

## Dogsledding and Winter Fun

Tofte, Minnesota

January 12 - 16, 2008 (Saturday - Wednesday)

Shock your family and friends (and maybe yourself) by choosing a winter vacation on Minnesota's North Shore, a true winter paradise! There is so much to see and do that even five fun-packed days isn't nearly enough. Endless miles of well-groomed ski trails wind through silent snow-filled woods: you could spend all day skiing and never ski the same trail twice. Trails used by hikers in other seasons provide fabulous opportunities for snowshoeing. And have you ever walked on water? Rivers that are frozen solid (and we mean solid!) act as paths into otherwise inaccessible areas. Finally, dogsledding is an increasingly popular and utterly exhilarating sport. On top of this, when it isn't snowing, the skies are usually bright and sunny. Lake Superior creates "lake effect" snow, so that snow is reliably plentiful even when the rest of the state is brown (the Lake also moderates the air temperature). Combine all this activity and natural beauty with four nights in an award-winning resort and you have the recipe for one of the best getaways you've ever had.

The trip begins Saturday at 10 a.m. in Duluth, Minnesota. We'll drive up to Tofte, about a two-hour drive from Duluth, stopping for lunch along the way. After time to settle in we'll stretch our legs with a snowshoe on the excellent nearby scenic trails. Over the next few days we'll enjoy skiing on trails that are appropriate for a variety of ski levels. Your guides provide all the instruction you need to learn or improve your skiing techniques. We'll plan to spend one day skiing at Pincushion Mountain with time in the afternoon to explore the shops and galleries of Grand Marais, before going out for dinner that night. On another day we'll hike on the frozen Onion River, giving us the chance to see this beautiful river gorge from the inside up. And we'll have a full day of dog sledding with a hot and hearty lunch on the trail. If you've never mushed before, you're likely to be surprised at just how active a sport it is, not to mention how much the dogs love it (and how much you'll fall in love with the dogs). Of course you're free to participate in as many activities as you choose. We'll plan to leave Tofte by 1:00 p.m. after lunch and be back at the Duluth airport not later than 3 p.m. on January 16. The Duluth Airport is quite small and you can plan to fly out anytime after 3:45 pm (this may change if flight schedules change).

Our home for the trip is the award-winning Bluefin Bay resort ([www.bluefinbay.com](http://www.bluefinbay.com)). Bluefin is a collection of well-designed, comfortably appointed seaside vacation homes located right on the lake, each with fireplaces, jacuzzis, and great views. They also boast a year-round outdoor pool and hot tub, two saunas, an indoor pool and whirlpool/spa and an exercise room. And of course there is a massage therapist available by appointment. Those wanting down time are welcome to relax at the resort and take advantage of its many amenities. We've reserved three homes, all with three bedrooms.

Your trip fee of \$1250 includes four nights lodging (in a private room), guides, instruction, skis and snowshoes, dog sledding and other activities, round-trip transportation from Duluth to Tofte, and all meals from Saturday lunch through Wednesday lunch (except for alcoholic beverages). An early bird discount of \$50 is available for registration before September 30. Our food is delicious—fresh salads, fine pastas, tasty and plentiful. We'll also go out to dinner two nights at fine local restaurants, where you can order off the menu. If you have special dietary needs let us know three weeks in advance so we can work together to accommodate them.

To reserve a place on this trip, please send your \$300 deposit or the full trip fee to the Adventures in Good Company office, register on our web site, or call to register by phone. We will send you pre-trip information, including a detailed packing list, along with your confirmation. The names of other participants will be sent out three weeks in advance for pre-trip networking. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail us- we'd love to discuss whether this is the right trip for you.

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