Arctic Circle Adventure
A Customizable Extension Pre/Post Our Northern Lights Tour
FLY along the Yukon river above mountains, forests & tundras.

ENJOY home cooked meals & spend nights at a cozy family owned lodge.

EXPLORE Bettles, population 7, and the last true American wilderness.

SEARCH for Northern Lights where they're most vivid, under the Aurora Belt.

CUSTOMIZE your time in the Arctic with a range of optional activities like dog sledding, snowmobiling, ice fishing and scenic flights.

Travel north with a bush plane into the remote Alaskan wilderness and visit Bettles, population 7, north of the Arctic Circle. Explore the area by foot, snowshoe, or cross-country skis during the day. Watch the skies at night for the magnificent northern lights!

This adventure is designed to be added before or after our Northern Lights Adventure. You decide how many nights you’d like to stay and sign up for additional activities such as dog sledding, scenic flights, and ice fishing.
Pricing & Inclusions

A quick note about pricing: The prices in the table below include a roundtrip flight from Fairbanks, accommodations, food, and more. Bettles is very remote, so costs and expenses are higher than most places in the United States. Past guests rave about the experience, which is unique and memorable. We hope you’ll consider a visit!

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All prices are per person and subject to change. See inclusions below.

What’s Included

- Round trip flight from Fairbanks to Bettles and back
- Airport transfers to and from Bettles Flights
- All your meals in Bettles
- Soft drinks and fresh baked goodies
- Accommodations in Bettles
- Arctic gear while in Bettles
- Drive-around village tour
- Cross country ski equipment
- Snowshoes
- Aurora watching & transport to lake viewing

What’s Not Included

- Dogsled, snowmobiling, ice fishing activities or flightseeing
- Alcoholic beverages
- Souvenirs
- Gratuities
- Additional Night in Fairbanks w/ departure transfer (see below to add option)

Optional activities can be paid for directly to Bettles Lodge upon arrival, and are dependent on weather and seasonality. Reservations are recommended so contact us and we can help set it up!
Scheduling Your Trip

Customize an Arctic adventure just for you! Decide how many nights you would like to spend in Bettles, what type of room you would prefer and we will get you all set for your journey into the Alaskan wilderness. Three home-cooked meals per day, soft drinks, gear and snowshoe/ski equipment are all available to you during your time there. Lastly, book exciting winter activities like snowmobiling, dog sledding, ice fishing, and scenic flight tours to spectacular National Parks. This is the wilderness Alaska is famous for, and the epic adventures you have dreamed of are all available through Bettles Lodge, and its resident team of hosts and adventurers.

Day to Day Plans

Breakfast is typically served at 9am each day. Lunch is served between noon and 1pm and dinner is served 6-7pm. If you have reserved add-on activities, your schedule meals will be based around those plans. If not, you’ll have free time to explore local trails by foot, snowshoe or cross country ski. Keep your eyes peeled while exploring for wildlife like moose, caribou, hare, fox, wolf and snowbirds. In the evenings watch for the Aurora by the lodge, nearby over the river, or get complimentary transport to the lodge’s lakeside cabin with 360 degree views and no light pollution. Many visitors say this is the best spot in the world to photograph the Aurora! In between activities and aurora watching, spend time getting to know your hosts and fellow travelers in their cozy common room, which is furnished with couches and stocked with board games and movies.
Dog Sledding

A quintessential Alaskan activity people have been doing it for centuries. A peaceful way to explore the beauty of the Arctic. Dogsledding is based on availability as well as the snow and weather. They typically begin running the dogs in December and finish in March.

1-Hour Excursion
Ride the trails through the ghost town of Old Bettles along the Koyukuk River. You will have a chance to both ride in the sled and run the dogs. $205* per person

2-Hour Excursion
More time to explore the trails around Old Bettles and take in gorgeous views of the Arctic. $295* per person

Full Day Excursion
Enjoy 4-5 hours touring the trails around Old Bettles. Have lunch along the way and take in amazing views. This is an unforgettable addition to your time in the Arctic! $515 per person
Snowmobiling

Snowmobiling is an exciting way to sightsee and cover lots of territory. These machines are the modern Alaskan’s preferred way to explore winter landscapes. You don’t need to go fast, take it at your pace. We have had plenty of first timers do snowmobiling and love it! Snowmobiling is based on availability as well as weather. The season is typically from December through March.

Half Hour Excursion
An easy way to get out of the lodge and into the wild! Your guide knows all the best routes to see spectacular views of the Brooks Mountain Range and Koyokuk River. Gear is included. $85* per person.

One Hour Excursion
Take a little more time to explore the trails and keep your eyes peeled for wildlife like moose, caribou, arctic hare, fox and snowbirds. $115* per person.

Two Hour Excursion
Spend more time on the trails and get deeper into the wild Arctic tundra. It feels like a whole other world out there as you cruise through birch forests and along the river. $195* per person.

Three-Four Hour Excursion (when available)
Take a 60 mile round trip ride out to the Dalton Highway, made famous by the show Ice Road Truckers. You will also get a chance to visit the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. $370* per person.

