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In operation since 1923, the Alaska Railroad Corporation is a full-service railroad and vital transportation link to ports and communities throughout Southcentral and Interior Alaska. Primarily, the Alaska Railroad conducts business as a regularly scheduled public transportation service in these regions.

WINTER ROUTES

ALASKA RAILROAD FLAGSTOP SERVICE

The Alaska Railroad's **Aurora Winter Train** travels from Anchorage through the Mat-Su Valley, stopping in the charming town of Talkeetna, and continues 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 Mount McKinley, North America's tallest peak.

Travelers may also choose to ride the **Hurricane Turn Train** the first Thursday of each month. The Hurricane Turn 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.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

MILEPOST 226 | TALKEETNA - Gateway to Mount McKinley

MILEPOST 279 | MOUNT MCKINLEY - 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 across the Alaska Range - 2,300 feet

MILEPOST 348 | DENALI NATIONAL PARK

MILEPOST 470 | FAIRBANKS - Alaska's Golden Heart City



AURORA WINTER TRAIN SCHEDULE

September 19, 2015 - May 8, 2016 • Saturday & Sunday*

NORTHBOUND <i>READ DOWN</i>	MILE	STOPS	SOUTHBOUND <i>READ UP</i>
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
11:50 AM	236.2	Chase	4:35 PM
12:10 PM	248.5	Curry	4:15 PM
12:23 PM	248.7	Deadhorse	4:03 PM
12:30 PM	257.7	Sherman	3:55 PM
12:40 PM	263.2	Gold Creek	3:45 PM
1:05 PM	268.4	Canyon	3:20 PM
1:14 PM	270	Twin Bridges	3:13 PM
1:20 PM	273.8	Chulitna	3:05 PM
1:40 PM	281.4	Hurricane	2:55 PM
3:55 PM	348.2	Denali Crossing	12:30 PM
4:40 PM	358.7	Healy	11:40 AM
5:55 PM	411.7	Nenana	10:15 AM
8:00 PM	470.3	Fairbanks	8:30 AM

* Aurora Winter Train runs on weekends, northbound on Saturdays, southbound on Sundays, September 19, 2015 through May 8, 2016 and select midweek dates (see below). Due to the nature of flagstop service, times may vary. Baggage service in Anchorage and Fairbanks only. Onboard dining is available.

MIDWEEK AURORA WINTER TRAIN

EXPANDED MIDWEEK SERVICE makes your experience more flexible. Spend a couple days exploring Fairbanks, Talkeetna or Anchorage. A romantic getaway. Or big time fun for the family. A perfect winter (or spring!) break for locals and visitors alike.

Midweek train service is available the following dates:

NORTHBOUND: February 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2016

SOUTHBOUND: February 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2016

AURORA WINTER TRAIN FARES

One way (Round trip is double)	Adult/Child (12-64)/(2-11)	Senior & Disabled (65+)
Anchorage - Wasilla	\$58/29	\$29
Anchorage - Talkeetna	\$70/35	\$35
Anchorage - Healy	\$127/64	\$64
Anchorage - Fairbanks	\$185/93	\$93
Wasilla - Anchorage	\$58/29	\$29
Wasilla - Talkeetna	\$58/29	\$29
Wasilla - Healy	\$116/58	\$58
Wasilla - Fairbanks	\$168/84	\$84
Talkeetna - Anchorage	\$70/35	\$35
Talkeetna - Wasilla	\$58/29	\$29
Talkeetna - Healy	\$70/35	\$35
Talkeetna - Fairbanks	\$116/58	\$58
Healy - Anchorage	\$127/64	\$64
Healy - Wasilla	\$116/58	\$58
Healy - Talkeetna	\$70/35	\$35
Healy - Fairbanks	\$53/27	\$27
Fairbanks - Anchorage	\$185/93	\$93
Fairbanks - Wasilla	\$168/84	\$84
Fairbanks - Talkeetna	\$116/58	\$58
Fairbanks - Healy	\$53/27	\$27

Onboard services - Dining car, baggage service in Anchorage and Fairbanks only, no-smoking cars, wheelchair access. For more information visit AlaskaRailroad.com/wintertours.





