

### INDIAN VALLEY GOLD MINE



We are happy to teach you the techniques of gold panning at an active mine just 23 miles south of Anchorage at Indian Valley with gold guaranteed in every one of our paydirt buckets. How does gold panning work? Gold is much heavier than ordinary sand, nineteen times heavier than an equal amount of water, therefore it sinks to the bottom of the pan before the dirt settles. We will show you how to separate the sand, rocks and dirt from the gold using the old time gold miner's technique. With the right swirling motion gold will stay on the bottom while you wash away the dirt. When you see all your gold we'll help you put it into a vial of water and seal it for you to take home. The children really get a kick out of learning how to pan for gold and getting to take home their souvenirs. Hear the story of Peter Strong, the old prospector who dug a gold mine, built the log cabin and assay office here in the early 1900's, and many other Alaskan adventure tales. Take a look at some of the tools he made and other historic artifacts in the museum and gift shop. Interpretive signs explain mining, plant life and Alaskan history. Enjoy spectacular views of Turnagain Arm and the bore tide. See Beluga whales pursue the hooligan in May and the salmon runs in late summer. Watch eagles circle overhead. Tour Includes: Escorted tour by prospector/guide from all Anchorage hotels; van transfer to Mine; paydirt bucket, gold panning lessons; narration on the gold discovery of Turnagain Arm and hard rock mining; take home the gold you pan; return transfer.

**Duration:** 2 - 2 1/2 hours

**Cost:**

Adult- \$39

Child (under 12)- \$29

**Available:** Multiple departures daily May through September. 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.

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