

Pre- and Post-Tours Estimated Timelines

(Details subject to modification; timelines are estimated)

4- Day Pre-Tour, Denali & Fairbanks, Sept. 6-9, 2015:

Mat-Su Valley, Sept 6, 2015 (Sunday)

Early morning: Breakfast on your own in Anchorage

8 a.m.: Bus leaves Hotel Captain Cook (Anchorage to Denali, 237 miles)

8:30 a.m.: Arrive Eklutna (Anchorage to Eklutna, 27 miles)

9:15 a.m.: Leave Eklutna

10:00 a.m.: Arrive Musk Ox Farm (Eklutna to Musk Ox Farm, 25 miles)

11:00 a.m.: Leave Musk Ox Farm

11:30 a.m.: Arrive at Iditarod Headquarters

1:00 p.m.: Leave Wasilla (Wasilla to Sheep Creek, 1 hour)

2:00 p.m.: Lunch at Sheep Creek Lodge (meal included with registration)

3:30 p.m.: Leave Sheep Creek

5:30 p.m.: Arrive Denali Park's "Front Country" for dinner (meal included with registration)

7 p.m.: Arrive at Healy, check into Denali Park Hotel

Denali National Park, Sept. 7, 2015 (Monday, Labor Day)

Early morning: Breakfast on the bus on the way to Denali Park (meal included with registration)

8 a.m.: Tundra Wilderness Tour, boxed lunches & snacks on the bus (meal included with registration)

4 p.m.: Tundra Wilderness Tour ends; depart for Fairbanks (Denali to Fairbanks, 125 miles)

7 p.m.: Arrive Fairbanks, check into Best Western Plus Pioneer Park hotel; Pizza dinner at hotel (meal included with registration)

Fairbanks, Sept. 8, 2015 (Tuesday)

Early morning: Continental Breakfast provided by hotel

8 a.m.: Riverboat gift shop opens

8:45 a.m.: Riverboat tour boards

9 a.m.: Riverboat cruise departs

Noon: Riverboat docks; Cookie Jar boxed lunches delivered to dock (meal included with registration)

12:30 p.m.: Depart for pipeline photo op

1 p.m.: Stop at Alyeska pipeline pull out for photos

1:30 p.m.: Depart for Chena Hot Springs

2:00 p.m.: Arrive at Hot Springs

2:30 p.m.: Renewable Energy tour

3:30 p.m.: Ice Museum tour and walking around the grounds

5:30 p.m.: Depart for Fairbanks

6:30 p.m.: Arrive at University of Alaska Fairbanks Museum of the North

6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Dinner, museum tour, and gift shopping (meal included with registration)

Overnight at Best Western Plus Pioneer Park hotel, Fairbanks

Fairbanks, Talkeetna, Sept. 9, 2015 Wednesday)

Early morning: Continental Breakfast provided by hotel

8 a.m.: Leave Best Western Plus Pioneer Park Hotel

8:15 a.m.: Tour Creamer's Field; see Sandhill cranes resting and eating on their migration south

9 a.m.: Depart Fairbanks (Fairbanks to Talkeetna, 278 miles)

11:30 a.m.: Rest stop at Denali Park "Front Country", pick up boxed lunches (meal included with registration)

Noon: Depart Denali Park "Front Country"

3:30 p.m.: Arrive Talkeetna, for walkabout and dinner on your own (not included in registration)

5 p.m.: Depart Talkeetna (Talkeetna to Anchorage, 113 miles)

7:30 p.m.: Arrive at Hotel Captain Cook

1-Day Post Tour, Whittier, Sept 13, 2015

Early morning: Breakfast on your own

8:15 a.m.: Board van at hotel for transport to Alaska Railroad depot

9:45 a.m.: Board railroad for trip to Whittier

12:30 p.m.: Board Glacier cruise boat (lunch included in tour)

5:30 p.m.: Board coach for return trip to Anchorage

Since Whittier is 60 miles southeast of Anchorage, we will probably arrive back at the Hotel Captain Cook about 7:30 p.m. (allowing time for passage through the tunnel)

Evening: Dinner on your own