

Girdwood/Portage Sightseeing Tour – May 10th, 2009

Spend your day enjoying the Girdwood and Portage Valleys. You will travel along the breathtaking Turnagain Arm, famous for its unusual bore tide. This drive has been voted one of the Top Ten Most Scenic Drives in America by Conde Nast Magazine. Watch for eagles, Dall sheep, moose and perhaps spot beluga whales feeding on the hooligan in Turnagain Arm. You'll visit Crow Creek Mine, now a National Historic Site. The first claims at Crow Creek were staked in 1897. Mining operations started thereafter, and the original



buildings of 1898, which made up the camp, still stand today. This will be your opportunity to try your hand at gold panning! Onward to the Alyeska Prince Resort your Alyeska Tramway ride and lunch on top of the mountain. The tram will ascend Mt. Alyeska to 2,300 feet above the valley floor. Upon arrival at the top of Mt. Alyeska take in the magnificent views and don't forget your camera. Onward to Portage where the 1964 earthquake caused land to drop between 6 and 12 feet along the Turnagain Arm. High tides flooded the area, forcing the estimated 50 to 100 residents of Portage to move. Rustic old buildings and Ghost Forests are visible signs of remains by the invading saltwater. You will explore Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, which is Alaska's only drive-through wildlife viewing exhibit. This will be your opportunity to capture a glimpse of a grizzly bear, reindeer, buffalo, elk, musk ox, moose, eagles, or a Sitka blacktail deer. Then on to Portage Valley where you will get to visit Begich Boggs Visitor Center to see the glaciology exhibits. From the center you will be able to see Portage Lake and icebergs that have calved from the Portage Glacier. This lake was created from the recession of Portage Glacier. Enjoy a short walk along the shore of the lake to see icebergs up close.



Tour Itinerary: Tour Departs Hotel at 9:00am and Returns to Hotel at 4:15pm.

Tour Includes: Exclusive Narrated Round Trip Transportation, Tramway Ride and Lunch, Admission Fees, Gold Panning, Refreshments and Snacks Onboard the Bus, Admission Fee to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, Driver Gratuity, Escort and Logistics Staff Coordination.

Notes: There is a minimum of 30 persons for this tour to operate. There is a maximum of 50 persons per motorcoach.

Price Per Person: \$145.00