



JOHNS HOPKINS
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THE IDITAROD

The Greatest Endurance Race

MARCH 2 TO 7, 2016

Dear Johns Hopkins Alumni and Friends,

Leave behind the urban landscape for the vast untamed wilderness of Alaska and the 900-mile-long endurance race known as the Iditarod. Witness the ceremonial start of the race in Anchorage, and take advantage of the available optional activities such as a dog-sled ride. Venture north to Willow for the official start of the race and enjoy the beauty of the Knik River, located close by the Knik Glacier. Return to Anchorage via a scenic route, for further immersion into the beauty of the far north.

Sincerely,

Marguerite I. Jones, A&S '74, Bus '88
Travel Program Director, Alumni Services

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ BALTIMORE/ANCHORAGE

HOTEL CAPTAIN COOK. (D)

Board your flight from Baltimore to the vast wilderness of Alaska via Anchorage. Your home for the next four nights is the well appointed Hotel Captain Cook, which offers comfortable rooms and spectacular views of local landscapes. The hotel offers a variety of dining choices and an athletic club with a fitness room, classes, a swimming pool, and Jacuzzi.

DAY 2 ~ ANCHORAGE

HOTEL CAPTAIN COOK. (B,D)

Begin the day with a tour of the Anchorage Museum for an immersion into all things Alaskan. One of the museum's most popular exhibits is the Alaska Gallery, a 15,000 square-foot exhibit devoted to Alaska's history. Explore the city in the afternoon at your own pace. In the evening rub elbows with the mushers at the Musher's Banquet at the Dena'ina Center, and observe as they choose starting positions by drawing names out of a boot.

DAY 3 ~ ANCHORAGE

HOTEL CAPTAIN COOK. (B)

Today is at leisure and you are free to create your own personal itinerary for a tour of Anchorage, or you may choose to participate in one of the available optional activities at an additional cost.

- Full-day Adventure to Dog Sledding Country: Learn the musher's tricks of the sledding trade from an experienced musher, then meet the young pups that may one day pull a sled in the Iditarod and watch them demonstrate their sled pulling skills. Price: \$350 per person. Depart at approximately 8:00 AM and return at approximately 3:00 PM. Lunch is included. (Rates subject to change)
- Alaska's Great Outdoors: Take a short dog-sled ride, then participate in a light snowshoe trek through wooded trails in the morning. The reward for your efforts are campfire prepared s'mores! Price: \$275 per person. Depart at 9:30 AM and return at 12:30 PM, or depart 11:00 AM and return at 2:00 PM. (Rates subject to change)
- Turnagain Arm Winter Adventure: Begin your journey with a road trip down the scenic Seward Highway to Girdwood for exceptional wildlife viewing. Ride the Alyeska Resort Aerial Tram to the top of Mt. Alyeska, then visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. There you will see Wood Bison plod through 65 acres of tidal flat terrain as part of a conservation effort to reintroduce the species back into the wild. Price: \$200 per person. (Rates subject to change)

DAY 4 ~ IDITAROD CEREMONIAL START

KNIK RIVER LODGE. (B,D)

Today you will be present for the ceremonial start of the 900-mile-long Iditarod. Early risers will be rewarded with the sights and sounds of teams as they prepare for the beginning of the race. Watch as teams charge down 4th Street on the first leg of the race. After seeing this exciting event, drive into the wilderness along the Knik River to your home for the evening, near the Knik Glacier. Your home for the night, the Knik River Lodge, is surrounded by spectacular wilderness. The lodge offers comfortable cabins, while fresh and delicious local meals are served in a yurt—a circular domed tent that makes for a truly unique experience.

DAY 5 ~ IDITAROD/WILLOW/ANCHORAGE

HOTEL CAPTAIN COOK. (B)

Travel to Wasilla and visit the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Headquarters for a musher's tutorial before heading to Willow for the official start of the race. Then travel along the Knik River, which is fed by the melting of the Knik Glacier. The river road twists its way through the rugged landscape and offers spectacular views around every curve, including Pioneer Peak, which stands 6,398 feet in the Chugach Range. Make your way back toward Anchorage today via a scenic route.

DAY 6 ~ ANCHORAGE/BALTIMORE

(B, Meals Aloft)

In Anchorage you will board a flight home. Arrive home in the early morning, with a touch of the wild still clinging to you.



OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO RAINY PASS



Travel back to Anchorage via a scenic route and bid adieu to your fellow travelers as they depart. Board a small charter plane on a flight to Rainy Pass, an Iditarod checkpoint some 150 miles from the starting point. See mushers as they come and go on their quest to finish the race. Enjoy lunch before heading back to Anchorage for your flight home.



