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WINTER ROUTES

ALASKA RAILROAD FLAGSTOP SERVICE

The Alaska Railroad's **Aurora Winter Train** travels from Anchorage through the Mat-Su region, stopping in Wasilla then continuing onto the charming town of Talkeetna and onward to the wilderness of Denali National Park before reaching its terminus in the Interior city of Fairbanks. Travelers on this journey traverse the Alaska Range and enjoy stunning views of panoramic vistas, wildlife, river valleys and rocky gorges. On clear days, travelers may even see an incredible view of Denali, North America's tallest peak.

Travelers may also choose to ride the **Hurricane Turn Train** the first Thursday of each month. The Hurricane Turn Train travels north from Anchorage past Talkeetna to the backcountry, where passengers may access hunting, skiing and remote cabins – or stay onboard to enjoy the views.

Both trains provide flagstop service along the 55-mile stretch north of Talkeetna to Hurricane Gulch.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

MILEPOST 160 | WASILLA – Named after a Dena'ina chief

MILEPOST 226 | TALKEETNA – Gateway to Denali

MILEPOST 279 | DENALI VIEW – Photo opportunity

MILEPOST 284 | HURRICANE GULCH – The longest bridge on the Alaska Railroad, at 918 feet, and the turnaround point for the Hurricane Turn Train

MILEPOST 304 | BROAD PASS – The lowest pass in the Alaska Range, at 2,300 feet

MILEPOST 348 | DENALI NATIONAL PARK – Home to 39 species of mammals and 169 species of birds

AURORA WINTER TRAIN SCHEDULE

NORTHBOUND SATURDAYS | SOUTHBOUND SUNDAYS

Saturday, September 21, 2024 - Sunday, May 11, 2025

NORTHBOUND TUESDAYS | SOUTHBOUND WEDNESDAYS

Tuesday, February 11 - Wednesday, April 2, 2025

NORTHBOUND THURSDAYS | SOUTHBOUND FRIDAYS

Thursday, February 27 - Friday, March 28, 2025

NORTHBOUND READ DOWN	MILE	STOPS	SOUTHBOUND READ UP
8:30 AM	114.3	Anchorage	8:00 PM
9:50 AM	159.8	Wasilla	6:25 PM
11:25 AM	226.7	Talkeetna	4:50 PM
11:40 AM	236.2	Chase	4:25 PM
12:10 PM	248.5	Curry	4:00 PM
12:20 PM	257.7	Sherman	3:45 PM
12:35 PM	263.2	Gold Creek	3:30 PM
12:50 PM	268.4	Canyon	3:20 PM
12:55 PM	270	Twin Bridges	3:15 PM
1:05 PM	273.8	Chulitna	3:05 PM
1:20 PM	281.4	Hurricane	2:45 PM
3:55 PM	347.9	Denali	12:30 PM
4:40 PM	358.7	Healy	11:45 AM
5:55 PM	411.7	Nenana	10:20 AM
8:00 PM	470.3	Fairbanks	8:30 AM



Onboard service: dining car and nonsmoking cars. Baggage service provided in Anchorage and Fairbanks only. Wheelchair access provided in Anchorage, Wasilla, Talkeetna, Denali, Healy, Nenana and Fairbanks. Due to the nature of flagstop service, times may vary. For more information, visit AlaskaRailroad.com/Winter.

The Aurora Winter Train operates September 21, 2024 - May 11, 2025: northbound Saturdays, southbound Sundays, and select mid-week dates in February and March. To confirm the most current schedule information, visit AlaskaRailroad.com/Schedules.

AURORA WINTER TRAIN FARES

One way (Round-trip is double)	Adult (12-64)	Senior (65+), Disabled & Children (2-11)
Anchorage – Wasilla	\$81	\$41
Anchorage – Talkeetna	\$97	\$49
Anchorage – Denali	\$180	\$90
Anchorage – Healy	\$180	\$90
Anchorage – Fairbanks	\$249	\$125
Wasilla – Anchorage	\$81	\$41
Wasilla – Talkeetna	\$97	\$49
Wasilla – Denali	\$180	\$90
Wasilla – Healy	\$180	\$90
Wasilla – Fairbanks	\$249	\$125
Talkeetna – Anchorage	\$97	\$49
Talkeetna – Wasilla	\$97	\$49
Talkeetna – Denali	\$127	\$64
Talkeetna – Healy	\$127	\$64
Talkeetna – Fairbanks	\$161	\$81
Denali – Anchorage	\$180	\$90
Denali – Wasilla	\$180	\$90
Denali – Talkeetna	\$127	\$64
Denali – Fairbanks	\$97	\$49
Healy – Anchorage	\$180	\$90
Healy – Wasilla	\$180	\$90
Healy – Talkeetna	\$127	\$64
Healy – Fairbanks	\$97	\$49
Fairbanks – Anchorage	\$249	\$125
Fairbanks – Wasilla	\$249	\$125
Fairbanks – Talkeetna	\$161	\$81
Fairbanks – Denali	\$97	\$49
Fairbanks – Healy	\$97	\$49

Visit AlaskaRailroad.com for shoulder season pricing in September, October, November, April and May.

