

# ALYESKA, ALASKA March 22-26, 2020

## **OVERVIEW**

Spring is an exciting time in Anchorage, Alaska! Whales return to the coast, moose calves are born, the days are getting longer but the northern lights still dance across the sky at night. Enjoy a trip to the far north with a small group of Edmontonians looking for their very own unique adventure.

Flight: Alaska Airlines

Accommodations: Hotel Alyeska Mountain: Alyeska Resort

Package includes:

- Round trip flights from Edmonton to Anchorage Alaska
- Transportation from Anchorage airport to the resort and back.
- Four nights accommodations
- Three days lift tickets Alyeska Resort
- All taxes

## Not Included:

- Transportation in Edmonton
- Travel and medical insurance
- Baggage fees
- Food/ Beverages
- Heli ski upcharge
- Additional excursions

## **FLIGHT SCHEDULE**

Arrive at the Edmonton International Airport <u>no later than 3AM</u>. The team will meet at the gate once you have checked in and gone through all necessary checkpoints.

FLIGHT AS2524 Operated By Horizon Air	DEPART Edmonton, AB March 22, 2020 06:05 AM	ARRIVE Seattle, WA March 22, 2020 06:57 AM
AS0085	Seattle, WA March 22, 2020 08:05 AM	Anchorage, AK March 22, 2020 10:50 AM
AS0088	Anchorage, AK March 26, 2020 09:00 AM	Seattle, WA March 26, 2020 01:33 PM
AS3386 Operated By Skywest Airlines	Seattle, WA March 26, 2020 02:50 PM	Edmonton, AB March 26, 2020 05:37 PM



## **TRIP SCHEDULE**

## MARCH 22:

10:50 - ARRIVAL IN ANCHORAGE (note the time change - two hours behind Edmonton)

11:15 - Shuttle to Hotel Alyeska departs airport.

12:00 - Arrive at hotel. Take time to look around and enjoy.

16:00 - Rooms available for check in.

\*Lift tickets will be made available tonight.

\*Enjoy the evening in Alaska!

#### MARCH 23:

10:30 - Lifts open...yeah, late huh? But stays open later!

17:30 - Lifts close.

\* If you're planning to go heli skiing on March 24, we will meet up tonight for full details.

#### MARCH 24:

\*Please note the meet up times if you're heli skiing today!

10:30 - Lifts open.

17:30 - Lifts close.

## MARCH 25:

10:30 - Lifts open.

17:30 - Lifts close.

#### MARCH 26:

5:30 - Shuttle to airport.

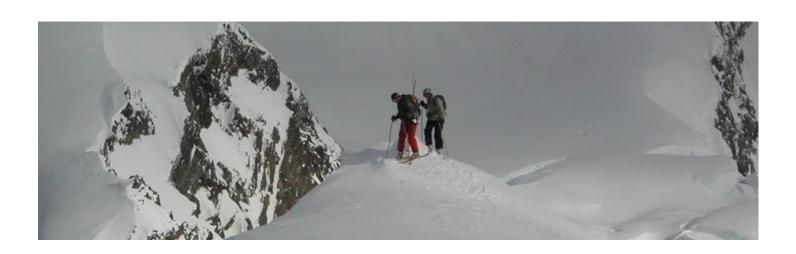
6:00 - Arrive at airport.

9:00 - Flight departs

17:37 - Arrive in Edmonton.

## TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

- Passport must be valid for at least SIX months beyond the date of your expected departure from the USA.
- Travel and medical insurance is not included. We recommend purchasing insurance to cover all of your needs for the trip.
- The first checked luggage is \$30, the second is \$40 and third is \$100. Baggage must weigh less than 23kg/50lbs and anything exceeding that will be an additional cost.
- MagicBus Tours does not hold any responsibility if you are denied entry into the United States of America. No
  refunds or rebooking will be offered.