Ninety Minute Midnight Aurora Excursion (when available)
A peaceful late night trip out to Birch Hill and the Koyukuk River for unparallelled views of the Aurora. Includes stops for viewing and photography. $145* per person.
Scenic Flights

Flight tours are based on weather and seasonal availability. Flight tours are typically unavailable between mid-October and early February.

Ninety Minute Gates of The Arctic Flight
Fly to Gates of the Arctic National Park to view the rugged mountains which gave the park its name. You will also land on a scenic Arctic lake. This tour allows approximately 45 minutes on the ground for photography and snow shoeing. $415* per person with a 2 person minimum or $315* per person for 3 people.

Two Hour Extended Flight
Enjoy a tour of Gates of the Arctic National Park and view the spectacular Arrigetch Peaks before landing on a remote Arctic lake. This tour allows up to an hour on the ground for photography and snowshoeing. $455* per person with a 2 person minimum or $495* per person for 3 people.
Combination Tours

**Scenic Flight + Snowmobiling**
6 Hour Flight/Snowmobile Wilderness Adventure. Snowmobile to Mount Gilroy, enjoy lunch in the middle of the Arctic wilderness, and enjoy a scenic tour by air through Gates of the Arctic National Park on the way back to Bettles. $515* per person with a 2 person minimum or $415* per person for 3.

**Scenic Flight + Ice Fishing**
8 Hour Flight/Ice-Fishing Wilderness Adventure. Want to try your luck catching trout, grayling or pike in the winter? This is the tour for you! Enjoy an adventure to Wild Lake by air, get dropped for a day of fishing on the lake and then enjoy the scenic flight back to Bettles. Bring your catch back and they will cook it up at the lodge. $515* per person with a 2 person minimum or $415* per person for 3 people.

**National Park Collectors Flight Tour**
Full Day Flight Tour - On this tour you will get a chance to see both Gates of the Arctic National Park and Kobuk Valley National Park. These stunning landscapes are the most remote of all the National Parks and are surrounded by true Arctic wilderness. This tour includes four hours of flight time and up to two hours on the ground in each park. $3,100* for 1 or 2 people; each additional passenger is $1,450*. This tour can take up to 5 people and there’s a flat rate of $5,999* if you’d like to charter the plane.

*All pricing valid as of April 2021. Pricing subject to change.
Bettles Lodge

All of the comfort you need while away from home is waiting for you at Bettles Lodge. The Deluxe rooms offer private bathrooms with jetted jacuzzi bath tubs, sink and toilet (no shower). The Standard rooms use the shared bathrooms right down the hall — they are lockable with a shower, sink and toilet. There is no WiFi or cell phone service due to the remote location, but there is dial-up internet available and landline phones. Most of our guests are happy to unplug for a while and stay busy exploring the area. Warm up after a day of hiking or a night of watching the Northern Lights in the wood-fired sauna, available upon advance request. Hot chocolate, tea & coffee are available anytime as well as homemade baked goods. Enjoy a glass of wine or a Alaskan beer (alcoholic beverages are extra) while you await the Aurora. There is a common dining room and a cozy common area with couches and a TV where you can hang out with any fellow travelers.

All meals are delicious and home-cooked at Bettles Lodge. The owners serve true Alaskan fare like prime rib and salmon, and are capable of accommodating any dietary needs. Three meals per day, snacks, one non-alcoholic beverage per meal, and dessert are all included in the tour price.

A full bar offers a variety of delicious beverage choices including spirits, wine and Alaskan brewed beers. Alcoholic beverages are not included in the tour price.

Pre & Post-Tour Accommodations in Fairbanks

Plan on flying into Fairbanks one day before departing for Bettles, and staying in Fairbanks one night before returning home. If you would like to book an additional night’s hotel in Fairbanks upon your return from Bettles, please let us know. The transfer to the airport the next day for your departure home is included in the price for $225 per night.
Getting to Bettles and back
After you book your Arctic adventure with us, we will take care of reserving your flights to and from Bettles. We will have someone available to drop you off for your Bettles flight and pick you up upon your return and take you to your hotel. There is a 40 lbs per person luggage limit on the flights to Bettles. The airline (and sometimes your hotel in Fairbanks) has a secure storage facility for excess luggage.

How to prepare for my Arctic Circle Adventure?
We will be sending you a pre-trip guide with a detailed packing list. In winter, it’s important to have appropriate coverage for all parts of your body. There are heavy duty parkas, pants and boots available to use at the lodge. You should be prepared to walk in snow any time you are outside the lodge. Thick wool socks and under-layers are especially important.

What Makes This a Great Excursion?
See a tiny village above the Arctic Circle and learn about the remote Arctic lifestyle. This tour will also give you a chance for even more vivid Northern Lights viewing and more time to go snowmobiling, dog sledding, fishing, and explore the wilderness. This is about as remote and wild as you can get!

If you have any questions, or would like to secure your spot by putting down a deposit, please call us toll-free at 1-877-587-8479 or contact us via email at info@gondwanaecotours.com

We look forward to hosting you!
Contact Us for More Information

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