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# Alaska

The state is so immense, it's easier to think of it as five distinct regions. To help you understand these regions, we've color-coded them as shown below. You'll also find a statewide section to assist you as you explore the different areas of Alaska. For more information on the communities in each region, see pages 36-45.

## Southwest

- Alaska Peninsula
- Aleutian Islands
- Bristol Bay
- Kodiak Archipelago
- Pribilof Islands
- Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta

## Inside Passage

- Glacier Bay
- Northern Region
- Southern Region

## Southcentral

- Anchorage Area
- Copper River Valley & Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve
- The Kenai
- Mat-Su Valley
- Prince William Sound

## Interior

- Alaska Highway
- Fairbanks
- Denali & Denali National Park & Preserve

## Arctic

- Arctic Coast
- Brooks Range
- Western Arctic



## LEGEND

0 100 200 miles  
0 100 200 kilometers

Highway	
Pipeline	
Ferry	
Railroad	





CHUKCHI SEA

ARCTIC OCEAN

BEAUFORT SEA

GATES OF THE ARCTIC  
NAT'L PARK & PRESERVE

ARCTIC NATIONAL  
WILDLIFE REFUGE

ARCTIC CIRCLE

U.S.A. ALASKA  
CANADA/YUKON

Fairbanks

YUKON-CHARLEY  
RIVERS NAT'L  
PRESERVE

DENALI NAT'L  
PARK & PRESERVE

LAKE CLARK NAT'L  
PARK & PRESERVE

WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS  
NAT'L PARK & PRESERVE

Anchorage

Whitehorse

GULF OF ALASKA

PACIFIC OCEAN

Juneau

GLACIER BAY NAT'L  
PARK & PRESERVE

KODIAK ISLAND

Sitka

PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND

Ketchikan

Prince Rupert





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Turn dreams  
into reality



More mountains  
than buildings,  
more wildlife than people  
and more glaciers  
than stoplights.

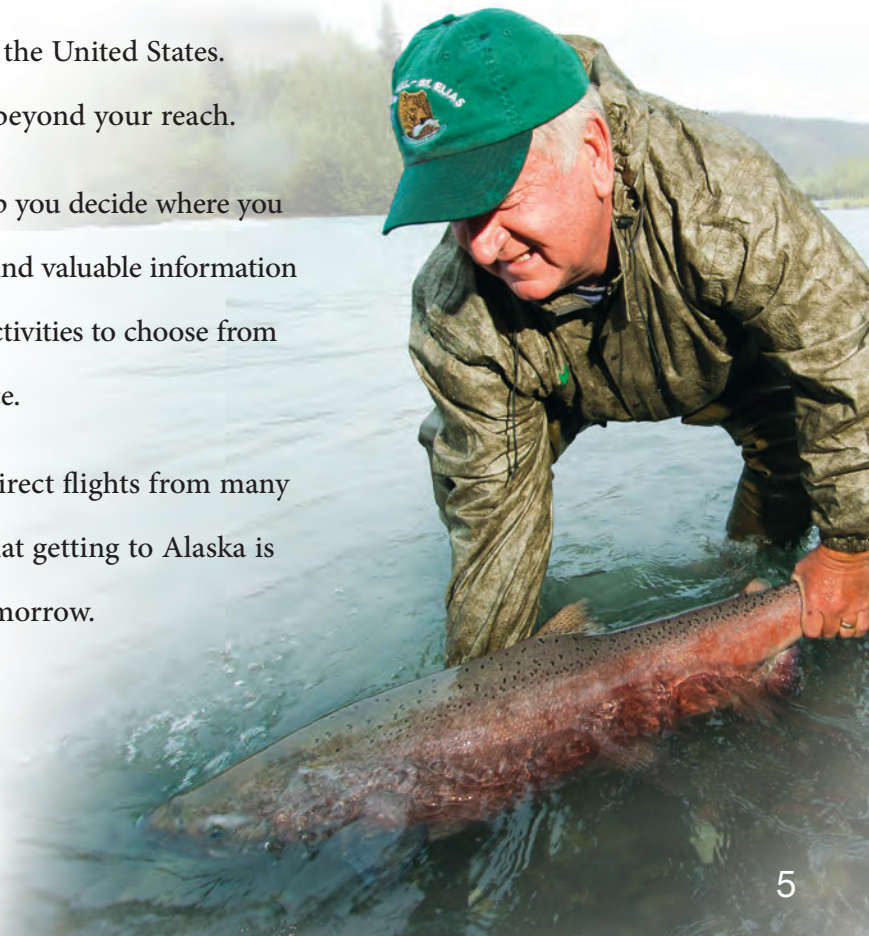


Portage Pass near Whittier

**Alaska** – it's amazingly different, with the tallest mountains, the largest area of national parklands, the highest concentration of glaciers and the longest stretch of coastline in the United States. Alaska is a place of magnificence, but it's not beyond your reach.

