

Native Culture Tour to Beaver, Alaska on the Yukon River (half-day)

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Dates: Saturday, June 26 (afternoon); Sunday, June 27 (afternoon)

Times: 12:15 pm pick-up; 12:45 pm check-in; 1:45 pm departure; 5:15 pm drop-off

Price: \$355/person (includes transport to/from UAF and River's Edge)

Minimum: 2 participants; maximum 8 participants

Description: You will depart from Fairbanks on a 45-minute flight that takes you over the White Mountains, the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge and above the Arctic Circle then on to the historic village of Beaver 110 miles north of Fairbanks. It lies on the north bank of the Yukon River in the heart of the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge. After landing, you will meet your Alaska Native tour guide Cliff Adams, a subsistent hunter, trapper and fisherman, who will take you on an hour and a half walking tour of the village, his smoke house and his home. Cliff is a great guide to a way of life that is changing fast. Beaver was founded in 1910, by Frank Yasuda, a Japanese explorer who arrived on a whaling ship in Barrow, Alaska. With Eskimo guides, Frank Yasuda walked through the Brooks Range to the mighty Yukon River and settled the village of Beaver, now comprised of people of Japanese, Eskimo, Gwich'in Athabascan, and Koyukon Athabascan descent.