HURRICANE TURN TRAIN SCHEDULE

October 1, 2015 - May 5, 2016 • First Thursday

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



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One way (Round trip is double)	Adult/Child (12-64)/(2-11)	Senior & Disabled (65+)
Anchorage - Wasilla	\$58/29	\$29
Anchorage - Talkeetna	\$70/35	\$35
Anchorage - Hurricane	\$81/41*	\$41*
Wasilla - Anchorage	\$58/29	\$29
Wasilla - Talkeetna	\$58/29	\$29
Wasilla - Hurricane	\$81/41*	\$41*
Talkeetna - Anchorage	\$70/35	\$35
Talkeetna - Wasilla	\$58/29	\$29
Talkeetna - Hurricane	\$46/23	\$23
Hurricane - Anchorage	\$81/41*	\$41*
Hurricane - Wasilla	\$81/41*	\$41*
Hurricane - Talkeetna	\$46/23	\$23

* Special Anchorage/Wasilla to Hurricane round-trip rate of \$116 adult/\$58 child.

No dining service onboard. Please bring food with you. Baggage service in Anchorage only.



TALKEETNA GETAWAY

1 night retreat - Talkeetna
Weekends, September 19, 2015 - May 7, 2016
Select mid-week dates available

SATURDAY - Take the Aurora Winter Train to the quaint town of Talkeetna and enjoy a relaxing overnight retreat at Talkeetna Cabins. Winter activities abound: opt to take a breathtaking Mount McKinley 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 in Talkeetna before returning to Anchorage on the southbound Aurora Winter Train.

TOUR PRICE: \$229 per person, based on double occupancy. Includes round-trip rail Anchorage to Talkeetna and one-night stay at Talkeetna Cabins.

Package prices may vary from the published rates with hotel, tour selections and date of travel. All prices are subject to change without notice.



TALKEETNA PIE-MAKING

1 night retreat - Talkeetna
Weekends, October 3, 2015 - March 26, 2016*

SATURDAY - Board the Aurora Winter Train for a breathtaking trip through boreal forest and open marsh to Talkeetna, Alaska. Keep your eye out for moose which are frequently seen in the winter.

Upon arrival in Talkeetna you'll be met by a representative from Talkeetna Roadhouse, your home for the weekend. The Roadhouse is full of character, warm hospitality, and the delicious smells and flavors of freshly baked goods.

Enjoy a pie-making class with Trisha, the proprietress of the Talkeetna Roadhouse, who has been making pies for 20-some years. Learn the secret of pie crust as she walks you through her technique. Each participant will take home a world-famous Talkeetna Roadhouse pie. After finishing your class, choose dinner at one of the local establishments in Talkeetna.

SUNDAY - The morning is at your leisure; you will have plenty of time to enjoy exploring Talkeetna before you climb aboard the Aurora Winter Train for your scenic and relaxing ride back to Anchorage.

TOUR PRICE: \$225 per person, based on double occupancy. Package includes round-trip rail from Anchorage to Talkeetna on the Aurora Winter Train, an overnight stay at the Talkeetna Roadhouse, and registration for the pie-making class, including one pie to take home.

** Not available December 5, 2015 and March 19, 2016. Does not include meals or optional activities. All prices are subject to change without notice.*



WINTER ESCAPE

1 night retreat - Interior Alaska
Weekends, September 26, 2015 - May 7, 2016
Select mid-week dates available

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 Mount McKinley - North America's tallest peak. Overnight in Fairbanks, known for dazzling displays of the aurora borealis.

SUNDAY - Spend the day exploring Interior Alaska's largest city. Opt to visit the excellent Museum of the North. 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 stay at the Chena Hot Springs Resort or a guided winter journey across the Arctic Circle.

TOUR PRICE: \$385 per person, based on double occupancy. Includes: one-way rail ticket and one-way flight between Anchorage and Fairbanks, a one-night stay, and transfers. Flight operated by Ravn Alaska.

Package prices may vary from the published rates with hotel, tour selections and date of travel. All prices are subject to change without notice.



