

## **Alaska Iditarod Tours**

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### **Alaska Iditarod Tours' 6-Day Iditarod Start Tour**

**Dates:** Feb. 27 – March 4

**Tuesday Arrival-** You will have to take a taxi or Uber from the airport to the Hilton as downtown hotels do not have shuttles. Your room reservations at the Hilton will be under your name when you check-in.

**Wednesday-** We will meet in the Hilton Lobby at 12:00 pm with a 12:30 pm departure to Big Lake and the Alaska Mushing School. You will be asked to sign a Waiver of Liability that is required before boarding the bus. Dinner- You will receive a \$25 gift certificate when we meet to use at the Bruins Pub in the Hilton, or you can eat out and use the certificate to cover a buffet breakfast.

**Thursday -** 8:30 departure to the Alaska Wildlife Center and Alyeska Ski Resort. We orient you to the resort and shuttle service in Girdwood and will pay for clients wishing to take the tram ride up the mountain. We are scheduled to depart Alyeska at 3:00. If you have booked optional activities through the resort, plan to be back by then. Group will meet in the hotel lobby at 4:30 and walk 10 minutes to the Denaina Convention Center for the Iditarod Banquet Meet and Greet, followed by the Musher Banquet at 6:00. Admission tickets will be provided by AIT at the door. The default serving at the banquet is steak. Vegetarian and gluten free servings are available on request .

**Friday-** Friday morning is free time to explore downtown Anchorage. The group will meet for a group lunch at 12:00 at Sullivan's Steakhouse in 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Mall. Fixed menu for the lunch is in this packet. Lunch will be followed by a tour to the Anchorage Museum of History and Art with insight to Alaska's history and land ownership provided by your tour guide.

**Saturday -** Clients are on their own to watch the Cermonial Race Start on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave followed by the running of the reindeer at 4:00 pm . We will provide information regarding where on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. to watch the race on the Thursday bus ride to Alyeska. Clients wishing to participate in the Running of the

Reindeer can register at this website:

<https://www.furrondy.net/events/running-of-the-reindeer/>. This is a fun event with many participants wearing creative costumes. We will have a group dinner at the Glacier Brewhouse at 6:00 pm. Each client will receive a \$50 gift certificate to use at the restaurant as they wish for food and tip.

**Sunday**- 10:00 am departure for the Iditarod Museum in Wasilla followed by the race start in Willow at 2:00 pm. We will return to Anchorage after the start, stopping for a group dinner in Wasilla.

**Monday** – The 6 Day Iditarod Race Start Tour ends and return home.