



SHELDON CHALET
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Reasons to Travel in January 2021: A Night of 100 Stars
World Class Stargazing at Sheldon Chalet in Alaska



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Reason to Travel: Meteor Shower aka Falling/ Shooting Stars

The Quadrantids, which peak during early-January each year, are considered to be one of the best annual meteor showers. During its peak, 60 to as many as 200 Quadrantid meteors can be seen per hour under perfect conditions. Each year in Alaska the Quadrantids are visible from December 28 through January 12 but they peak each year on the night of January 3-4. Prime viewing time is between 2 a.m. – after the moon sets – and 6 a.m. when the Boötes constellation drops below the horizon. The Quadrantids meteor shower occurs when the Earth passes through the dust and debris left behind by the Asteroid 2003 EH1. When those bits of dust and rock hit Earth's atmosphere, they disintegrate and create the bright "falling stars" that are visible from the ground. Quadrantids are also known for their bright fireball meteors. Fireballs are larger explosions of light and color that can persist longer than an average meteor streak. This is due to the fact that fireballs originate from larger particles of material. Fireballs are also brighter, with magnitudes brighter than -3.

Best Place to View: Sheldon Chalet in Denali National Park

With clear skies, lunar and solar events illuminate the night brighter than winter daylight hours. The best way to view the Quadrantids is to get away from light pollution. Though meteors radiate from the Boötes constellation which is near the handle of the Big Dipper, the best way to see the meteors is to take in as much sky as possible as they will appear all over the sky. This often means lying on your back and staring up at the sky. At 63 degrees latitude and an elevation of 6000 ft, [Sheldon Chalet's](#) troposphere is some of the thinnest on the planet, allowing guests to see shooting stars more often and brighter than anywhere else. With little to no light pollution and stunning landscapes that frame the sky, evenings sparkle brilliantly with heavenly displays of the aurora and stars and winter's snowfall begins to blanket the massive Don Sheldon Amphitheater, which averages over 100 feet of new snow per year. Guests' proximity to the stars and the sparse topography of Denali National Park offers a surreal and

uninterrupted stargazing experience overlooking the glacier and mountains. Expert guides are on hand to educate guests about the aurora and offer insight into the night sky constellations. World-class stargazing is enhanced by the cozy fire and satisfying beverages custom crafted by your private chef.

Curated experiences at Sheldon Chalet for the 2020/2021 season, Sheldon Chalet's for guests include:

- Aurora, lighted crystal and blizzard gazing
- Snow cavern spelunking
- Rock climbing
- Rappelling
- Shooting star and meteor shower gazing
- Epic sledding runs
- Gourmet glacier picnics
- Glacier trekking via snowshoes or skis
- Snow cave or igloo construction
- Crevasse exploration
- Heli or fixed wing geography touring

Starting at \$35,500 per couple for a 3-night minimum, guests can relax, socially distance and experience Denali grandeur at this eco-conscious chalet in a way that's never been seen before. This ultimate experience includes gear, two adventure guides, a concierge, a chef preparing gourmet meals with premium wine pairings, guided glacier adventures and the helicopter transport to and from the Chalet. At Sheldon Chalet, guests can choose to go on unique flightseeing tours, go on a back-country skiing adventure and enjoy incredible snowshoe treks with prime views of the summit of Denali just ten miles away. For more information about Sheldon Chalet please visit www.sheldonchalet.com. More [details](#) on the full Sheldon Chalet experience. Full details on this new [Exclusive Buyout Offer](#).

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About Sheldon Chalet:

Sheldon Chalet is perched on a nunatak 6,000 ft above the Don Sheldon Amphitheater, ten miles from the summit of Denali National Park in Alaska featuring unique panoramas of the Alaska Range from every angle. Located on five private acres, Sheldon Chalet sleeps up to ten guests in five bedrooms. The vision of Alaskan pioneers, Don and Roberta Sheldon, Sheldon Chalet is a platform for the adventure of a lifetime and offers guests guides, gear, a chef and a concierge to experience this exclusive destination on the flanks of North America's highest mountain. Robert Sheldon, his wife Marne and sister Kate have made the Sheldon family dream become a reality. Serving delicious Alaskan fare, Sheldon Chalet provides a crown-jewel Alaskan experience with activities including crevasse exploration, guided glacier trekking, back-country skiing and aurora borealis viewing. Each guest is certain to "Experience Grand" at Sheldon Chalet.

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