THE GREAT ONE

3 night retreat - Chena Hot Springs Resort
September 18, 2015 - May 6, 2016
Friday through Monday

FRIDAY - Early morning, fly from Anchorage to Fairbanks, and travel to Chena Hot Springs Resort. Enjoy the natural hot springs, visit the on-site Aurora Ice Museum and consider the variety of tour options available for purchase - dogsled rides, ice skating, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, flightseeing, sleigh rides or snow coach tours. Overnight in Chena.

SATURDAY - Return to Fairbanks and explore: choose to visit the University of Alaska's Museum of the North or explore your dining and shopping options. Overnight in Fairbanks.

SUNDAY - Ride the Aurora Winter Train from Fairbanks to Anchorage. Opt to dine onboard and watch for wildlife and spectacular views of Mount McKinley. Overnight in Anchorage.

TOUR PRICE: \$889 per person, based on double occupancy. Includes flight on Ravn Alaska from Anchorage to Fairbanks, one-night stay at Chena Hot Springs Resort, transfers, Ice Museum tour, hot springs pass and a one-night stay in Fairbanks. Includes one-way rail from Fairbanks to Anchorage on Sunday and a one-night stay in Anchorage. Meals and optional activities are not included.

Package prices may vary from the published rates with hotel, tour selections, airfare availability and date of travel. All prices are subject to change without notice.

THE AURORA

3 nights - Interior Alaska
October 2, 2015 - April 22, 2016
Friday through Monday

FRIDAY - Spend the night in Anchorage and opt to visit the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center, the Alaska Aviation Museum or explore downtown shops and galleries. Excellent local dining options are plentiful.

SATURDAY - Travel to Fairbanks by train. Enjoy the serene winter landscapes and watch for wildlife and the northern lights as you travel north. Overnight in Fairbanks.

SUNDAY - Discover Alaska's Arctic with Northern Alaska Tour Company. Fly over the Yukon River Valley, the Arctic Circle and beyond, just south of the Gates of the Arctic National Park. Participate in a ceremonial Arctic Circle landing. Learn about the Brooks Range and see the trans-Alaska pipeline. Return to Fairbanks and overnight.

MONDAY - Fly to Anchorage or choose to spend an extra day exploring Fairbanks - visit the world-class Museum of the North, or consider a side trip to Chena Hot Springs Resort for a soak in the hot springs and a tour of the on-site Aurora Ice Museum.

TOUR PRICE: \$965 per person, based on double occupancy. Includes one-way rail Anchorage to Fairbanks, one night hotel in Anchorage, two nights hotel in Fairbanks, Arctic Circle flightseeing, all transfers and return flight on Ravn Alaska from Fairbanks to Anchorage.

Meals and optional tours are not included. Package prices may vary from the published rates with hotel, tour selections, and date of travel. All prices are subject to change without notice.

ARCTIC CIRCLE ADVENTURE

5 nights - Interior Alaska
September 18, 2015 - April 15, 2016
Friday through Wednesday

FRIDAY - Arrive in Anchorage. Opt to go flightseeing over the Chugach Range, visit the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center, go cross-country skiing, or enjoy fine dining, shopping and numerous galleries. Overnight in Anchorage.

SATURDAY - Travel to Fairbanks via the Aurora Winter Train. Watch for the northern lights. Stay the night in Fairbanks.

SUNDAY / MONDAY - Depart on the Arctic Circle Aurora Adventure with Northern Alaska Tour Company. Fly over 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 dogsled ride.

TUESDAY - Return to Fairbanks via deluxe van tour. See the vast arctic tundra landscapes firsthand. Cross the mighty Yukon River as you continue south on the Dalton Highway, which at times parallels the trans-Alaska pipeline. Arrive in Fairbanks and overnight.

WEDNESDAY - Return to Anchorage by air.

TOUR PRICE: \$1,285 - \$1,385 per person, based on double occupancy. Includes one-way rail Anchorage to Fairbanks, one night hotel in Anchorage, two nights hotel in Fairbanks, two nights hotel in Coldfoot, van transfers, flightseeing and return flight on Ravn Alaska from Fairbanks to Anchorage.

