



Nome: The People and The Place

Located on the edge of the Bering Sea on the southwest side of the Seward Peninsula, Nome is a vital hub for Northwest Alaska. Nome's colorful Gold Rush history is set within the framework of 10,000 years of Inupiaq Eskimo history. A history of survival through a subsistence lifestyle, a tradition and way of life that today still underscores the vibrancy of the people that call this region home.

Take a step into the history, life and culture of a community living in the ultimate Alaskan frontier. Experience a rare opportunity to witness daily life for the individuals that call the Far North home and the bonds they share with the surrounding culture, landscape and creatures that reside here. In a small group setting with a local guide your experience is sure to be authentic Alaska.

Itinerary/Details

Start your morning onboard on an Alaska Airlines Boeing 737 jet out of Anchorage, northbound 540 air miles to Nome. Upon landing our local guide will greet you in the airport and begin your time in Nome with time downtown for lunch and a brief orientation of the day ahead. Then it's out into the community.

With a population of just over 3500 residents in Nome, this city is the largest for hundreds of miles. Nome supports a population of over 9400 residents calling the surrounding areas home. Tour the community with your guide, interact and hear from the people that call this region home, listen to the stories of life they share.

Learn from the local US Park Ranger about the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve, an ancestral home to ice-age giants and turbulent volcanic activity. A land that holds secrets to the intriguing history of human migration, sustains people that have lived here before its establishment as a preserve and continues to be part of a wide breadth of traditions.

Your guide will share the local terrain, the flora and fauna of this environment, traveling out of town for a firsthand perspective. Walk out on the tundra. Touch the permafrost. Understand how this land shapes everyday life of the creatures, both human and otherwise that survive in this arctic environment.

It wouldn't be Nome without seeing the culture of Dog Mushing, both the day to day use of dog teams and the legendary sporting events that have evolved overtime. Trying your hand at panning for gold, the mineral that put this town on the modern day map, is also a rite of passage for a visitor to this community. And yes, you can keep the gold you find.

Complete your day in Nome with dinner (at your leisure). This evening enjoy the company of your traveling companions and reflect on the experiences you will have shared, the environment you will have touched and the ways of life you will have witnessed. Conclude your arctic adventure with a farewell native dance performance, the traditional mode of storytelling, teaching and connecting with your community.

This evening return to Anchorage via an Alaska Airlines flight.



Tour Includes

Roundtrip Airfare, Anchorage to Nome and return

- Depart Anchorage approximately: 10:00 AM
- Return Anchorage approximately: 10:00 PM

Local Guide

Nome sightseeing

Local community and city tour

Park Service interpretive lecture on Bering Land Bridge National Preserve

Tundra and surrounding landscape visit

Dog mushing presentation

Gold Panning experience

Native Dance demonstration