



Gray Line of Alaska

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2009 Iditarod Winter Tour

Alaska's pristine beauty is limitless during the summer months, but for many Alaska residents, the real magic of Alaska can only be found during the winter. Join us as we celebrate Alaska's favorite winter pastime—dog sledding! You will have the opportunity to attend the Iditarod Gala, known as the Musher's Ball, and also cheer on over 60 racers and more than 1,000 sled dogs as their 1150-mile adventure to Nome begins.

Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race

The Iditarod was inspired by a monumental and historic event, a dogsled relay of life-saving serum from Anchorage to Nome in 1925. That January, in the middle of a frigid winter, deadly diphtheria broke out in Nome, located along the Bering Sea. Between the stricken town and the nearest serum in Anchorage lay nearly 1,000 miles of Alaska wilderness. The Alaska Railroad ferried the medicine 250 miles north to Nenana. From there, 20 volunteer dogsled drivers relayed the serum the remaining 674 miles. Through the efforts of those heroic mushers, the serum arrived in Nome five days and seven hours after leaving Nenana. The residents of the town were saved. Today, Iditarod mushers brave much of the same wild Alaskan trail as those early heroes. Lives of Nome residents no longer hang in the balance, but the competition remains just as challenging.

March 4: Anchorage

Transfer to your downtown hotel and enjoy the rest of the day on your own. Overnight Anchorage.

March 5: Anchorage

Tour Anchorage, including stops at the Anchorage Zoo, Anchorage Museum and Lake Hood; the world's largest and busiest floatplane base. This evening, attend the Iditarod Gala known as the "Musher's Ball." Overnight Anchorage.

March 6: Anchorage - Alyeska - Anchorage

Today's happenings include a scenic motor coach drive from Anchorage to the world-renowned Alyeska Ski Resort. Admire the scenery as the scenic Seward Highway curves around Turnagain

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6 Days / 5 Nights: March 4th



Winter: March 4th- March 9th

Rates (per person)

	Winter	
	adult	tax
Sngl	\$905	\$44
Dbl	\$675	\$25
Trpl	\$631	\$21
Quad	\$611	\$20

Arm. You'll enjoy stops at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center and at the Portage Glacier Begich-Boggs Visitor Center to browse the informative glaciology exhibits. Return back to Anchorage for your overnight stay.

March 7: Anchorage

Attend the ceremonial start of the Iditarod, in downtown Anchorage and cheer on your favorite team! Overnight Anchorage

March 8: Anchorage

Motor coach from Anchorage to Willow for the official start of the Iditarod sled dog race! Overnight Anchorage.

March 9: Anchorage

Transfer to the Anchorage airport (**flights must be after 11am**), where we'll say goodbye.

This Tour Includes:

- 5 nights hotel accommodations
- Airport Transfers
- Anchorage City Tour
- Tour of the Iditarod Museum
- ***This tour is not escorted and does not include meals***
- ***Tour price does not include airfare***



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