## **TRAVEL TIPS**

- Travel to Edmonton International Airport: There are a variety of ways for you to get to the EIA, including shuttles, taxi, Uber, carpool and driving your own vehicle. If you are looking to park your vehicle, you can use any of the lots around the airport, but we suggest looking at Park N' Fly or JetSet. These are the closest to the terminal and if you book in advance you can get a discount on your parking.
- Alaska is an American state and does take US currency and they also accept major credit cards. ATM's are
  available and will take approved debit cards and offer US currency for a fee.
- Prior to your departure to Alaska, download offline maps to one of your personal devices so you have access to directions just in case you need it.
- Take standard travel precautionary measures, such as:
  - Leave expensive jewelry and valuables at home.
  - Always keep an eye on your luggage.
  - o Carry a photocopy of your passport ID page.
  - Email yourself the passport ID page as well as all your emergency contacts (personal), travel insurance details and your bank/ credit card phone numbers.
  - o Don't leave all your money in one place. We recommend separating it into different pockets, luggage compartments and travel items.
  - Keep your wallet/purse and camera close to you when in a crowd.
  - Avoid leaving the resort alone after dark.
  - o Notice the people around you. Be wary if someone seems to be taking more than a passing interest.
  - o Do not leave food or drinks unattended.
  - Don't use/take drugs.
  - Use your common sense
- Alaska uses the same 120v plug ins as the rest of North America.
- If you want to make calls or send texts back home and don't want to purchase a plan, you may download apps like WhatsApp or Viber that work if they are connected to the WIFI. Know that the people receiving the call or text must also have the app on their phone to receive the call/text.



## **EMERGENCY'S**

- If you run into an issue and need to speak to the MagicBus representatives on the trip, please connect with Bruce Perry: 780-940-8800, bruce@magicbus.ca
- In case of emergency, dial:

Police: 911

Find help in Alaska: 211 or (877) 478-2221

Roads & Weather: 511

Muni Emergency Conditions Info: 343-4701, tune into radio station 750 AM or 103.7 FM

- There is a Canadian Consulate in Anchorage that you may use in the event you need assistance with a death in the family; there are concerns with your passport; someone goes missing, is arrested or detained; becomes ill or injured and requires medical assistance abroad or if Alaska is affected by a large-scale emergency.
  - o Anchorage: 310 K St, Anchorage, AK 99501, United States (206) 443-177

If you need to visit the consulate, please inform Bruce Perry before you depart.

• In the event of an evacuation, please follow the directions laid out by the resort. If we cannot connect at the muster point on site, please meet at the Canadian consulate in Anchorage as soon as possible.



## **FUN FACTS ABOUT ALASKA**

- Of the 20 highest mountain peaks in the United States, 17 of them are in Alaska. Denali, "The Great One", is the highest at 20,320 feet above sea level.
- There are more than 3,000 rivers and 3,000,000 lakes in Alaska. The largest is Lake Iliamna which is 1,000 square miles.
- Alaska has about 100,000 glaciers, covering 5% of the state.
- Alaska is the largest state in the union (1/5 of the entire USA and twice the size of Texas).
- The Northern Lights can be seen in Fairbanks 243 days a year.
- Anchorage's Lake Hood is the world's largest and busiest seaplane base. Over 800 take offs and landings happen on a busy summer day.
- The largest salmon caught in Alaska was on the Kenai River. It weighed in at 97.5 lbs.
- In Alaska, there is approximately 1 bear to every 21 people.
- Barrow, Alaska has the longest and shortest day. When the sun rises on May 10th, it doesn't set for nearly 3 months. When it sets on November 18th, residents don't see the sun for nearly 2 months.
- It is illegal to whisper in someone's ear while they are moose hunting in Alaska.
- The lowest temperature recorded in Alaska was -62'C (-80 f) at Prospect Creek Camp in 1971.
- Alaska has more than 100 volcanoes.
- Alaska has more coastline than the rest of the United States combined, roughly 34,000 miles.
- Dog mushing is the state sport of Alaska, which was once the main mode of transportation. The Iditarod dog sledding race is the state's largest sporting event.

#### **WEATHER:**

• Average temperature in Anchorage, Alaska in March ranges between +3°C and -10°C. It will be even cooler the higher we get into the mountains.

## **DAYLIGHT:**

In March, the average daylight hours range between 10 and 11 hours each day.

## **SUGGESTED PACKING LIST:**

Expect to dress casual in Alaska as the weather is quite similar to Alberta in that it changes very quickly and its best to dress in layers.

- Clothing:
  - Long sleeve tops
  - Long pants
  - Wool socks
  - o Underwear
  - Base layers
  - Winter jacket

- Snow pants
- Toque and gloves (x2)
- o Comfortable/insulated footwear
- Swimsuit (for hot tub and indoor pool)

## • Personal products:

- o Hat
- Sunglasses
- Camera
- Tote bag (for carry on)
- Maps (still recommended in conjunction with any downloaded maps)
- Headphones
- If you are wanting to watch anything (eg: Netflix), download the show(s) prior to the flight!

