

## ***“MAT-SU GLIMPSE”*** *Day Tour*

### ***Matanuska Glacier, Iditarod Race Head Quarters & Eklutna Village***

Our representatives will meet you at the Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau “Log Cabin” at 8:00 AM. Our private transport service is customized with large picture windows, complete narration, TV/DVD and complimentary bottled water. Begin your Alaskan adventure with additional guests and a meet & greet. Upon leaving the Anchorage area, you will travel north to the Matanuska Valley, the farming belt of Alaska. Along the way, visit the native village of Eklutna. Enjoy the Russian Orthodox influenced Chapel and native influenced “spirit houses”, while sharing in their cultural traditions. Continuing north, pass the “Palmer Hay Flats”, and the Knik Arm of the Cook Inlet, this tundra-covered lowland is home to wildlife and several species of birds.

Next, visit the home of the Iditarod. Race Headquarters expose you to the lure of the dog sleds of the past. Meet an Iditarod musher and dog team while sharing in the thrill of the race, as you take a ride on a summer dog sled around a quarter acre track. Learn about the life of a musher, the team he calls family and the lone trail nights from Anchorage to Nome. A film will be presented for your viewing pleasure and education.

Next is one of the most scenic drives in the state. As we head north to Chickaloon, the Matanuska Glacier reveals its full glory. The Matanuska River winds its way north beside us, cutting a cavern of beauty through the Mat-Su Valley. Afternoon brings a lunch stop at a remote lodge, for a bite to eat, where views of the Matanuska Glacier are unrivaled. It is wilderness and the beauty is all encompassing.

Discover the true beauty of glaciers up close and personal while experiencing a glacier trek. Learn about the geology and history of the Matanuska Glacier. Enjoy the splendor of the “frozen river” as you walk out to a scenic lake hidden under the face of an ice fall. No experience is necessary to join in the fun! We offer complimentary ice cleats and walking sticks for your ease of use. Many guests enjoy this walk onto to the glacier annually. Turquoise blue ice with diamond-like sparkling peaks will bring out the photographer in you. Here, you will have time to explore or enjoy the surrounding area. In the evening, return back to the visitor center by 6 PM. (Times are approximate and cannot be guaranteed.)

**\$219.00 Per Person Based on Double Occupancy**