



# Alaska: Northern Lights Adventure

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## Trip Highlights

**WITNESS** the magic of the Northern Lights, including personal wake-up calls when the Aurora appears!

**RIDE** dog-sleds through the snowy spruce forests and fields of the great Alaskan wilderness.

**DISCOVER** how locals live in interior Alaska from natives and homesteaders.

**SOAK** in steaming geothermal hot springs under the starry night sky as you watch for the Aurora.

**HIKE** in the forest with friendly reindeer and learn about these gentle mammals from the family who raises them.

## TOUR DATES

**Our groups are up to 18 guests.**

Private departures are available for families & groups of 8-10 people or more upon request.

### **2026 Fall Departures**

Sept 12 - 19, 2026

Sept 19 - 26, 2026

Sept 26 - Oct 3, 2026

Oct 3 - 10, 2026

Oct 10 - 17, 2026

Oct 17 - 24, 2026

Oct 24 - 31, 2026

Nov 7 - 14, 2026

Nov 14 - 21, 2026

Dec 5 - 12, 2026

Dec 12 - 19, 2026

Dec 27, 2026 - Jan 3, 2027

## TOUR PRICE

**2026 Departures: \$4,695 USD Per Person**

**2027-28 Departures: \$5,395 USD per person**

**\$910 USD Single Supplement added for solo travelers on any departure.**

### **2027 Winter Departures**

Jan 30 - Feb 6, 2027

Feb 6 - 13, 2027

Feb 13 - 20, 2027

Feb 20 - 27, 2027

Feb 27 - March 6, 2027

~~March 6 - 13, 2027~~ — Full

March 13 - 20, 2027

March 20 - 27, 2027

March 27 - April 3, 2027

April 3 - 10, 2027

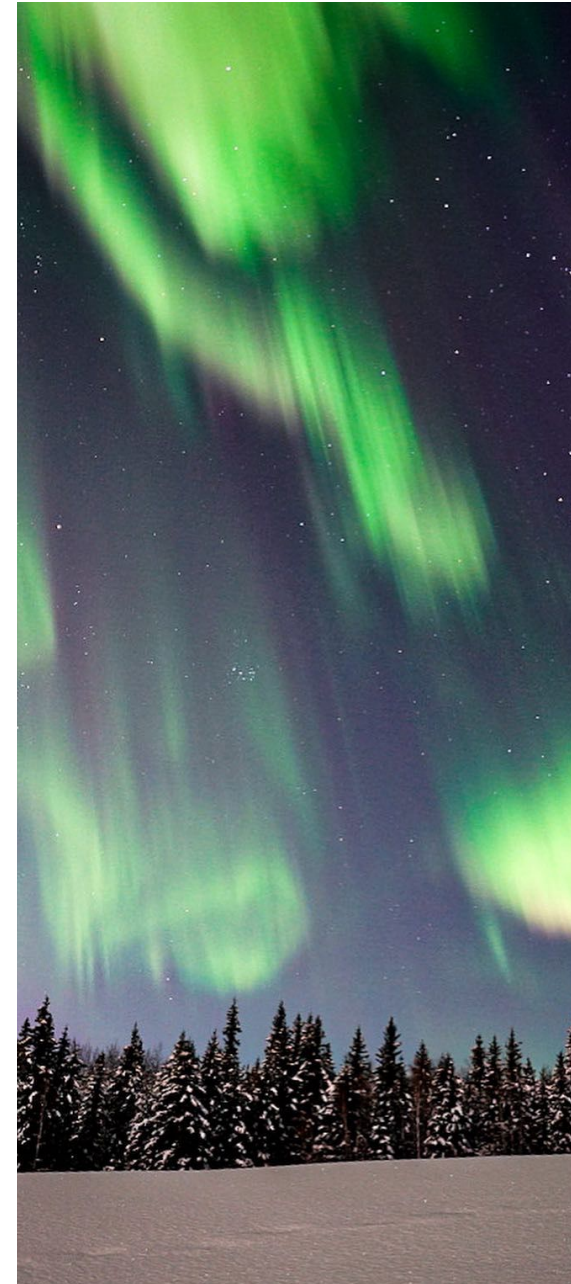
## TOUR DATES

### 2027 Fall Departures

Sept 4-11, 2027  
Sept 18-25, 2027  
Sept 25 - Oct 2, 2027  
Oct 2-9, 2027  
Oct 9-16, 2027  
Oct 16-23, 2027  
Oct 23-30, 2027  
Oct 30 - Nov 6, 2027  
Nov 6-13, 2027  
Nov 13-20, 2027  
Dec 4-11, 2027  
Dec 11-18, 2027  
Dec 27, 2027 - Jan 3, 2028