Meals and optional tours are not included. Package prices may vary from the published rates depending on hotel and tour selections, and date of travel. All prices are subject to change without notice.



WORLD ICE ART CHAMPIONSHIPS

1 night retreat - Fairbanks
Weekends, March 1, 2016 - March 27, 2016

SATURDAY - Depart Anchorage on the Aurora Winter Train for a serene journey through Alaska's snow-blanketed Interior. Overnight in Fairbanks.

SUNDAY - Spend the day visiting the 26th annual World Ice Art Championships. Fairbanks hosts the world's largest ice art competition and exhibition, with over 70 teams from all over the world. The competition and the Kids' Ice Art Park attract more than 100 ice artists and approximately 45,000 visitors from Alaska and all over the world. Return to Anchorage Sunday night via air.

(Note: travelers may opt to add an additional night and day to explore Fairbanks. Alternatively, travelers may

choose to fly from Anchorage to Fairbanks and then return to Anchorage via train.)

TOUR PRICE: \$409 per person, based on double occupancy. Includes one way rail Anchorage to Fairbanks or the reverse, an overnight in Fairbanks, entrance to the World Ice Art Championships and one-way flight on Ravn Alaska.

Package prices may vary from the published rates depending on hotel and tour selections, and date of travel. All prices are subject to change without notice.



IDITAROD RACE & RONDY TOUR

4 nights - Interior Alaska
March 2, 2016 - March 5, 2016*

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The world-famous Iditarod Sled Dog Race starts in Anchorage on **Saturday, March 5**. Fans call it the Last Great Race on Earth. The route covers 1,000 miles of the world's most extreme and beautiful terrain - across mountain ranges, frozen rivers, dense forests, wind-swept tundra and arctic coastline.

WEDNESDAY - Arrive in Anchorage March 2.
Overnight.

THURSDAY - Board the Alaska Railroad Hurricane Turn Train, one of America's last flagstop services, for a trip into Alaska's Interior. The round-trip journey travels north from Anchorage to Hurricane Gulch, along the Susitna River and through Indian River canyon. Overnight back in Anchorage.

FRIDAY - Head to the Fur Rondy, an Anchorage festival tradition dating back to the days when fur trappers wanted to blow off a little mid-winter steam. Now it's a full-blown winter celebration. Overnight in Anchorage.

SATURDAY - The Iditarod Sled Dog Race starts within walking distance of your hotel. After the last musher leaves the chute, enjoy time to explore downtown Anchorage. Next day, fly home or opt for more activities in the Anchorage area.

TOUR PRICE: \$359 per person, based on double occupancy. Includes 4 nights accommodations plus round-trip rail on the Hurricane Turn Train.

** This package has one start date of March 2, 2016. Meals and optional tours are not included. Package prices may vary from the published rates with hotel, tour selections and date of travel. All prices are subject to change without notice.*

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 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 percent 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 may incur additional fees. 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.

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 the available plans.

CHECK-IN: One hour prior to the scheduled departure time. Reservations and seat assignments may be altered or reassigned if passenger 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.

Federal Railroad Administration regulations prohibit the transport of all types of camping stove fuels and/or motor fuels on passenger trains. Animals must be transported in kennels in the baggage car for an additional fee of \$20. For more information, visit AlaskaRailroad.com/baggage.

SCHEDULES AND FARES: Delays can occur with rail service. Do not book your rail arrival and air departure on the same day. The Alaska Railroad will not be responsible for missed connections. Schedules, fares and tours are subject to change without notice.

The Alaska Railroad Corporation offers a Half Fare Program for seniors (65+) and individuals with certain disabilities, allowing them to travel for half fare from September 19, 2015 - May 8, 2016. The half fare is not available for summer trains, May 7 through September 19, 2016. For more information about this program, please visit www.AlaskaRailroad.com/HalfFares.

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. Registered service animals are welcome aboard.

GROUPS: A group is 20+ paying adult passengers traveling on the same route and on the same day. For more information, call 800.895.7245 or 907.265.2240, or e-mail groupreservations@akrr.com.

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

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