The Alaska Railroad Corporation offers a half-fare program for seniors (65+) and individuals with certain disabilities, allowing them to travel for half the normal fare during the Alaska Railroad's winter service. For more information, please visit AlaskaRailroad.com/HalfFares.



HURRICANE TURN TRAIN SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 3, 2024 - Thursday, May 1, 2025
First Thursday of each month*

NORTHBOUND <i>READ DOWN</i>	STOPS	MILE	SOUTHBOUND <i>READ UP</i>
8:30 AM	Anchorage	114.3	8:00 PM
9:50 AM	Wasilla	159.8	6:25 PM
11:25 AM	Talkeetna	226.7	4:50 PM
1:40 PM	Hurricane	281.4	2:45 PM

Due to the nature of flagstop service, times may vary. Baggage service provided in Anchorage only. Wheelchair access provided in Anchorage, Wasilla and Talkeetna. Runs first Thursday of the month, October to May (Excludes March 6, 2025). **No dining or beverage service onboard. Please bring your own food and drinks with you.** To confirm the most current schedule information, visit AlaskaRailroad.com/Schedules.



*No Hurricane Turn service in March; see Aurora Winter Train schedule.

HURRICANE TURN TRAIN FARES

One way (Round-trip is double)	Adult (12-64)	Senior (65+), Disabled & Children (2-11)
Anchorage – Wasilla	\$75	\$38
Anchorage – Talkeetna	\$88	\$44
Anchorage – Hurricane	\$101	\$51
Wasilla – Anchorage	\$75	\$38
Wasilla – Talkeetna	\$88	\$44
Wasilla – Hurricane	\$101	\$51
Talkeetna – Anchorage	\$88	\$44
Talkeetna – Wasilla	\$88	\$44
Talkeetna – Hurricane	\$57	\$29
Hurricane – Anchorage	\$101	\$51
Hurricane – Wasilla	\$101	\$51
Hurricane – Talkeetna	\$57	\$29
Anchorage/Wasilla – Hurricane (RT)*	\$145	\$73
Talkeetna – Hurricane (RT)*	\$94	\$47

RT= Round-trip

Hurricane Turn Train coupon books are available for \$122. Each book contains 10 coupons; one coupon is valid for up to 20 miles of travel. Coupon books are valid for discounted adult fares only and may be used for travel between Talkeetna and Hurricane Gulch. Adult coupons may be used for child, military or senior fares; or a separate child, military or senior fare may be purchased instead.

HOW TO PLAN A RAIL ITINERARY

With year-round service to many of the state's most popular destinations, the Alaska Railroad is your ticket to a memorable Alaska journey. Book your rail travel, accommodations and excursions with one call to our reservations team.

BOOK AN EXISTING ALASKA RAILROAD PACKAGE

Choose one of our preplanned rail itineraries, starting on page 7.

-OR-

PLAN A CUSTOM ALASKA ITINERARY

- 1. Plan Your Destinations:** Refer to the Alaska Railroad route map (page i) and train schedules (pages 1-4) to plan your itinerary. Most travelers opt to fly in or out of Anchorage or Fairbanks.
- 2. Add Excursions:** Activities abound at each stop along the Railbelt. Pick from excursions like sled dog rides or Denali flightseeing (pages 17-20).
- 3. Call to Book:** Our Alaska reservations agents are experts in building custom Alaska Railroad packages. Refine, finalize and purchase your dream Alaska itinerary with one call – 800.544.0552.

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The Alaska Railroad acts only as an agent for its clients in securing reservations from the various non-affiliated hotels, transportation companies and other third-party tour providers. While we will make every effort to accommodate the requests of our clients, hotel and tour substitutions may be necessary to complete the itineraries based on availability.

Prices are not guaranteed until your booking is confirmed by the Alaska Railroad.

We recommend purchasing travel insurance so you can plan your travel with peace of mind.

CHARTER A PRIVATE RAILCAR

Private cars may be chartered on regular service trains or an entire train may be chartered for special group functions. For more information, contact charters@akrr.com.