### 2028 Winter Departures

Jan 22-29, 2028  
Jan 29 - Feb 5, 2028  
Feb 5-12, 2028  
Feb 12-19, 2028  
Feb 19-26, 2028  
Feb 26 - Mar 4, 2028  
Mar 4-11, 2028  
Mar 11-18, 2028  
Mar 18-25, 2028  
Mar 25 - Apr 1, 2028  
Apr 1-8, 2028



# TOUR MAP





## What's Included

- Hotel accommodations in a charming family-owned lodge outside of Fairbanks
- Personal wake-up service and photography assistance when the Aurora is active
- Three expert guides — two for day activities and a third for Aurora watch
- All of your delicious Alaskan meals, as described in the daily itinerary
- Complimentary gear rental of parkas, snow pants, and boots
- Entry to Chena Hot Springs
- A visit with friendly reindeer and the people who raise them
- Entry to the museums and attractions outlined in the itinerary; and gratuities for all non-Gondwana local activity guides
- A dog-sledding experience
- All of your transportation in Alaska

**We pay for Carbon Neutralization for each guest to minimize your trip's impact on the environment.**



## TOUR ITINERARY

Note that we reserve the right to slightly alter the itinerary due to seasonality, weather or availability

## Seasonality

Below is a sample itinerary. Note that the day-by-day activities may be shuffled in a different order depending on the season and availabilities.

Snowshoeing is available at both lodges and is a self-guided activity whenever there is free time or for early risers. Activities may also change based on snow conditions. In early fall, snowshoeing is replaced with hiking and dogsledding will instead be a dog-cart ride due to the lack of snow.

Aurora Borealis is a natural occurrence and while we have an incredible track record of seeing the lights on 98+ percent of our tours, we cannot guarantee that you will see the Northern Lights.

## Personal Wake-Up Calls

The Northern Lights are on many people's bucket lists for good reason. The mystical colors and formations of this phenomenon can only be witnessed in the right place at the right time. We travel to a region directly under the Aurora belt during the darkest and most active times of year. Our guides spend the night watching for lights and wake you as soon as they appear, offering expert photo advice and attentive service.





## Day One

After you arrive in Fairbanks and collect your luggage, you'll board a shuttle to Pike's Waterfront Lodge, located on the Chena River in Fairbanks. After you check in to your room you can, depending on the time you arrive and your energy level, either relax or explore downtown which is a short taxi ride away. Fairbanks is pedestrian-friendly and home to an eclectic mix of shops and restaurants. If you don't feel like exploring, the hotel has an onsite restaurant and small gift shop. Today is an arrival day and we have no scheduled activities. Enjoy your time and relax from your travels.



## Day Two

After a complimentary breakfast at the hotel, enjoy the morning until it's time to checkout. You'll meet the rest of the group and our guide(s) late morning in the lobby. Once we've done introductions and boarded the small bus, our afternoon includes lunch at a nearby restaurant and a visit to Pioneer Park. This 44-acre village features historical buildings moved from downtown Fairbanks and various museums with local artifacts, bringing you on a journey through time. We'll head to the lodge in the afternoon where we'll have a chance to unpack, relax, eat dinner, and learn about the Aurora Borealis.

**Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner is included**



## Day Three

After breakfast, we head into town for a city tour of Fairbanks and visit the famous Trans-Alaska Pipeline, followed by lunch at a great local spot. Following a guided walk through town, we visit the Morris Thompson Cultural Center. Explore world-class exhibits on Alaska's history and seasons and learn about traditional native art, dance, and music. It's a great introduction to Interior Alaska! Following dinner, you can come 'hunt' for the Northern Lights with us, or stay in the warmth of the lodge. Your guide will alert you if the Aurora appears.

**Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner is included**



## Day Four

After breakfast, we stop by the famous Museum of the North on the University of Alaska campus to learn about the natural and cultural history of the region. In the afternoon, we will head to a family ranch to meet reindeer and take a walk with them through a beautiful birch forest. Try some hot tea and Jane's homemade cookies inside and learn more about reindeer.

Depending on availability and season, we may flip the order of today's activities.

Later, we'll enjoy a delicious dinner together, and, if we're lucky, Aurora viewing tonight!

**Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner is included**

## Day Five

Depending on the season, in the morning we may have a curling lesson with local players at the Fairbanks Curling Club. Test your skills by challenging your new friends — curling is a lot more fun than you might expect! After lunch, we'll enjoy an afternoon hike before visiting the antique automobile museum featuring a world-class exhibit of vintage automobiles and period fashion pieces. Tonight we'll relax and share stories over dinner, and watch for the Aurora too!

**Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner is included**



## Day Six

Today, we visit the remote and healing Chena Hot Springs. Its history stretches back to the early 1900s, with evidence of earlier use by Indigenous peoples. Known for their restorative warmth and exceptional mineral content, the waters have drawn visitors from Alaska, the Lower 48, and around the world, and inspired the resort's beginnings when weary gold miners found relief and renewal in their soothing natural pools. Soak in the steaming waters surrounded by snow; if it is really cold your hair might even freeze! The drive home from the Hot Springs provides a wonderful opportunity to spot moose.

**Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner is included**

*Depending on the season or availabilities, activities for Day 6 & Day 7 may be switched.*





## Day Seven

Enjoy another tasty breakfast before our most exciting excursion yet — dog sledding! Meet the friendly dogs (and maybe some puppies!) and learn about mushing before hopping on a sled for a ride through the forest. You have free time in the afternoon when you can try snowshoeing around the property if the conditions are right. Alternatively, you may go into town with the guides for some shopping or stay at the lodge for a warm beverage in the cozy common room. We'll enjoy a final farewell dinner together tonight, toasting each other's company and the great moments of the past week.

### **Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner is included**

*Depending on the season or availability, activities for Day 6 & Day 7 may be switched.*



## Day Eight

One more breakfast before wrapping up our adventure and saying goodbye to new friends. We depart the lodge in the morning\* with the entire group and luggage. Depending on your preference, the guides will either drop you off at the airport or at a downtown hotel where you can relax in their lounge or store luggage and explore town before boarding a shuttle to the airport. Head home with memories of unique and exciting activities and the Alaskan locals you got to know along the way.

### **Breakfast is included**

*\*if your outbound flight is before 12:00pm, our guides will help you arrange a taxi or ride app transfer to bring you to the airport. This transfer will be at your own cost. See our Pre-Trip Guide for more information.*



## ACCOMMODATIONS



# Pike's Waterfront Lodge

## Night 1

Pike's Waterfront Lodge is a family-run, historic property located next to the Chena River in Fairbanks. One of the lodge's original buildings was recently added to the National Register of Historic Places. The lodge offers modern amenities such as flat-screen televisions, a 24-hour fitness room, and an on-site gift shop and restaurant. Enjoy the outdoors with natural gas firepits, a garden, a miniature golf course, and bocce ball courts.

Its comfortable rooms make for a great place to relax after a long day of traveling.



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My husband and I went on the Northern Lights tour with another couple in March. To say it was an outstanding experience barely expresses the experience. The tour guides were excellent, very knowledgeable and fun!

Seeing the lights was a spectacle to behold for sure!!! And the daytime activities were amazing, exciting and adventurous. We have recommended this tour to many and look forward to doing another tour with Gondwana”

- Jan D.

*Occasionally, our preferred hotels may not be available. In such cases, we reserve the right to arrange alternative accommodations of comparable standards.*

# Orion Lodge

## Nights 2-7

We alternate lodges on our departures, with most hosted at The Orion Lodge, located 32 miles outside of downtown Fairbanks in a beautiful natural setting with phenomenal Aurora viewing.

