



## Alaska Iditarod Tours' 11 Day Iditarod Race Start and Trail Tour Itinerary

**Day One Tuesday :** Guests arrive and check into the Anchorage Hilton Hotel. Evening group meeting.

**Day Two Wednesday :** Pickup at your hotel with a 4 hour tour to Dallas Seavey's dog lot. The tour will include dog mushing and snowshoeing. Today we will also visit the Anchorage Museum of History and Art. (L,D)

**Day Three Thursday :** We will take a scenic ride along Turnagain Arm to the Alaska Wildlife Center.

We will also visit Alyeska ski resort and take a scenic tram ride up the mountain. Clients can book optional activities such as downhill and cross-country skiing, flightseeing by plane or helicopter, or snowmobiling at Alyeska.

In the afternoon we will head back to Anchorage and attend the Musher's Banquet in the evening. (L,D)

**Day Four Friday :** In the morning we will visit the Iditarod Race Headquarters and clients wishing to be handle the dogs at the race start will go through their dog handler certification training. Afternoon and evening are free.(L)

**Day Five Saturday :** Iditarod excitement clicks into high gear today with the ceremonial Race start in Anchorage. We will get an early start and watch the mushers unload their teams in the staging area and later join the crowds cheering on their favorite mushers as they race down 4th Ave.(D)

**Day Six Sunday :** Morning departure to the official restart of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Willow. Another chance to be a part of the Race by working as a dog handler or security personnel. (D)

**Day Seven Monday :** Clients will fly to the community of McGrath on the Kuskokwim River. You will have opportunity to explore the town of McGrath, the old townsite of McGrath and meet a lot of interesting and friendly people. Clients can book optional activities such as dog mushing . Lodging ; Hotel McGrath . (L,D)

**Day Eight Tuesday :** Today you will fly to the Athabaskan community of Nikolai and watch as the lead mushers come in from their gruelling travels through the Alaska Range and the Farewell Burn. Nikolai is a great place to watch the musher's care for their dogs and experience a little of bit of life in a remote Native village. In the late afternoon we will return to McGrath and spend the evening watching the lead mushers come into the McGrath checkpoint. Lodging ; McGrath (B,L,D)

**Day Nine Wednesday :** The Takotna checkpoint has earned a reputation as the friendliest checkpoint on the trail and the spot where many of the lead mushers take their 24 hour layover. Today we take a short flight there and spend the day watching the mushers and their teams. We will spend the evening watching the lead mushers come into the McGrath checkpoint. Lodging ; McGrath. (B,L,D)

**Day Ten Thursday :** Today is a free day in McGrath with teams entering and leaving McGrath. We will work to schedule slots for clients who are interested in being a volunteer checker. Lodging ;McGrath (B,L,D)

**Day Eleven Friday :** The tour comes to an end and clients return to Anchorage.(B,)

**Includes:** Accommodations, pre-race activities, admissions, group meals as indicated, air transportation between Anchorage and McGrath, charter flights to the Nikolai and Takotna checkpoints.