THE AURORA

6 nights

Available select dates in March
Monday through Saturday

MONDAY – Arrive in Anchorage, Alaska’s largest city. Explore the many downtown shops and restaurants. Overnight in Anchorage.

TUESDAY – Board the Aurora Winter Train and travel north to Talkeetna, watching for views of Denali along the way. The day is yours to explore this small Alaska town; opt to add on a flightseeing excursion of Denali, or guided snowshoeing. Overnight in Talkeetna.

WEDNESDAY – Take a guided sled dog tour with an Iditarod champion kennel. Tonight offers another opportunity to enjoy dinner along Talkeetna’s charming Main Street. Overnight in Talkeetna.

THURSDAY – Continue your journey north aboard the Aurora Winter Train, departing Talkeetna in the late morning and arriving in Fairbanks that night. Along the way, travel along the edge of Denali National Park and traverse the Alaska Range. Overnight in Fairbanks.

FRIDAY – The early hours are yours to enjoy as you wish. Late morning, embark on a breathtaking flightseeing tour above the Arctic Circle. As night falls, prepare for an enchanting experience of guided aurora chasing. Overnight in Fairbanks.

SATURDAY – Spend your day exploring Fairbanks, a city rich in culture and history. At nightfall prepare for another evening of guided aurora chasing.

INCLUDES: Rail travel to Talkeetna and Fairbanks, all accommodations, guided dog sledding, Chena Hot Springs Aurora Tour, Fairbanks City Tour, Aurora Lodge Tour and transfers.

See tour price and booking details at AlaskaRailroad.com/Winter

THE BOREALIS

8 nights

Available select dates in March
Saturday through Saturday

SATURDAY – Arrive in Fairbanks. Overnight in Interior Alaska’s largest city.

SUNDAY – Travel to Borealis Basecamp, an off-the-grid destination in a remote boreal forest. Stay in a comfortably appointed geodesic dome with a see-through ceiling, or a private “Cube” – complete with large floor-to-ceiling windows to accommodate aurora viewing from the comfort of your warm bed.

MONDAY – Enjoy a full day exploring Borealis Basecamp; choose to add guided dog sledding or snowmobiling. Tonight brings another opportunity for world-class aurora viewing from your private dome.

TUESDAY – Unwind and take a soak at Chena Hot Springs with 1st Alaska Tours.

WEDNESDAY – Board the Aurora Winter Train and travel south to Talkeetna, arriving in the late afternoon. Enjoy an evening exploring this small town’s charming Main Street.

THURSDAY – Try your hand at Alaska’s state sport on a guided dog sledding tour. Enjoy the rest of the day as you wish or opt to add on one of Talkeetna’s most renowned excursions: flightseeing over Denali and the Alaska Range. Overnight in Talkeetna.

FRIDAY – Spend your day exploring the quaint and charming town of Talkeetna or for those seeking adventure, join a guided snowshoe excursion. As evening falls, board the Aurora Winter Train for a scenic journey back to Anchorage. Overnight in Anchorage.

SATURDAY – Take a day to experience Alaska’s largest city and its surroundings. Add on a Knik Arm Tour to see musk ox, mountains and more (page 17). Overnight in Anchorage.

INCLUDES: Rail travel to Talkeetna and Anchorage, all accommodations, guided dog sledding and transfers.

See tour price and booking details at AlaskaRailroad.com/Winter

TALKEETNA GETAWAY

1 night retreat – Talkeetna
Weekends, late September 2024 - early May 2025



SATURDAY – Take the Aurora Winter Train to Talkeetna and enjoy a relaxing overnight retreat in this quaint Alaska town. Winter activities abound: opt to take a breathtaking Denali flightseeing tour or watch for the shimmering colors of the aurora borealis. Bring your snowshoes or cross-country skis to explore Talkeetna’s winter trails.

SUNDAY – Spend a leisurely day exploring Talkeetna, explore the trails on a snowshoe hike or opt to add a guided dog sledding tour (page 19). That evening, return to Anchorage on the southbound Aurora Winter Train.

INCLUDES: Round-trip rail Anchorage to Talkeetna and one-night stay at the Talkeetna Cabins.

See tour price and booking details at AlaskaRailroad.com/Winter

DENALI IN A DAY

FROM FAIRBANKS TO DENALI

Saturdays, late September 2024 - early May 2025

SATURDAY DAY-TRIP



SATURDAY – Mid-morning, meet your guide in Fairbanks and begin the drive south along the Parks Highway, visiting the river community of Nenana en route to Denali National Park. At Denali, experience the park’s 6 million acres of wilderness as few ever have the chance to see it, savoring the quiet beauty and solitude of a winter landscape blanketed in snow. Explore the Murie Science and Learning Center and learn about the rugged landscape – including Denali’s namesake peak, the tallest mountain in North America – and famed wildlife, such as bears, moose, caribou and more.