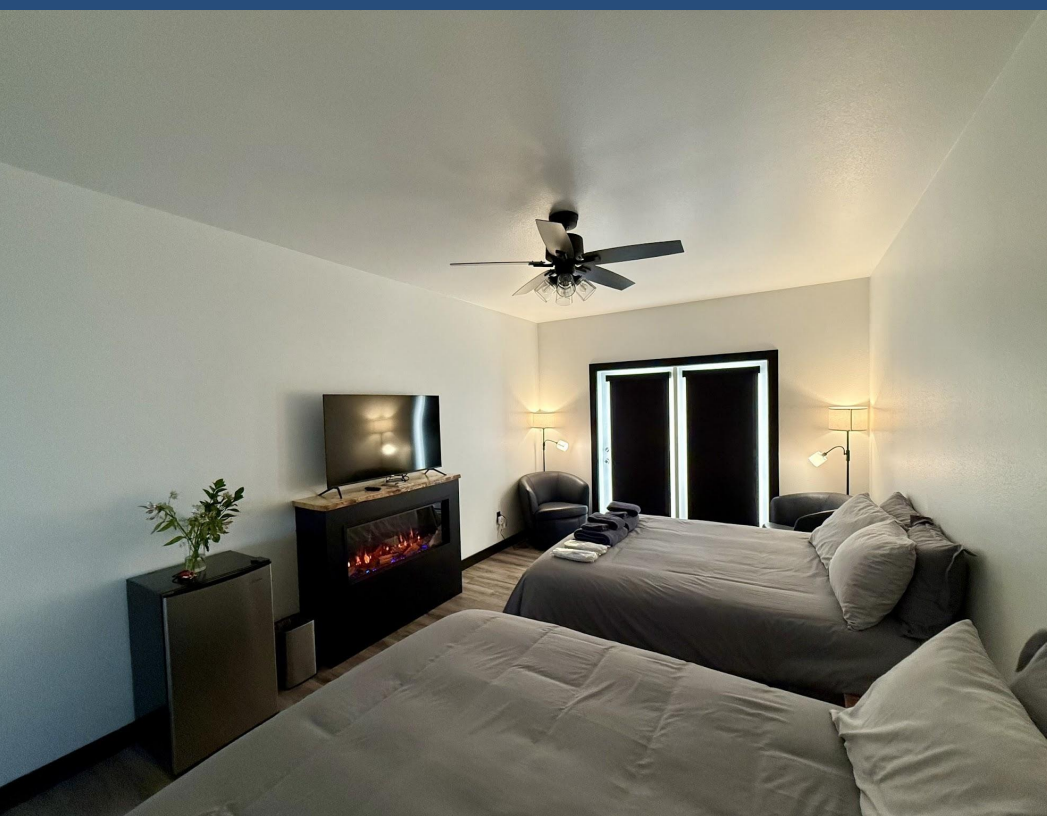
The newly built lodge was designed in collaboration with Gondwana Ecotours. We worked closely with our local partner to shape a space that provides comfort, connection, and easy access to Alaska's skies.

The lodge features 10 well-appointed rooms, each providing ample storage space, a private bathroom with shower, and an electric fireplace. All rooms are directed towards the Alaska Range, each with expansive views of the nearby scenery and, when conditions align, the Northern Lights.

You can admire view of the Aurora from your room or head to the second-story indoor viewing area, a warm, cozy space to watch the sky if you decide not to step outside to the viewing deck.

A welcoming dining area and on-site kitchen complete the lodge, offering an incredible central space to gather, dine, and reflect on the day's highlights.

*We alternate accommodations on this tour and cannot guarantee a specific lodge. Rest assured that they are similar in quality and amenities. As is common with privately-owned hotels, room sizes and views are often different within the same property. We assign guest rooms on a first come, first serve basis. No exceptions.*



# A Taste of Alaska

## Nights 2-7

We've been staying here since our very first Northern Lights tour, and it remains a unique and beautiful place to stay during some of our departures. Located on the same property as Orion Lodge, it offers the same convenient distance from Fairbanks and similarly open views of the surrounding area and night skies.

Current owner Kory Eberhardt's grandparents moved from Idaho to this plot of land in 1947. They started out growing hay and vegetables. Kory's parents opened the lodge in 1992, and Kory became the owner in 2010.