YOUR JOURNEY COSTS

MARCH 2 TO 7, 2016 PRICES PER PERSON

- \$2,295, land only, double occupancy.
- \$895 single supplement.
- \$1,490 estimated airfare from Baltimore, including airline taxes and fuel surcharges.

YOUR POST-EXTENSION COSTS

RETURNS MARCH 8, 2016 PRICES PER PERSON

- \$1,590 per person, includes extra night in Anchorage, transfers & flight.
- \$200 single supplement.

YOUR JOURNEY INCLUDES

- Superior accommodations at hotels and lodges as indicated in the itinerary (or similar).
- Meals as specified in the itinerary. (No meals included on additional nights.)
- Musher's Banquet.
- Admission to the Anchorage Museum.
- Visit the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Headquarters.
- Visit the Iditarod Museum in Wasilla.
- All transportation by private coach.
- All admissions and entry fees.
- Gratuities for baggage handling, hotel tips and taxes.
- Complimentary passport wallet and baggage tags.



"We brought the sled dog back and increased the number of mushers. It is really an Alaskan event. I think the fact that it starts in Anchorage and then ends in Nome has opened up a whole new area for people in Alaska. I think they appreciate that. It puts them in touch with the pioneer spirit."

**- Dorothy G. Page
Race Founder**



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT

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For Johns Hopkins related questions, please call 800-548-5481 or email travel@jhu.edu

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out the reservation form and send it to Classic Escapes Inc. 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside NY, 11377, together with a deposit of \$500 per person for the main program and \$250 per person for the extension. Make checks out to Classic Escapes. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your place on your tour. When we send off your confirmation invoice, your booking is confirmed and accepted by us. Final documents will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document (15), plus airfare costs and other factors and are subject to change. If the minimum number of travelers is not met, Classic Escapes will do its best to still operate the trip. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions.

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CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$250 handling fee.
- 94-75 days prior to departure, deposit is forfeited.
- 74-60 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost on both the main trip and the extension.
- Less than 60 days prior to departure, no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF RESERVATION FORM.





Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$500 per person, plus \$250 for the extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the tour to Alaska departing on March 2, 2016. Cost is \$2,295 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional air from Baltimore is \$1,490 including departure taxes & fuel surcharges. (Currently - subject to change). **Final payment due date is November 28, 2015. All final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.**

*Credit Card Authorization form must be requested, filled out and submitted with reservation form.

NAME (As it appears on ID): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

NAME (As it appears on ID): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) _____
2) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBERS: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____

MOBILE: () _____ FAX: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with:

One Bed Two Beds

I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)

I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if one cannot be located for me by the final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement. I prefer to share with:

Smoker Non-smoker

I/we wish to participate on the optional post-extension to Rainy Pass:

\$1,590 per person

Day Three Optional Activities

Full Day Dog Sledding Adventure \$350 per person Taste Of Winter \$275 per person

Turnagain Arm Winter Adventure \$200 per person

I/we desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:

For the main trip - \$895 For the Rainy Pass post extension - \$200

Please make my/our round trip air reservations on the group flights from Baltimore. (Other departure cities available upon request; prices quoted at time of request.)

I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure.

One member of the traveling party is required to make a sustaining financial contribution of \$50 or more to the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association within the fiscal year. Please visit www.alumni.jhu.edu/support.

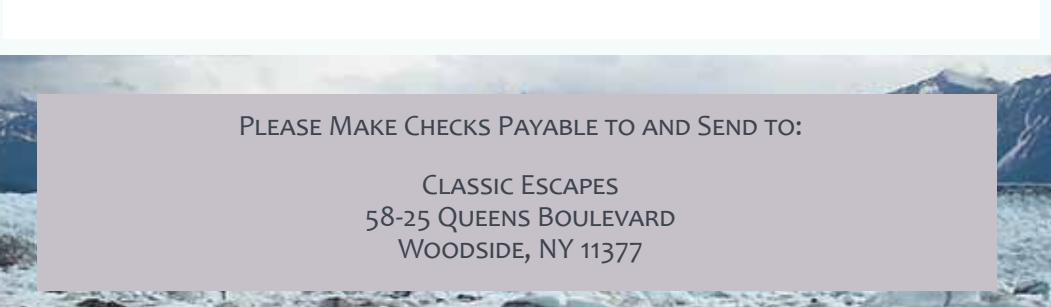
Note: A small portion of the cost of your trip supports the Johns Hopkins Alumni Travel Program. A minimum of 15 passengers is required to operate this program. If that minimum is not met, we will try our best to operate the trip.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).

I/WE HAVE READ THE CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL ON THIS BROCHURE AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN:

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AND SEND TO:

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