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Alaska Winter Train & Northern Lights Adventure

2025/2026 Winter

Alaska Winter Rail Vacation

7 Days / 6 Nights Anchorage to Fairbanks Priced at USD \$3,506 per person

INTRODUCTION

Experience the magic of Alaska's winter with a journey from Anchorage to Fairbanks aboard the Alaska Aurora Train. Visit Talkeetna, enjoy a thrilling dog sledding adventure with Iditarod champion Dallas Seavey beneath northern skies. In Fairbanks, you can choose from unforgettable experiences: ice fishing, a guided city tour, or aurora viewing. Witness the northern lights dancing over snow-covered landscapes in this truly unique Arctic escape.

Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1	Anchorage Arrival
DAY 2	Talkeetna Dog Sledding with Lunch
	Evening Anchorage Northern Lights Tour
DAY 3	Day at Leisure Evening Anchorage Northern Lights Tour
DAY 4	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 Operates 4 Mar - 17 Apr Wednesday, Friday
DAY 5	Anchorage to Fairbanks Alaska Railroad
DAY 6	Fairbanks Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions

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Option 1. Fairbanks afternoon City Tour | Evening at Leisure

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

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 Dog Sledding with Lunch | Evening Northern Lights Tour

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. This evening, enjoy an unforgettable journey to seek out and view the mesmerizing aurora borealis.

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Day 3 Day at Leisure | Evening Anchorage Northern Lights Tour

This evening, enjoy an unforgettable journey to seek out and view the mesmerizing aurora borealis. This expedition ventures into the greater Anchorage area's most picturesque locations, offering unparalleled opportunities to witness and capture the luminous beauty of the northern lights. Whether you're an avid photographer or simply a lover of natural wonders, our tour provides a unique experience to explore Alaska's nocturnal magic, guided by experts familiar with the best viewing spots and times.

Day 4 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 5 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 6 Fairbanks | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions

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

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.



INCLUDED

Package Includes:

- 4 nights accommodation in Anchorage
- 2 nights accommodation in Fairbanks
- Talkeetna Winter Dog Sledding Excursion with lunch
- 2 Evening Anchorage Northern Lights Tour
- 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
- 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 | Moderate Grade:

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

Not Included:

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

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DATES & PRICING

Departs from Anchorage:

(Tour Code: TRAW13) Dec 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Jan 06, 13, 20, 27 Feb 03, 06, 10, 13, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27 Mar 01, 03, 06, 08, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 31 Apr 07

Departs from Fairbanks:

(Tour Code: TRAW14) Nov 28 Dec 05, 12, 19, 26 Jan 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Feb 06, 09, 13, 16, 20, 23, 25, 27 Mar 02, 04, 06, 09, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27, 30 Apr 03

DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
28 Nov 25 - 07 Apr 26	\$3,506	\$4,582	\$3,279	\$1,935