

## **TOUR LENGTH**

Up to approximately four hours are spent in the tour vehicle above the Arctic Circle. The tour departs from the Top of the World hotel lobby at approximately noon and returns by approximately 5:00 PM.

## **TOUR VEHICLES**

There are no paved roads to, in or around Barrow. Depending on the size of the tour, touring is done in one of the following: an 11 passenger van, 24 passenger mini bus or 42 passenger tour bus. The interiors of the tour vehicles are maintained as smoke/vapor free environments. There are opportunities to smoke outside the vehicles throughout the tour.

## **BAGGAGE / PERSONAL ITEMS**

Space is limited and thus guests are limited to small day packs or similar items. Guests with luggage will be asked to leave the items in storage. Insect repellent, sun screen, sun glasses, and rain gear are sometimes helpful.

## **VILLAGE GUIDE**

Your guide will be a local Inupiat who is able to share their unique understanding of Barrow, Alaska with you based on their personal experiences. We are confident the information provided by the guides will create an authentic and realistic view of village life. Each guide will have unique stories to share and will create one of a kind tour experiences.

## **GUEST SAFETY**

Guest safety always takes precedence over convenience. Weather, wildlife, and arctic conditions always dictate walking, exploring and adventuring. At times, it is necessary to stay in or near the vehicle due to reduced visibility or other safety factors. Also, it may be necessary to deviate from the tour's routine for safety purposes.

## **DELAYS / CANCELLATIONS**

Due to rapidly changing weather conditions in Alaska's arctic, it is not unusual for tour departure times to be delayed from 15 minutes to over an hour. On rare occasions, weather or other uncontrollable circumstances may require the alteration or cancellation of the scheduled tour itinerary.

## **INFORMATION**

You will be provided a sheet that provides some general reference information to equip you with a basic understanding of each of the tour destinations and their significance.

Substitutions may take place & guests will be notified if it occurs. Comment cards are available at the front desk. Please address concerns with Colleen Lemen, Top of the World Hotel Manager at Colleen.Lemen@TundraToursInc.com or 907.852.3900.

### ***Arctic Circle Certificate***

When you sign-in for the tour please ensure the correct spelling of the first and last names of each person in your tour party. Choose the style of Arctic Certificate you prefer. Each name provided will appear on a Top of the World Arctic Circle Certificate.

### ***What to Wear***

Dress for comfort, not to impress. Dress in layers and wear comfortable warm, weather resistant coats, foot wear, hat and gloves.

### ***Nigġivikput To-Go Meal***

To-go meals are available and need to be pre-ordered and paid for, prior to the tour's departure. The meal will be ready by 5:00PM, please pick-up upon your return from the tour.

### ***Restrooms***

Restrooms are available at the Top of the World Hotel lobby and the Inupiat Heritage Center. There are no facilities in the vehicles or on the roadside.

### ***Inupiat Heritage Center***

The heritage center does allow photography without the use of flash. Please turn your Flash to Off while there.

### ***Inupiat Performance***

Drumming, Dancing and Eskimo Games are performed unless there has been a death in the community or another cultural activity like Nalukataq takes precedence.

### ***Tour Guide Gratuities***

As with other service industries, tips are not required but are used to reward guides for a job well done. Standard tip for a tour ranges from \$10.00+ per guest for excellent service to no tip for poor service.