## Medical:

- Regarding liquids for carry-ons: 3.4 oz (100 ml) bottle or less (by volume); must fit into 1 quart sized clear, plastic, zip-lock bag. 1 bag per passenger.
- Sunscreen
- o Imodium
- o Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Aloe/after sun cream
- First aid kit

## Ski/board gear:

- Ski & poles / Snowboard
- Boots
- o Helmet
- Goggles
- Transport bag



## **HOTEL AMENITIES:**

- Mini refrigerator and in-room coffee maker
- Safe deposit box located in hotel room
- Fitness Center
- Hot Tub, Indoor Pool and Sauna
- Spa
- Laundry services
- Free Wifi
- Free transportation on the Glacier Valley Transit.
- Not everything is included at this hotel. Please be aware of any additional charges before accepting.
- Numerous shops and restaurant available at the resort; some may require a reservation.
- Suggestion: Best beef can be found at Seven Glaciers, Find Cajun at Double Muskie and head to Jack Spratt for good offerings!





## **RESORT:**

Alyeska Resort is truly a playground for all levels of skiers and riders. Offering 1,610 skiable acres, 76 named trails and over 669" of snow annually, Alyeska lives up to its reputation as steep and deep. Whether you are just starting out in the sport or looking to challenge yourself, you can find it here. Alyeska Resort hosts 7 total lifts which take you to a vertical rise of 2,500ft: 2 high speed detachable quads, 2 fixed quads, 2 magic carpets and a 60-passenger Aerial Tram.

Alyeska offers mountain experiences for skiers and riders at all levels.

- Mountain is open from 10:30 AM-5:30 PM (or whenever the sun goes down).
- Chairlift hours can change without notice due to unforeseen weather or condition changes.
- Want to leave your gear behind and rent on mountain? Packages start at \$40 per day and go up from there and can include discounts on multi day rentals.
- Optional Heli skiing add on.



#### FLIGHT DETAILS:

**Fare details:** The rate of exchange at the time of ticketing will be used and may affect the base fare equivalent quoted at booking. Estimated taxes provided at booking are based on ticketing in the US.

Payment & ticketing: Ticketing must be completed no later than January 22, 2020.

**Conditions:** This agreement covers group travel only. A group is ten (10) or more passengers traveling together to the same destination. In the event the group does not meet this minimum, or passengers do not travel with the group, they will be considered individual travelers and must be ticketed at the otherwise applicable fare (in which case all fare rules and blackout dates apply).



**Names**: Names must be entered prior to payment/ticketing. Names and secure flight information must be submitted online. Name changes can be made free of charge up to 3 days prior to departure. Within 3 days of departure, a name change fee of \$125 USD per ticket will apply.

**Itinerary changes:** Changes to your itinerary are subject to a \$125 USD change fee per person in addition to any add collect, includes fares booked in Y or F class.

**Refunds**: No refunds after ticketing. Value of the ticket may be applied to future travel within 1 year of outbound travel with a \$125 USD change fee per person, plus any difference in fare. No residual value.

**No Shows:** If a guest does not travel on the scheduled flight and does not notify Alaska Airlines prior to flight departure, the value of the flight will be forfeited.

**Baggage:** Standard bag fees apply. Baggage fees can be paid when checking in online using web check-in, at an airport kiosk, or at the ticket counter. More information about baggage fees and restrictions can be found online. All dollar amounts are subject to change and in USD. Weight and size restrictions apply.

Please notify the Group Desk in advance if your group is traveling with equipment or more than 1 bag per person. Additional fees may apply.

**International documentation:** Customs and immigration agencies require documents that prove citizenship when traveling across international borders. Document requirements can vary as each country has its own requirements for entry. The traveler is responsible for obtaining all necessary documents and complying with the laws of each country flown from, through, or into. Learn more.

Seat assignments: Every attempt will be made to accommodate special requests, however they are not guaranteed.

**Web check-in:** You may check in and print your boarding pass 24 hours prior to your scheduled departure. Then check baggage at any Alaska Airlines baggage check location and proceed to the boarding gate. Guest must use ticket numbers for online or kiosk check-in. Check in.

**Airport arrival:** It's recommended to arrive two hours prior to your flight's departure time. This will ensure adequate time for security processing and baggage handling. Learn more.

Terms: Above conditions apply to Alaska Airlines and Horizon Air operated flights only and do not apply to any sub-contract or code share carrier. No changes to this agreement will be effective unless made in writing. Alaska Airlines reserves the right to terminate this agreement immediately in the event of your breach of this agreement or upon 14 days' written notice for any other reason. Alaska Airlines will not be liable for delays or cancellations caused by strikes, labor disputes, government actions, weather or any other cause beyond the control of Alaska Airlines. Alaska Airlines reserves the right to change equipment or schedules. Should Alaska Airlines cancel scheduled service to any of the city pairs set forth above, Alaska Airlines shall not be obliged to provide transportation at the fare set forth herein. All travel under this agreement is subject to the applicable Alaska Airlines contract of carriage.