This vacation planner has been designed to help you decide where you want to go and what you want to do. You will find valuable information about special points of interest and the many activities to choose from as you prepare for your unforgettable experience.

Alaska is closer than you might think. With direct flights from many major cities in the United States, you'll find that getting to Alaska is easier than ever. In fact, you could be here tomorrow.





# ALASKA

## Wildlife



Black Bear



“The moose crossed the road right in front of us. I’ll never forget it... it was a mother and her calf.”

- Nicky W., Fernley, NV



Moose, Chugach State Park

## Watchable Wildlife

A magnificent grizzly roaming an untamed landscape, great herds of caribou migrating across the tundra, millions of salmon spawning up rivers and the haunting cries of sandhill cranes streaming overhead: these and many other wildlife-viewing opportunities await you in Alaska.

Join a guided tour through a national or state park to look for bear, caribou or moose, or take a day cruise to spot puffins, sea otters, humpback whales and orcas. Even a leisurely stroll along one of Alaska’s many trails can offer a chance to see wildlife, whether it’s Dall sheep kicking up their heels along a rock face or a bald eagle soaring high above.

Consider a flightseeing trip for a bird’s-eye view of wildlife beyond the road system or visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center in Portage, the Alaska SeaLife Center in Seward or the Alaska Zoo in Anchorage for a closer look.

Wildlife viewing takes on a whole new dimension in winter, when animals are easier to see against a backdrop of white snow. Early winter draws more than 3,000 bald eagles to feed on salmon at the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve near Haines. Moose, fox and various species of birds can also be spotted more easily.

While viewing opportunities abound, one thing is for sure: no matter which path you choose, you’ll remember it for a lifetime.



For more information on wildlife viewing, visit [wildlifeviewing.alaska.gov](http://wildlifeviewing.alaska.gov).

## Viewing Tips

- Dawn and dusk are the best times to view most wildlife
- Visit wildlife refuges or parks for best chance to see wildlife
- Use binoculars and a telephoto lens for great close-up views and photos
- Watch from a distance so both you and the animal remain safe
- Be patient. Even when wildlife is abundant, it may take time to spot
- Make noise traveling in thick brush or near spawning salmon to avoid surprising moose and bears





# ALASKA

## Adventure

“The trip to Alaska was, by far,  
the most memorable vacation of my life.”

- Cindy S., Loveland, CO





Fishing, Hope

## From the Mild to the Wild

Alaska has some of the most incredible scenery to be found in the United States. In order to enjoy all the state has to offer, visitors must get out and experience it for themselves.

Even if you don't have a lot of outdoor experience, day excursions and guided tours allow you to discover true Alaska wilderness during the day and sleep in a comfortable bed at night. For the seasoned outdoor expert, Alaska is teeming with opportunities for rugged, backcountry treks. Whether you prefer to hike on an ice age glacier, skim the wilderness in a "Bush" plane or take a dog sled ride, you'll find plenty of options for experiencing the Alaska you've always dreamed about. The state's many famous rivers, lakes and protected coastal waters offer the chance to experience rafting, kayaking or jet boat rides from mild to wild. No matter what your interest, you're sure to find adventures tailor-made for you.

## Ecotourism

Ecotourism is responsible travel to natural areas, preserving the environment and improving the well-being of local people. Alaska is a prime year-round destination for visitors seeking a more personal connection with nature, culture and wilderness. Ecotourism means you leave little or no impact during your visit so that future visitors can enjoy the same beauty and quality experience of Alaska's special places. Using established paths rather than disturbing vegetation, limiting campfires and being careful not to litter are all highly recommended. Adventure Green Alaska recognizes Alaska tourism businesses who practice economic, environmental, social and cultural sustainability. For more information visit [adventuregreenalaska.org](http://adventuregreenalaska.org).

## Sportsman's Paradise

Alaska offers some of the most diverse and incredible fishing in the world. You can pull off the road and drop a line into a roadside river or charter a boat and reel in one of Alaska's enormous halibut. Fly-in fishing, wilderness lodges and fish camps offer once-in-a-lifetime experiences. In all, more than 601 fish species inhabit Alaska's salt and fresh waters. A complete guide to freshwater and saltwater fishing regulations is available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish. For more information, [sf.adfg.alaska.gov](http://sf.adfg.alaska.gov).