After exploring Alaska’s most iconic national park, climb aboard the Aurora Winter Train for a relaxing rail journey back to Fairbanks.

INCLUDES: Guided drive from Fairbanks to Denali, visit to Murie Science and Learning Center, guided nature walk or snowshoe, rail from Denali to Fairbanks.

Does not include meals.

See tour price and booking details at AlaskaRailroad.com/Winter

WINTER ESCAPE

1 night retreat – Interior Alaska
Weekends, late September 2024 - early May 2025

SATURDAY – Take the Aurora Winter Train from Anchorage to Fairbanks for an unforgettable journey across this land of vast mountain ranges and untouched wilderness. Watch for wildlife and, on a clear day, an incredible view of Denali – North America’s tallest peak. Overnight in Fairbanks, known for dazzling displays of the aurora borealis.

SUNDAY – Make the most of your Alaska winter getaway with a variety of options. Opt to visit the excellent Museum of the North, partake in a city tour or embark on a dog sledding adventure (page 20). That evening, a short flight provides your return to Anchorage.

Or, reverse the itinerary: fly on Saturday and save the rail journey for Sunday. Travelers originating in Fairbanks may also plan a weekend rail-fly itinerary with an overnight in Anchorage. Ask about extending your time in Fairbanks to add a guided winter journey across the Arctic Circle.

INCLUDES: One-way rail ticket and one-way flight between Anchorage and Fairbanks, a one-night stay and transfers.

See tour price and booking details at AlaskaRailroad.com/Winter

ARCTIC CIRCLE ADVENTURE

5 nights – Interior Alaska
Late September 2024 - late April 2025
Friday through Wednesday

FRIDAY – Arrive in Anchorage. Opt to go flightseeing over the Chugach Range, visit a musk ox farm (page 17), or enjoy fine dining, shopping, numerous galleries and more. Overnight in Anchorage.

SATURDAY – Travel to Fairbanks via the Aurora Winter Train. Watch for the northern lights (aurora borealis). Overnight in Fairbanks.

SUNDAY/MONDAY – Depart on the Arctic Circle Aurora Adventure with Northern Alaska Tour Company. Cross the Yukon River and head deep into the Arctic. Spend two nights in the Brooks Range, known for phenomenal northern lights viewing. Ask about optional tours, including a dog sled ride or snowshoeing.

TUESDAY – Return to Fairbanks on a scenic flight, crossing the Arctic Circle once more as you travel south. See the vast Arctic tundra landscape from the skies. Arrive in Fairbanks and overnight.

WEDNESDAY – Return to Anchorage by air.

INCLUDES: One-way rail Anchorage to Fairbanks, one night hotel in Anchorage, two nights hotel in Fairbanks, two nights hotel in Coldfoot, van transfers, Arctic Circle flightseeing and return flight from Fairbanks to Anchorage.

See tour price and booking details at AlaskaRailroad.com/Winter

ADD-ON EXCURSIONS

From Anchorage



Matanuska Glacier

There is no shortage of exciting adventures all along the Railbelt. The following tours can be paired with any train trip to create a custom vacation itinerary; or add/substitute these tours to an existing Alaska Railroad travel package (pages 7-16) of your choosing. For more details and current pricing, visit [AlaskaRailroad.com/WinterTours](https://www.alaskarailroad.com/WinterTours).

ANCHORAGE



Knik Glacier

Glacier and Wildlife Flightseeing

Depart from the world's busiest seaplane base, Lake Hood, for the expansive Knik Glacier, 50 miles north of Anchorage. This route also includes flying over Colony Glacier to Lake George, which spills into the winding Knik Glacier Gorge.

Knik Arm Tour

Take a guided visit to one of the most unique animal husbandry projects in the world: the Musk Ox Farm, where you'll learn about fascinating ice age creatures. Next, ascend to the mountains to explore the old mining district of Independence Mine State Historical Park by snowshoe or fat tire bike.

Matanuska Glacier Tour

Gear up with ice cleats for a guided exploration of Matanuska Glacier, Alaska's largest glacier accessible by road.



Matanuska Glacier



Musk Ox Farm, Palmer, Alaska

ADD-ON EXCURSIONS

Talkeetna and Fairbanks

TALKEETNA

Talkeetna Dog Sledding

Experience Alaska's state sport on a 5-mile guided dog sled tour through the groomed trails of Talkeetna's snowy boreal forest.

Denali Flightseeing

From Talkeetna, take to the skies for a stunning view of the Alaska Range and North America's tallest peak: Denali.



