

NEMA 2013 Annual Emergency Management Policy & Leadership Forum

Anchorage, Alaska

Spouse & Guest Tour Itinerary

September 9 – Anchorage City Tour & Shopping

- 9:45am – Passengers Begin Boarding Van, 5th Street entrance
- 10:00am – Van Departs Hotel for City Tour of Anchorage
- 10:30am – Van Arrives at Ulu Factory with Ulu Knife Demonstration
- 11:15am – Van Departs Ulu Factory
- 11:25am – Van Arrives at Two Fish Gallery (527 B Street)
- 12:15pm – Van Departs Two Fish Gallery
- 12:25pm – Van Arrives at Alaska Ivory Exchange (700 W. 4th Avenue)
- 1:15pm – Van Departs Alaska Ivory Exchange
- 1:20pm – Van Arrives at Oomingmak Musk Ox Producer's Co-op (604 H Street)
- 1:55pm – Van Departs Oomingmak Musk Ox Producer's Co-op
- 2:00pm – Van Arrives at Hotel Captain Cook

Enjoy a 4-hour city and shopping tour that includes stops at Two Fish Gallery, Alaska Ivory Exchange, Oomingmak Musk Ox Producer's Co-op and Ulu Factory. At the Ulu Factory watch the knives being made and also see a demonstration on how to use, sharpen and care for the ULU knife and cutting bowls. Visit Oomingmak an Alaskan co-operative that has brought exquisite Qiviut items to you as a unique northern gift since 1969. It is owned by approximately 250 Native Alaskan women from remote coastal villages of Alaska who knit each item by hand. Each Village has a signature pattern derived from traditional aspects of village life and the Eskimo culture; they may come from an ancient artifact or a beadwork design. If you're looking for that exquisite Alaskan gift for the person who has everything, or perhaps an elegant touch to your home ambiance, look no further than the Alaskan Ivory Exchange. They carry a large number of one-of-a-kind Alaskan handcrafted sculptures of unparalleled quality and design. Another shopping stop will be made at Two Fish Gallery. Lifelong Alaskan Joanne Hinton was introduced to the art of jewelry design in 1994. During an extensive tour of Asia she collected beautiful and unique jewelry pieces from various remote locations. Since that time, Joanne has experimented with her own designs and ultimately founded Two Fish Gallery. Today Joanne is involved in the full spectrum of jewelry design; traveling domestically and internationally to marry unique jewels with their ideal settings. Two Fish Gallery remains an outlet for several jewelers from around the world. Joanne's exclusive creations united with the unique pieces she acquires in her international travel form a dazzling collection that includes over 600 different styles and colors for you to choose from.

September 10 – Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center

- 7:45am – Passengers Begin Boarding Van
- 8:00am – Van Departs Hotel for Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center
- 9:00am – Van Arrives at Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center and Staff Will Board Bus Provided Narrated Tour of Center and Free Time to Explore and Shop
- 10:30am – Van Departs Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center
- 11:30am – Van Arrives at Hotel Captain Cook

Guests will depart Anchorage for a 1-hour drive to Portage. You will travel along the breathtaking Turnagain Arm; famous for its unusual bore tide. This drive has been voted one of the Ten Most Scenic Drives in America by *Conde*

Nast Traveler magazine. Watch for eagles, Dall sheep, moose and perhaps spot beluga whales feeding on the hooligan in Turnagain Arm. Upon arrival at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, a staff member will board the van and provide narration on your drive through the center. The staff will explain the mission of the center, information on each animal species (how they came to the center), and ongoing research projects. The center's mission is to provide refuge to orphaned, injured and ill animals and taking care of animals that cannot survive in the wild. This is Alaska's only drive-through wildlife viewing exhibit where you will have the opportunity to capture a glimpse of a grizzly bears, black bears, reindeer, buffalo, elk, caribou, musk ox, moose, eagles or a Sitka blacktail deer. Afterwards you will return back to Anchorage.

September 11 – Matnuska Valley

8:45am – Passengers Begin Boarding Van

9:00am – Van Departs Hotel for Independence Mine

10:30am – Van Arrives at Independence Mine – Self Guided Tour of Mine, Box Lunch

Refreshments

12:25am – Van Departs Independence Mine

12:45pm – Van Arrives at Musk Ox Farm and Guided Tour

2:45pm – Van Departs Musk Ox Farm

4:00pm – Van Arrives at Hotel Captain Cook

Guests will depart Anchorage for a 1-hour and 15-minute drive to Independence Mine. Independence Mine State Historical Park is located in Hatcher's Pass in the Talkeetna Mountains. You will travel north to Palmer and then take the Hatcher Pass Road to the park. Enjoy a scenic drive into the mountains and visit an historic gold mine. Independence Mine was a hard rock gold mining operation run by Alaska-Pacific Consolidated Mining Company. It was actively mined from 1938 to 1943 and at its peak in 1941 the mine employed as many as 200 workers. Nearly six million dollars' worth of gold was mined from the mine. The mine was ordered to close by the U.S. government because it was considered nonessential to the war effort. Mining began again in 1946 but Independence Mine was closed for good in 1951 when gold mining became an unprofitable venture. The State Historical Park was established in the late 1970's. A self-guided walking tour of the mine offers visitors a look at an important part of Alaska's history. The Mine Manager's House, built in 1939, has been renovated and now serves at the park Visitor Center. This 271-acre park includes a museum, several buildings remaining from the boom town, old gold mining machinery, hiking trails and recreational gold panning. Afterwards depart for a 20-minute drive to the Musk Ox Farm. The non-profit Musk Ox Farm is dedicated to the domestication of the musk ox, an Ice Age mammal that once roamed the earth alongside saber tooth tigers and woolly mammoths. Known to the Alaskan Natives as "Oomingmak", which means "The Bearded One"; this once endangered animal produces an annual harvest of qiviut, the finest wool in the world. Visitors to the farm are welcome for a close up experience of these magnificent Paleolithic ruminants with a guided tour, engaging exhibits, and a gift shop featuring hand-knit qiviut items. Observe, photograph and interact with these Ice Age animals at close range, as you learn from the guides and education exhibits about their fascinating natural history, the domestication project, and how their fine underwood, called qiviut, is the basis of an Arctic Native textile industry which provides an economic supplement to subsistence communities throughout Alaska. Afterwards you will return back to Anchorage.