

Nome, Alaska, USA - Friday, June 21, 2024:

A Walk through Nome's History



Departs: 9:00 AM (Waitlisted), 9:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM
1 ½ Hours
Price \$119.95

Join a local guide to discover **Nome on foot**.

This brief tour offers an introduction to the town's history, the Front Street commercial area, and the finish line of the world-famous Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

After a general orientation to the town, check out the local gift shops for fun and uniquely-Alaskan souvenirs.

Your tour ends in town, leaving you free to browse in the shops, visit the museum, or step inside the Beringia National Park Headquarters.

Wander back to the harbor on foot (approximately .75 mile).

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Dress warmly in layers with a wind- and waterproof outer layer; bring gloves, a scarf and a warm hat. Limited tourism infrastructure is part of the charm here; your guide is learning, and you are trading breadth of experience for authentic interaction. Bus transportation is basic. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations.

Alaska Native Culture Camp



Departs: 9:00 AM (Waitlisted), 11:00 AM
1 ½ Hours
Price \$149.95

Alaskan Inupiaq and Siberian Yupik cultures form the backbone of Nome's cultural landscape.

Walk just ten minutes from the pier to a local venue, where the residents of Nome will entertain you. A very special **90-minute presentation** showcases the **cultural traditions** practiced here for generations. The fascinating legend, lore, and landfall of the first peoples of this region come to life in the hands of those who have lived and breathed cool sub-Arctic air for their whole lives.

Walk back to the pier with the group. Guests wishing to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so but must make their own way back to the ship.

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Gold Dredge #5 Tundra Hike



Departs: 9:00 AM (Waitlisted), 10:00 AM (Waitlisted), 2:00 PM
Approximately 2 ½ Hours
Price \$99.95

Join a local resident guide on a hike across the tundra.

You'll follow a recreational trail to historic Gold Dredge #5 -- a giant relic of the Nome Gold Rush. Although idle now, the dredge actively dug for gold in the permafrost of northern Alaska until the late 1990s.

Stretch your legs, breathe in the clean, fresh sub-arctic air, and visit with a local as you discover the region's flora, fauna and gold rush history.

Notes:

Terrain includes relatively flat paths and trails. Hike requires walking approximately two miles in total. Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. Bring bottled water. Dress warmly in layers with a wind- and waterproof outer layer; bring gloves, a scarf and a warm hat. Wear insect repellent and sunscreen. Limited tourism infrastructure is part of the charm here; your guide is learning, and you are trading breadth of experience for authentic interaction

Newton Peak Hike



Departs: 10:00 AM (Waitlisted), 1:00 PM
2 ½ Hours
Price \$139.95

Looking for a little cardio? You've come to the right place, as this **rigorous hike** takes you to the top of **Newton Peak** -- one of the highest elevation geographic points in the immediate vicinity of Nome.

You will also view the White Alice Cold War historic site across the valley on Anvil Mountain. Four large billboard-like antennae, built by the US Air Force during the Cold War, dominate the landscape. Today, they are fully decommissioned, but Nome's residents cherish them as way-finding points, so they are preserved for their historical significance.

Notes:

Terrain includes steep inclines, uneven trails, and elevation changes. Hike requires walking approximately three miles in total. Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. Bring bottled water. Dress warmly in layers with a wind- and waterproof outer layer; bring gloves, a scarf and a warm hat. Wear insect repellent and sunscreen. Limited tourism infrastructure is part of the charm here; your guide is learning, and you are trading breadth of experience for authentic interaction.

Nome City Drive, Gold Panning Demonstration & Museum



Departs: 8:30 AM (Waitlisted), 11:00 AM
Approximately 2 Hours
Price \$149.95

Hop aboard a yellow **school bus** and spend a couple of hours gaining perspective on what it's like to live and work in **Nome**. This town is best known as the finish line in the famous annual Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race from Willow (near Anchorage) to Nome. Your guide is a Nome resident and will share some unique perspectives on life here, perched on the shores of the Bering Sea.

Meet a local finisher of the Iditarod and **see how to pan for gold** with the help of a resident miner who will share stories of the Nome gold rush.

Mighty musk oxen roam freely on the tundra -- keep an eye out, and you might be lucky enough to spot a few.

End your tour at the **Carrie McLean Museum** to browse among the exhibits on the history, culture and geography of sub-arctic Alaska.

A courtesy shuttle will return you to the harbor or you can wander back on foot (approximately .75 mile).

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Sluice Box Gold Mining Adventure (A Small-Group Tour)



Departs: 11:00 AM
5 Hours
Price \$849.95

There's gold in them thar hills, and this time, it's for real. Join a local gold miner and a small group of just 16 privileged guests for an excursion to a placer mine about six miles from Nome.

You'll spend four hours **working at a sluice box in a mining claim** in a group of four. Enjoy a lot more help than the prospectors had in 1901, as local guides provide support and assistance throughout the process. They explain the steps and work with you to make sure you capture as much gold as you can. The first 1.5 hours are spent working your claim by shoveling paydirt into your sluice box, powered by a hydraulic pump. The remaining time is for clean-up.

You and your crew can **keep all the gold you find**. It's unlikely to make you independently wealthy, but the experience is richly rewarding.

A small **snack** is included.

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