Ruth Glacier, Denali National Park

Talkeetna

Snowshoeing

Stride atop the snow with an experienced naturalist guide as you explore Alaska's winter splendor.

FAIRBANKS

Fairbanks City Tour

Learn about the history of Interior Alaska's largest community on a guided city tour. Highlights include visits to the Santa Claus House, the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System and the Museum of the North or Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum.

Aurora Lodge Tour

Travel to a remote lodge away from the city lights – the perfect destination for an evening of aurora hunting.

Chena Hot Springs Aurora Tour

Watch for the aurora borealis from the comfort of a natural Alaska hot spring.

Arctic Circle Tour

Fly over the Yukon River Valley and beyond, outside the Gates of the Arctic National Park. Cross the Arctic Circle and receive an official Arctic Circle Adventure Certificate. Learn about the Brooks Range and see the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System.

Fairbanks Dog Sledding

Join in the fun of Alaska's state sport as you travel across the snowy landscape behind a team of canine athletes.

Denali in a Day

Travel to the famed Denali National Park and Preserve on a guided day-trip from Fairbanks. See page 12 for more details.



Denali National Park

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PAYMENT: Full payment is required within 72 hours of booking. We accept VISA, MC, Discover and American Express cards.

LATE BOOKINGS: Package bookings that are made within 35 days of departure require a minimum of 24 hours to confirm availability. Full payment is required at the time of booking.

REFUNDS: All winter vacations that are canceled 36 or more days before travel will be refunded 90% of the booking value. No refunds will be issued 35 or less days before travel. No refunds will be issued for unused services.

Rail-only bookings that are canceled one (1) or more days before travel will be refunded 90% of the booking value. No refunds will be issued the day of travel.

CHANGE FEES: All paid bookings are subject to a 10% change fee. Changes are allowed on packages up to 36 days before travel and on rail-only bookings up to one day prior to travel. A "package" is any rail booking that includes a non-rail component. Change fees apply only to the changed value of the booking. No change fees apply when the change increases the cost of the booking. Changes to packages that include flights or Boreal Basecamp may incur additional fees. Airfare is non-refundable and non-changeable. Any charges incurred by the Alaska Railroad as a result of changes made by the customer will be applied to the booking in addition to the change fee. All changes or cancellations must be made during business hours through the Alaska Railroad Reservations Office at 800.544.0552 or 907.265.2494, or by emailing reservations@akrr.com.

Reservation hours are Monday - Friday 7 AM - 4 PM and Saturdays 9 AM - 3 PM AKST.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance so you can plan your travel with complete peace of mind. Ask your Alaska Railroad reservations agent for a travel insurance quote and about available plans.

CHECK-IN: Please check in one-hour prior to the scheduled departure time. Reservations and seat assignments may be altered or reassigned if passenger(s) and baggage are not checked in 15 minutes prior to scheduled departure. The Transportation Security Administration requires that any Alaska Railroad passenger 18 years of age or older present a government-issued photo ID, or two other forms of ID, one of which must be issued by a government authority. Children ages 2-15 may only travel in the company of an adult 18 years or older.

BAGGAGE: Alaska Railroad passengers are allowed four pieces of checked baggage and one carry-on. No single piece may weigh over 50 lbs. A special handling fee of \$20 per bag applies to oversized bags, bicycles and other recreational equipment. Firearms may be transported only as checked baggage and must be either disassembled (slide or bolt removed) or have a

lock (trigger or cable type) installed to prevent operation and must be in a locked case. Concealed weapons are not permitted onboard. Passengers may transport five liters or less of white gas or 60 liters or less per container of kerosene in the baggage car. Federal Railroad Administration regulations prohibit the transport of all other types of camping stove fuels and/or motor fuels on passenger trains. Non-service animals must be transported in kennels in the baggage car; a special handling fee of \$20 applies. For more information, visit AlaskaRailroad.com/Baggage.

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ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION: The Alaska Railroad will provide the best alternate service available in the event of unforeseen circumstances that may require any part of our service to be altered.

ACCESSIBILITY: We are pleased to provide wheelchair lifts at all stations. Accessibility on other connecting modes of transport can vary, so please check with an agent for details. Alaska Railroad's passenger trains are wheelchair accessible and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Service animals are welcome aboard.

GROUPS: A group is 15+ paying adult passengers traveling on the same route and on the same day. For more information, call 907.265.2240, or e-mail groupreservations@akrr.com.

CHARTERS: Private cars may be chartered on regular service trains or an entire train may be chartered for special group functions, based on seasonal availability. For more information, e-mail us at charters@akrr.com.

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