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2004 Northern Lights Dining and Entertainment Discount Book, , Alaska Independent Publishers, 2003, , . .

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Portions of our proceeds also directly benefit senior citizens via a direct donation to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Over the past years some \$400,000 has been raised by RSVP in this manner. During the current year over 150 non-profit organizations will participate in the distribution of the book.

Over 350 businesses and merchants are offering a wide variety of Alaska discount coupons and incentives with a total of more than \$18,000. This excellent entertainment book provides you with Alaska discount coupons and trip discounts to enable you to experience tremendous savings for your upcoming Alaska vacation!

One thing though, the coupons for the tours/activities often are good for certain times of year (non-peak.) So if you are arriving at the end of June, it might not have as many coupons that are valid. You can buy it locally, and I'm pretty sure I've seen the Great Alaskan Tour Saver for sale in a gas station or Fred Myers.

You have a large group, and the savings from using the books can be quite significant. My recommendation is that you order of each, and review them. As most of the coupons are buy one get one free type of coupons, you will need three copies of your preferred book. After reviewing one of each, make additional purchases, and upon your departure from AK, leave them all with your brother. He may very well have use for the coupons you do not use.

I too have used both in the past. It really depends on what coupons are of more value to you. For example, last year Northern Lights worked better for me. This year, Toursaver will. Toursaver has a 2-for-1 flightseeing coupon form Talkeetna that Northern Lights doesn't have. That alone will save me \$250.

John, I would definitely be interested in buying your coupon book if it has coupons for the Major Marine 1/2 day tours (out of Seward). Other than that we'll be spending all our time in Homer so would be interested in any coupons for that area. Please [contact me and i'll share additional contact info] We're going on July 22, 2009

Can you use the coupons if they are torn out of the books? It was my understanding with the Toursaver that they are very particular about the coupons being still in the book at the time of use otherwise they won't accept them. Has anyone tried using loose coupons? We are a family of 4 traveling in June so I would love to find out if this works as someone may be willing to help me out in the same way.

I am using one of my NL coupons for my glacier boat trip out of Whittier and asked if I needed to bring the entire book; "No" was the answer I got from the reservationist. I would check with your individual vendor to see what their requirements are so there are no problems when presenting the coupon.

The coupon book (Northern Lights) hasn't yet proved its worth to us yet. As it turned out, there were restrictions on the coupons that prevented us from being able to use (time of day, time of year), The 2nd night free hotels are only if purchasing the first night at "regular rate" - which is their most expensive rack rate - it isn't valid with any other discounts or promotional offers. So the savings isn't really that tremendous.

And lastly, after inquiring on my own - I was able to secure internet specials or other discounts with hotels, vendors, whale watching, fishing charters, etc. that was at least as good as the coupon price. When you inquire, just ask if there are any discounts available. Everyone was happy to help us save using AAA or whatever program was available.

I am sorry for those who haven't been able to find the coupons that they needed to help offset the cost of the book. We have been able to use the Alaska Railroad, Renown Glacier tour, Southeast Kayaks, Mahay's Jet boat, Alaska Wildlife Conservation center, Sealife Center, and various other coupons. We also plan to use many of them for food in the areas of Palmer, Anchorage, and Denali. I researched both sites heavily and found the one that would fit with our expectations.

Unlike you, obviously I didn't do enough research. I just read about the mention of using coupons and ordered. Never did I see mentioned that you had to book two consecutive nights and then at top rack rates and often times a cheaper room could be had. I didn't see that only certain portions of the ARR should use coupons. Unfortunately or fortunately we are only going ARR from Seward to Anchorage and that is not one that is offered. We may get to use the one day free Avis Coupon as we are picking our car up downtown Anchorage. We will probably try to use the Sealife Center. I have been to Alaska so many times that I already have my favorite restaurants and so won't be using the coupons for those. We won't be taking any of the glacier tours this time, but I do think that those 2:1 would well make it worth the book. I will be leaving my book with my Alaskan friends and I am sure that they will find ways to use the coupons that I don't use.

Talkeetna Air Taxi and Denali Outdoor Center extended a lower but significant Toursaver discount, even though I couldn't do the tour listed on the coupon. (They only do a certain number of these per day.) Alaskan Leopard shuttle only honors 2 coupons per trip (the coupon doesn't have that restriction). Be sure to ask how many Toursaver "slots" are open and what other discounts are available.

Your mileage may vary, but today I called Kenai Fjords, explaining that we are booked for the Northwestern Fjord tour using the Northern Lights 2-for-1 coupon. I called because I was seeing some conflicting info here, and if we could have saved the weight on the plane, we would have liked to, so I asked whether we needed to bring the entire book on the day of our tour, or if they only wanted the coupon. I did specify it was the Northern Lights book, and Gloria's answer was that the coupon must be attached to the book to be valid. So we'll be bringing the book, and calling each vendor sounds like the best suggestion here.

By the way, I want to be clear that I'm not suggesting that I think requiring the whole book is a "bad" policy -- I think it makes plenty of sense, because advertisers/sponsors of such books don't do so in order to let 100 people share all the coupons (possible now thanks to the web and sites like this) instead of each of them purchasing the book themselves. The purchase of this book made economic sense for us even though this is the only coupon we'll likely use from it, because even with the cost of the book we still saved \$50+ via the 2-for-1 on the Northwestern Fjord tour.

Hi- Yes I just got my Northern lights and am pleased to have saved \$100 on an excursion. There is very few coupons for the inside package. Does the toursaver offer more? I don't see many on their website unless they don't post them all. There's a load of food coupons which I'm not really interested

in . I just eat on the ship.

The Prince William Sound Cruise (Glacier Adventure) does have two coupons in the book. It says "Advanced Reservations Required. One Free Cruise per coupon. Offer Good on Space Available Basis at Time of Booking. Free cruise applies to the same cruise, on the same day. Not valid with other promotions. Cancellation Terms Apply."

Thanks gazingm42 - we'll be on the Spirit the week before you going from Whittier to Vancouver and thought we'd do the Prince William Sound glacier adventure that afternoon before boarding. I think I read that there were coupons also for the Alaskan railroad in the book but they weren't good from mid-June to It didn't say what mid-June was so I'm hoping they would be good to use on 6/11. I was planning on calling the railway to make sure when I book my reservations.

Unfortunately the toursaver website for us did not list enough inside passage activities which meet our needs. There were a lot of pricey activities or ones we have done before. We plan on doing several in Seward/Whittier areas this year. Both books seem to be nice books, just depends on your travel plans. With our plans spending another 9 days in Anchorage the Northern lights was a good fit.

Did see that. Plus, there seems to be more limitations on some of the coupons. Unfortunately, we won't be able to realize any savings this year with the coupon book due to our itinerary. However, there are lots of deals to be had for others. Awaiting the November release of the TourSaver book to see if that will help us.