Hunting in Alaska provides a full range of guided and unguided experiences. Alaska is famous for its huge moose, vast caribou herds, brown bears, Dall sheep, mountain goats and Sitka black-tailed deer. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Wildlife Conservation provides information on hunting regulations at [wildlife.alaska.gov](http://wildlife.alaska.gov).







Denali, Denali National Park and Preserve

# Alaska's Parklands

More than half of the parklands in the United States are found in Alaska. In all, Alaska has 333 million acres of public lands, which are administered by federal, state and municipal agencies.

Alaska's parks offer something for every type of traveler – wildlife viewing, camping, fishing, outdoor photography, kayaking, mountain climbing, cross-country skiing, hiking and nature walks. Visitors who include a visit to one of Alaska's parks in their itinerary can marvel at some of the largest glaciers on Earth, explore ancient rainforests or relax with a picnic amid vast mountain ranges.

## National Parks

Thanks to the extensive network of national parks in Alaska, a traveler is never far from a grand adventure in the greatest of the great outdoors.

With 17 national park areas, Alaska is home to two-thirds of the land in the entire national park system. Many are reasonably close to major metropolitan areas. For example, the awe-inspiring Denali National Park and Preserve, featuring North America's tallest peak, Denali, is easily accessible by road and is located between Anchorage and Fairbanks, the state's two largest cities. For visitors to the Inside Passage, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve is just a 30-minute plane ride from Juneau.

Alaska's national parks offer diverse experiences like glacier and wildlife viewing. Visitors can also enjoy hot springs, fishing, camping and hiking. Park ranger interpretive programs offer an opportunity to learn about wildlife, geography, traditional Alaska Native lifestyles and park history.

Although many of Alaska's national parks can be reached by road, some are accessible only by air or water taxi service.

Visit [nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov) for more information.

Dall sheep





Eagle River Nature Center, Chugach State Park



Totem Bight State Historical Park, Ketchikan



Historic Kennecott Copper Mine, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park



Kayaking, Kenai Fjords National Park

## Alaska State Parks

Alaska has the largest state park system in the nation, which covers 3.3 million acres of spectacular mountains, remote valleys, forests, pristine rivers, alpine tundra, glaciers and marine environments. Managed by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, there are 123 park units ranging from half an acre to 1.6 million acres.

Depending upon the time of year, visitors can mountain bike, hike, camp, fish, boat, swim, rock climb, gold pan, view wildlife, ride horseback, drive ATVs, ride snowmobiles, cross-country ski and tour museums.

There are 66 public use cabins and eight ice huts in 18 state park units from Fairbanks to Southeast Alaska. Some of these cabins are on the road system and are available year-round. Alaska's state parks are a great place to view wildlife, including moose, grizzly and black bears, wolves, caribou and lynx.

### Some of the Jewels of Alaska's State Park System:

Chugach State Park, located in Anchorage's backyard, is the third largest state park in America with 495,204 acres. The park has some of the most accessible hiking, skiing, camping, wildlife viewing, snowmachining, rafting and climbing in Alaska.

With its 254,080 acres of forests, rivers and alpine tundra just north of Fairbanks, Chena River State Recreation Area has recreational opportunities for everyone. The park's trailheads give visitors access to the world famous Granite Tors.

The Kenai River Special Management Area encompasses one of the world's greatest sport fishing rivers, the Kenai, and also includes Kenai and Skilak lakes. Kenai River Kings are among the largest North Pacific salmon, sometimes weighing more than 85 pounds.

Fort Abercrombie State Historical Park, on Kodiak Island, became a unit of the state park system in 1969 to preserve the historic ruins of a World War II coastal defense installation. The steep surf-pounded cliffs, deep spruce forests, wildflower-laden meadows and a lake containing trout add to its appeal.

Denali State Park commands some of the best views of Denali and the Alaska Range. It also offers many recreational opportunities with its two large roadside campgrounds, six public use cabins, four major backcountry hiking trailheads and two river floating options.

