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Alaska Railroad continues cherished winter tradition, expands Holiday Train to third weekend

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA – Santa and his helpers are returning to the Alaska Railroad this December for a cherished winter tradition on board the popular Holiday Train. This year, the Alaska Railroad is expanding this annual favorite to a third weekend in hopes of offering families an additional chance to enjoy the spirit of the season amid amazing alpine and coastal views along Turnagain Arm. Holiday Trains will run Saturday, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, with morning and afternoon departures each day.

Holiday Trains will depart from the Anchorage Depot and travel south to Indian before returning to Anchorage to complete the 2.5-hour trip. Entertainment includes carolers, coloring contests and door prizes, along with special appearances by Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Holiday Train also offers complimentary snacks and water, made complete with stunning winter-wonderland views from the comfort of a warm rail car.

“We’re excited to expand our Holiday Train service to a third weekend this winter season,” said Alaska Railroad Director of Guest Services and Passenger Marketing Bruce LaLonde. “This memorable, family-friendly experience offers even our youngest rail fans the opportunity to view Alaska from the rail car and join us in spreading holiday cheer during the most wonderful time of the year.”

The first three Saturdays this December, morning Holiday Trains depart Anchorage at 10 a.m., returning at 12:30 p.m.; and afternoon trains leave the depot at 3 p.m., returning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$53 for adults and \$32 for children ages two to 11. Infants under age two who require a seat will need to purchase a child’s ticket for \$32; however, there is no fee for children ages zero to 23 months who are considered “infant in lap.”

For more information about the Alaska Railroad’s Holiday Trains, visit www.alaskarailroad.com/holidaytrains. To book, call Alaska Railroad reservations at 907-265-2494, or outside Anchorage at 800-544-0552.

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