAP



DETAILED ITINERARY

The below itinerary reflects our recommendations for this specific trip. This itinerary is also available in the reverse direction.

Day 1 Anchorage | Arrival

Upon arrival in Anchorage transfer at your own cost to your hotel, the rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the sights.

Day 2 Talkeetna Winter Dog Sledding with Lunch

Dog sledding is one of Alaska's many time-honored traditions and used to be the prime mode of transportation in the state. On this full day excursion to Talkeetna, experience a thrilling dog sled ride through the snow-covered forests and enjoy one-on-one time with the dogs and their puppies to learn more about the history.

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Day 3 Anchorage | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions

Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of these excursions

Option 1. Anchorage Winter Wonderland Photo Tour | Evening at Leisure

Capture the beauty of Alaska's winter on this daytime photo tour around Anchorage. Visit icy waterfalls, snowy mountains, and coastal viewpoints with chances to spot wildlife. Perfect for all skill levels—from casual smartphone users to passionate photographers.

Option 2. Evening Anchorage Northern Lights Tour | Day at Leisure

Experience an unforgettable night chasing the northern lights from 8:00pm to 4:00am. Explore scenic spots near Anchorage with expert guides for prime aurora viewing and photography. A magical Alaskan adventure under the stars awaits.

Option 3. Prince William Sound Cruise | Evening at Leisure

Journey from Anchorage to the icy wonders of Prince William Sound on a scenic winter day cruise. Glide past majestic glaciers, spot wildlife like sea otters and eagles, and experience Alaska's breathtaking coastal beauty in its serene, snow-covered splendor. Operates 4 Mar - 17 Apr Wednesday, Friday

Day 4 Anchorage to Fairbanks | Alaska Railroad

Today you'll have the chance to experience a scenic winter Alaska railroad trip aboard the Aurora Winter Train. You'll ride in a heated railcar with comfortable seats, large picture windows and onboard dining options. The full-day railroad trip follows the same backcountry stretch of tracks as the summer Denali Star Train and offers spectacular views of the pristine snow-covered landscape and North America's highest mountain peak. The train will stop as needed in Talkeetna, Healy, and Nenana before arriving to Fairbanks.

Day 5 Day at Leisure | Evening Chena Hot Springs Northern Lights Tour

Pair the Aurora with hotel pools and you get a Northern Lights experience like no other! This night trip from Fairbanks takes you to Chena Hot Springs Resort for an exciting but relaxing array of activities. Discover eye-popping sculptures at the on-site Aurora Ice Museum, then unwind in the resort's leg-endary mineral water baths. When the conditions are right, lift your eyes to the sky and watch for the ethereal Northern Lights

Day 6 Fairbanks | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions

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Option 1. Fairbanks afternoon City Tour | Evening at Leisure

Discover the highlights of Fairbanks on this afternoon city tour. Visit the Morris Thompson Cultural Center, see the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, explore the Museum of the North, and stop at the festive Santa Claus House in nearby North Pole, Alaska.

Option 2. Evening Fairbanks Northern Lights Tour | Day at Leisure

Experience an unforgettable night chasing the northern lights from 8:00pm to 4:00am. Explore scenic spots near Fairbanks with expert guides for prime aurora viewing and photography. A magical Alaskan adventure under the stars awaits.

Option 3. Dog Sledding & Mushing | Evening at Leisure

Enjoy Alaska's winter landscapes with a team of happy hounds speeding you through across snowy fields. On this dog-mushing adventure from Fairbanks, learn about the popular sport and what it takes to lead a team of dogs. Then take the reins of the dog sled and pull! Enjoy an hour-long thrilling ride before you warm up in a cozy cabin

Option 4. Half Day Ice Fishing | Evening at Leisure

Experience the thrill of ice fishing in Interior Alaska from a cozy, heated hut on a scenic frozen lake. Learn traditional techniques, enjoy warm drinks, and take in the crisp Arctic air on this peaceful afternoon adventure.

Day 7 Fairbanks | Departure

Upon check-out of your hotel, it's now time to say goodbye to your magical Alaskan Aurora rail adventure.

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INCLUDED

Package Includes:

- 3 nights accommodation in Anchorage
- 3 nights accommodation in Fairbanks
- Talkeetna Winter Dog Sledding Excursion with lunch
- Anchorage | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions
- Anchorage Winter Wonderland Photo Tour
- Evening Anchorage Northern Lights Tour
- Prince William Sound Cruise | Operates 4 Mar - 17 Apr Wednesday, Friday
- Alaska Railroad - Anchorage to Fairbanks Aurora Winter Train
- Evening at Chena Hot Springs with Aurora Northern Lights & Ice Museum Tour
- Fairbanks | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
- Fairbanks afternoon City Tour
- Evening Fairbanks Northern Lights Tour
- Dog Sledding & Mushing
- Half Day Ice Fishing

Anchorage Hotel's

- Hotel Captain Cook | Deluxe Room
- Hilton Anchorage Hotel | Deluxe Room
- Anchorage Marriott Downtown | Standard Room

Fairbanks Hotel's

- Pikes Waterfront Lodge | Riverview Room
- Springhill Suites | Double or King Suite

Not Included:

- Gratuities
- Activities other than specified
- Portage fees
- Anchorage and Fairbanks transfers between hotel and train station

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DATES & PRICING

Departs Anchorage
(Tour Code: TRAW1) Dec 03, 10, 17 Jan 07, 14, 21, 28 Feb 04, 07, 11, 14, 18, 21, 23, 25, 28 Mar 02, 04, 07, 09, 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 28
Apr 01, 08

Departs Fairbanks
(Tour Code: TRAW2) Nov 27 Dec 04, 11, 18, 25 Jan 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Feb 05, 08, 12, 15, 19, 22, 24, 26 Mar 01, 03, 05, 08, 10, 12, 15,
17, 19, 22, 24, 26, 29 Apr 02

DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
27 Nov 25 - 08 Apr 26	\$2,965	\$4,011	\$2,727	\$1,424

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