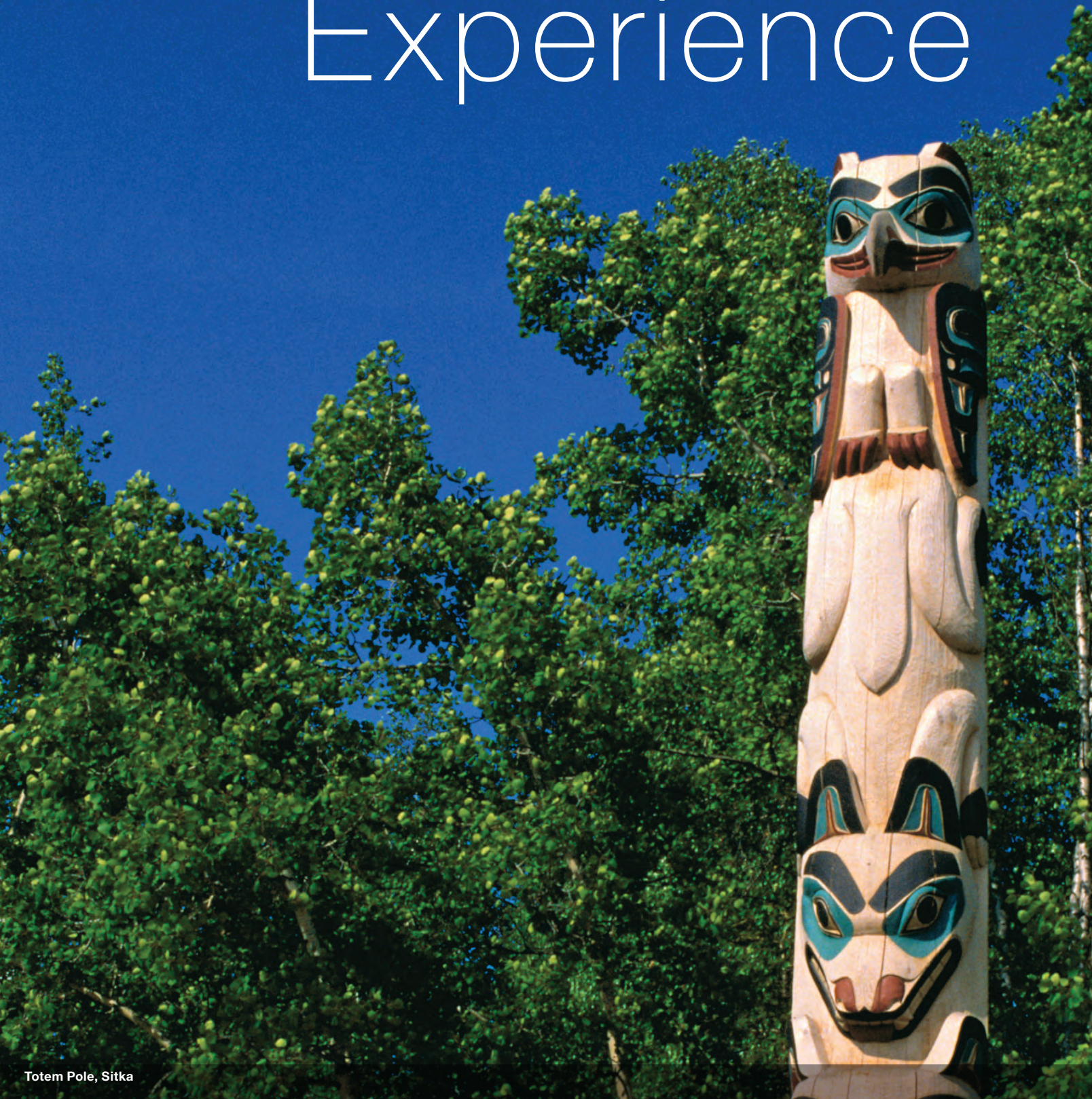
Shoup Bay State Marine Park is five miles southwest of the Port of Valdez. Shoup Bay is famous for the 150-foot tidal wave, which surged in and out of the bay three times during the 1964 earthquake. The bay has changed substantially since then as Shoup Glacier continues to transform the terrain.

For a complete list and more information about Alaska's State Parks, visit [dnr.alaska.gov/parks/](http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/).



# ALASKA

## Experience





# Alaska Native People

Alaska is bigger than most countries. The state encompasses everything from snowy peaks to sandy shorelines, from blue-green rivers to icy white mountaintops. And the state's people are just as diverse as the landscape. A fact that surprises many visitors is that Alaska is today home to 11 Alaska Native cultures, each with distinct languages and ways of life.

## Athabascan

The traditional Athabascan (ath-uh-BASS-kans) homeland in Alaska's interior is vast, stretching from the state's Canadian border in the Arctic Region to Cook Inlet in Southcentral Alaska. The Athabascans were migratory, following fish and game along the region's five major rivers. They built winter villages and summer fish camps and lived and traveled in small groups of between 20 and 40 people.