A Taste of Alaska offers views of the Alaska Range, Mt. Denali, and Fairbanks in the distance. Visitors get a first-hand look at Alaska's natural beauty from here, including Northern Lights in the winter and wildlife year-round, all while enjoying the comforts and conveniences of cozy lodging.

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# Restaurants



The tour package includes delicious homemade breakfasts, along with all lunches and dinners on Days 2-7. Meals will either be served at the lodge or our guides will take you to pre-reserved local cafes and restaurants and you and the other guests in your group will eat together and select what you'd like to order from the menu. While the selection of locations sometimes changes, here are some examples of the places we frequently feast.

**We can accommodate vegetarians, vegans and other dietary restrictions, just let us know!**

Note that these are sample restaurants that we often visit on this tour and not guaranteed visits.



## Bahn Thai

Bahn Thai is a local favorite in Fairbanks, known for its tasty and comforting Thai cuisine. Signature dishes include rich curries, flavorful noodles, and a variety of stir-fries featuring fresh herbs and aromatics. It is a great place to go to for a flavor-packed meal in the heart of downtown.

## The Pump House

Located in Gold Rush-style building, the menu is served "Alaskan Style", with large portions of fresh seafood, meat and pasta dishes. Enjoy the unique decor and cozy atmosphere. Don't miss their famous seafood chowder and delicious elk meatloaf!

## The Crepery

This casual spot offers both sweet and savory gourmet options. Choices include Prosciutto & Fig, Smoked Salmon & Avocado, Pear & Brie and Creme Brulee & Berries. They are so proud of their food that they offer a money-back guarantee!

## Lulu's Bread & Bagels


This Fairbanks favorite located next to the Fairbanks Art Co-op offers artisan breads and baked goods made from scratch on site. Choose from delicious bagels, quiches, sandwiches and more and warm up with a cup of Kaladi Brothers coffee, a local Alaskan roaster.

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The Northern Lights tour was hands down the best trip of my life. The guides were both so knowledgeable, personable and welcoming.

The entire week was spectacular. I especially loved the dog sledding. Thank you Gondwana for the amazing experience”

- Shelley H.



WHOLE WHEAT  
SOURDOUGH



## Our Guides

We work with a carefully selected crew of expert guides. Our guides know this part of Alaska very well and are familiar with the area's geography, natural history, flora, fauna, and some also have in-depth knowledge about the Alaska Natives' history and customs. All of our guides are personable, professional, courteous, friendly, and excited to show our guests some of the most incredible parts of Alaska. All of our guides are vetted, trained, and hold relevant certifications such as CDL, Wilderness Medicine, and / or First Responder.

We typically assign guides to specific departure dates a few months out and you'll receive more information about your specific guide or guides before you travel. For tours with less than ten guests we typically have one guide. On tours with nine to eighteen guests, we have two guides. In addition, we have a night-time Aurora guide.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

## FAQ - GETTING THERE AND BACK

### What kind of clothing do I need and is it possible to reserve it?

- When you sign up we will send you a pre-trip guide with a comprehensive packing list and other info for planning your adventure! You may borrow heavy duty parkas, snow pants, and winter boots for the duration of the tour. Upon booking you will have a chance to reserve these items — we won't let you freeze! We also have two camera kits available for rent; first come, first serve.

### Is this trip for me?

- Our Northern Lights Adventure requires low to moderate mobility and physical fitness. You must be able to walk one mile unassisted and go up and down a flight of stairs multiple times a day (depending on the lodge you stay at, there may be a set of outdoor stairs to enter the lodge in addition to stairs indoors—there are no elevators in either lodge). Additionally, you must be able to enter and exit a large vehicle without assistance. If you're unable to do these things, this tour may not be a great fit for you.

Conditions vary widely throughout the season, and it's often very cold, icy, and/or slippery. Guests should prepare for the possibility of extremely low temperatures during the middle of the winter.

Please note that the minimum age for all of our tours is 12. Some activities may also have specific age restrictions. However, we may be able to make exceptions in certain cases. For more information or to inquire about younger participants, please email our Guest Services department at [info@gondwanaecotours.com](mailto:info@gondwanaecotours.com).

