



## Alaska Adventure for Teachers 2009

### Fact Sheet

**Travel Dates:** JULY 5 - JULY 12, 2009

**Maximum Participation:** 32 Participants

**Ground Transportation:** Ground transportation is by deluxe chartered motorcoach equipped with restrooms and video facilities.

**Travel Manager:** A full time Earth Explore Travel Manager will accompany the group, handling narration, program on site logistics, and schedules.

**Resource Experts:** Resource experts will join the program at various venues to share information, conduct guided walks and talks, and provide expert instruction.

**Academic Credit:** Classroom teachers can enroll in an academic credit program in conjunction with their Earth Explore Adventure. This program is operated by Eastern Washington University. Information and links are on the Alaska Teacher's Adventure page on the Earth Explore website.

**Meals, Accommodations:** Earth Explore's Alaska Adventure for Teachers is based upon double occupancy throughout. Teachers will be matched with another teacher of the same gender. In the case of husband and wife participation, or colleagues/friends, shared grouping can be arranged upon request. Single occupancy requires a supplement of \$500. Two meals, breakfast and dinner, are provided each day. The midday meal is the teacher's responsibility.

**Preparation Materials:** Earth Explore will provide an Adventure Guide and packing list to all enrolled teachers, as well as direction to other preparation and educational resources related to the Alaska Adventure.

**Travel Kit:** Earth Explore provides to all participating teachers a kit which includes program cap, photo credentials on lanyard, luggage tags, official travel journal and program apparel.

**Detailed Itinerary:** Earth Explore provides a detailed program itinerary, with hotels, cities, activities and contact information in June.

**Air Arrangements:** Each teacher is responsible for their own air arrangements. Participants are required to arrive during the morning, afternoon, or evening of the opening day. Hotel shuttle service will be provided. Earth Explore will facilitate booking of groups of ten or more teachers, traveling from a common destination, through airline group desks.

**Special Services:** A hotel welcome reception will be scheduled the first evening, as well a farewell dinner in Anchorage on the closing night of the program.

# EARTH EXPLORE Enrollment Agreement 2009

## Terms and Conditions

### Application Guidelines Payment Schedule

**Tuition:** Includes all educational activities, most meals, all accommodations, deluxe motorcoach transportation, preparation materials, travel credentials, services of an onsite Travel Manager. Group roundtrip airfare is not included and is arranged separately by the participant.

**To Apply:** Fill out, print, and submit the online application form to hold space. The form should be faxed if paying by credit card, or mailed if paying by check, along with a \$400.00 deposit. The application must be signed by the applicant. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited in each group to approximately thirty-two participants. We encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible. The \$400.00 deposit is applied toward the full cost of the program. Upon submission of your application, the balance is due and payable no later than May 15th. Applications submitted after May 15th st must be accompanied by full payment, and will be accepted on a space available basis. There are no final deadlines for submitting applications, but because of space limitations, we encourage participants to apply as early as possible. All payments must be made in U.S. Dollars.

### Refund Policy

The operation of travel programs requires significant costs to be incurred long before the actual date of program departure. With this in mind, the following cancellations and refund policy will apply. Upon application, \$100.00 of the deposit will become non-refundable. An applicant who withdraws in writing on or after April 1st, but before May 1st, will be refunded their entire tuition less the \$400.00 deposit. If the notice of cancellation is received in writing on or after May 1st but before June 1st, the participant will forfeit the \$400.00 deposit plus 50% of the total program cost. If the notice of cancellation is received in writing on or after June 1st, no refund will be made. Due to strict operational timelines, any applicant whose tuition is not fully paid by May 15th may lose their space. The participant should understand that Earth Explore has the right to terminate the participation of any group member who violates our Earth Explore policies. In this event, no refund will be granted. Should a participant withdraw voluntarily, for whatever reason, after the start of the program, no refund will be granted. If a participant must return home due to illness or accident incurred on the program, Earth Explore may be able to refund that portion of the tuition which is not considered an operating expense, or which has not already been committed to an outfitter for a contracted activity.

Our goal is to follow the itineraries described in the literature. It is understood that poor weather, mechanical or scheduling difficulties and unforeseen problems may cause alterations to the itinerary. If an area or activity must be cancelled for any reason, every attempt will be made to replace it with a similar one.

### Medical Form and Travel Kit

After application, in the months before departure, each participant will receive general program information, travel information, newsletters and a medical form. The medical form must be filled out and signed by a physician/assistant certifying that the participant is in good physical and mental condition. Both the medical form and any release forms must be returned to our office no later than May 15th. In June, all participants will receive a Travel Kit containing a detailed program itinerary, program cap, lanyard photo credentials, program apparel, luggage tags and official program field journal.

### Assumption of Risk/Release of Liability

The participant understand and agree that any outdoor educational and

adventure program involves an inherent element of risk, and hereby agree to assume all risks and responsibilities associated with this program. By agreeing to participate in an Earth Explore program, the participant, and all other interested parties and assigns agree to hold harmless, indemnify and forever release Earth Explore LLC, Earth Explore Foundation, their directors, officers, affiliates, agents and content providers, from any and all claims, liabilities, actions or causes of action, damages, costs and expenses arising from, or relating to, participation in an Earth Explore program. This release and indemnity agreement includes all losses caused or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by the negligence of Earth Explore (but not its gross negligence).

### Earth Explore Policies

Earth Explore does not tolerate the possession or use of illegal drugs or other substances, or violent, disrespectful or aggressive behavior of any kind, or behavior that is hazardous to the safety of a participant or others. If a participant is found possessing the above or engaging in any one of these activities or behaviors, he/she may be removed from the program. If this takes place during travel, no refunds will be granted and removal will be at participants own expense.

Participant agrees to allow Earth Explore the rights to limited use of the applicant's likeness, comments, and/or submitted materials for educational and outreach purposes related to the Earth Explore program, unless participant indicates in writing otherwise.

### Medical Treatment

While traveling, all Earth Explore participants are covered under a group accident insurance policy. Earth Explore staff shall have the right to give first aid to any Earth Explore participant. Earth Explore staff shall also have the right to retain the services of a physician, or if necessary, to hospitalize a participant of an Earth Explore program. Any expenses beyond those covered, as well as any costs incurred by Earth Explore staff while accompanying the participant, and expenses relating to rejoining the group or returning home, shall be paid by the participant.

### Medical, Personal Property and Program Cancellation Insurance

In addition to the included accident insurance, all participants must be covered by medical insurance. We recommend that you check with your insurance carrier as to whether the participant will be covered for a program of this nature. If not, we request that you purchase medical insurance specifically for your Earth Explore program. In addition, Earth Explore insurance does not cover theft, loss or damage to the personal property and equipment of program participants. We suggest you confirm that your insurance coverage includes items of this nature. Finally, we encourage you to consider program cancellation and interruption insurance. Program cancellation and interruption insurance reimburses you for nonrefundable air and land costs should you have to cancel the trip for unforeseen reasons.

### Air Arrangements

Participants are responsible for arranging air transportation to and from the city where the Earth Explore program begins. In cases of ten or more participants traveling together from a common airport, Earth Explore will, by request, book group air transportation with airline group desks. It is understood that Earth Explore is not responsible for program disruptions due to flight delays, schedule changes, cancellations, or any other actions of the airlines upon which Earth Explore groups travel, or those used by individual travelers participating in Earth Explore programs