### How likely am I to see the Northern Lights?

- Over the past three seasons, 99% of our guests have witnessed the Northern Lights during our Alaska: Northern Lights Adventure. While we cannot guarantee the appearance of this natural phenomenon on any specific departure, the likelihood of experiencing the Northern Lights is exceptionally high. The destination, careful planning, and our diligent Aurora guides were key to this success.

### Can I still see the Northern Lights with a full moon?

- Yes! The Northern Lights remain vivid and spectacular even when the moon is full. In fact, the moonlight can illuminate the surrounding landscape, adding an extra layer of beauty to your Aurora experience.

## FAQ - GETTING THERE AND BACK

### What if my outbound flight departs before 12:00pm on departure day?

- If your flight departs before 12:00 pm, our guides can assist in arranging a taxi or ride app transfer to the airport. Please note that this transfer is at your own cost. For additional details, refer to your Pre-Trip Guide.

### Can you cater to my dietary restrictions?

- We cater to common dietary restrictions and can accommodate most common diets with advanced notice. After registering for a tour, we provide a Registration Form to collect your dietary information, which we share with our vendors to make necessary accommodations. If you have specific questions about an uncommon dietary restriction, please email our Guest Services department at [info@gondwanaecotours.com](mailto:info@gondwanaecotours.com), and we will explore possible options to match your needs.

### Do you offer private tours?

- Yes, our itineraries can be arranged as private tours for small groups from 6-18 people, depending on the season and itinerary. You and your group can travel together on a more personalized trip while still benefiting from the same guides, accommodations, and activities included in our regular departures. To receive more details on dates, pricing, and special requests, please email [info@gondwanaecotours.com](mailto:info@gondwanaecotours.com).

### How do I sign up?

- Secure your spots with a \$500 USD per person deposit (via phone, email, or on our [website](#)) that is fully refundable within 30 days of payment, provided the trip is at least 121 days away at the time of cancellation. The remaining balance is due 120 days before the tour departs. Read our complete [Booking Agreement here >](#)
- After signing up, we will send you a confirmation message and valuable information to prepare you for the trip. We will also send you two easy forms to submit with your registration information and flight details.

## WHY TRAVEL WITH US?

**AURORA WAKE UP CALLS** Our night guides stay up watching the skies and provide personal wake up calls when the Aurora appears. You can stay well rested and warm and still catch the best of the Northern Lights!

**REMOTE LODGE WITH PRIME VIEWING** Our lodges are located 20-30 mins outside of Fairbanks, surrounded by beautiful forests and trails and far from the lights of town which makes for better Aurora viewing and better photography. Enjoy viewing steps from your room, right outside the lodge so you can stay warm and enjoy the show.

**SMALL GROUPS** Our groups are never larger than 18, so you can really get to know your guide and fellow travelers. Ask plenty of questions and never feel like you are getting lost in the crowd. As a small company, we can adapt our plans to the needs of our guests, so it's not just a trip, it's YOUR trip.

**AUTHENTIC CULTURE** We only work with guides and partners who embody the local spirit of Interior Alaska. Meet with a native author, homesteaders, dog-mushers and others who live and share this unique culture.

**GONDWANA EXCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES** Many of our activities have been developed exclusively for our tours. You won't get experiences like this with anyone else!

**FRIENDLY GUIDES** Our guides are knowledgeable and always have interesting stories to share.

**ATTENTIVE 24/7 SERVICE** We have you covered from beginning to end. All your transportation in Alaska is arranged, and our guides escort you to all activities and meals. We do everything together as a group, and by the end of our trip we have always made new friends. Our night-time Aurora guide will alert you when the lights are active and share their knowledge about the Aurora Borealis.

**EXPERT PHOTOGRAPHY ASSISTANCE** It is tricky to capture the magic of the Northern Lights, but our guides have been doing it for years and can assist you in getting your camera primed and ready to nail the perfect shot!

**FIVE-STAR REVIEWS** We take pride in our commitment to quality, service, and unforgettable adventures, all of which have earned us glowing reviews from guests. We're honored by the [kind words they share](#) about their positive experiences.



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## We hope you'll join us in Alaska on this Northern Lights Adventure!

A \$500 USD per person deposit is all that's needed to reserve this adventure. Contact us via phone or email to reserve your spot!

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