## Eyak, Haida, Tsimshian, Tlingit

For the past 10,000 years, geography has been the common thread connecting the Tlingit (CLINK-it), Tsimshian (SIM-shee-ann), Haida (HIGH-duh) and Eyak (EE-yak) peoples. These groups have built rich cultures based on a mutual landscape of Pacific waters and verdant northern rainforests. Artisanal traditions based on local resources, particularly in skills such as carving and weaving, continue to thrive among them today. Their carvings can be seen on totems and canoes, as well as utensils and ceremonial objects.

## Inupiaq & St. Lawrence Island Yupik

The Inupiaq (in-NOO-pee-ak) and the St. Lawrence Island Yupik (Yoo-pik) people, whose name means "Real People" in their language, live in the north and northwestern area of the state. These cultures continue a traditional subsistence lifestyle and largely live on what the land provides,

still hunting whales, seals, walrus and gathering berries in season. To the people of the north, the extreme arctic climate is not a barrier. Instead, they view the land as a bountiful environment providing a variety of mammals, birds and fish necessary for their survival.

## Unangaġ & Alutiiq (Sugpiaq)

Life on the rich and rapidly changing water is the basis of the Unangaġ (Oo-nun-gahx) and Sugpiaq (Soog-pyack) culture. These two cultures are found in Southwest Alaska and the Aleutian Islands. Unangaġ and Sugpiaq lived a maritime existence where water determined their way of life. Food came primarily from the ocean and rivers. Their clothing, which needed to be waterproof, was made of tightly-sewn skin. The kayaks of the Unangaġ and Sugpiaq were unique from other boats due to their split bow construction, allowing for greater speed and seaworthiness.

## Yup'ik & Cup'ik

Today, the Yup'ik (Yoo-pik) and Cup'ik (Coo-pik), named after their language's dialect, continue to live a subsistence lifestyle in Southwest Alaska. Historically, the Yup'ik and Cup'ik people traveled with the migration of game and fish, setting up seasonal camps. Villages were organized around extended family groups, and rank was determined by the skills an individual offered the community. Elders tell stories of traditional ways of life to teach younger generations about their heritage. It's a tradition that continues today.

For more information on Alaska Natives and their culture, please visit [alaskanative.net](http://alaskanative.net).



Courtesy - Alaska Native Heritage Center





Native Inupiat woman drying salmon, Nome

# Culture

## Alaska Native Life

Today, Alaska Natives comprise almost 15 percent of Alaska's population. These indigenous people interweave today's modern lifestyle with their own cultural threads and spiritual beliefs, preserving the gifts of tradition for coming generations. From traditional music and dance to beautiful Alaska Native art, there are many opportunities and venues for Alaska visitors to experience an integral part of Alaska's culture and history. Visit the Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository in Kodiak, the Kenai Visitors and Cultural Center in Kenai or the famous totem exhibits in Ketchikan. Go on a guided tour — a tour to Utqiagvik (Barrow) will take you to the site of the Inupiat Heritage Center — or view traditional style clan houses in Wrangell, Haines, Sitka and other communities in Alaska.

## Cultural Centers

For those wishing to delve into the traditions and history of Alaska's 11 Native cultures, the Alaska Native Heritage Center is not to be missed. A renowned cultural center and *living* museum, the center is situated on 26 tranquil acres near downtown Anchorage and provides an immersion into Alaska Native cultures that continue to adapt to modern society, yet still maintain a vibrant traditional identity.

In Fairbanks, the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center is a community centerpiece that celebrates the Athabaskan culture and languages and educates all who pass through its doors about the area's natural and cultural history. Named for the late Morris Thompson, a Koyukon Athabaskan who dedicated his life to Alaska issues and people, the center advocates traditional knowledge through Elder teachings and motivates the exploration of the grandeur of Fairbanks and Interior Alaska.







Cultural performance, Sitka

## Arts

Alaska's jaw-dropping vistas and vibrant cultures have inspired artists, photographers, totem carvers, poets, musicians and authors, from Sydney Laurence and Bradford Washburn to Jewel and Tom Bodett. Contemporary mediums like film, photography and performance art complement traditional art forms like dance, wood carving and beadwork. Artists-in-residence at Denali National Park take their turn at commemorating "The Mountain" (Denali) and gallery-goers visit the Anchorage Museum's Art of the North permanent collection. Alaska artists are often found painting en plein air or composing a sonnet in our state parks.

Alaska Native artists in nearly every rural community offer their carvings, beadwork or other contemporary interpretations of their cultural heritage. Look for local craft fairs or festivals that sell authentic artwork, jewelry and clothing from the villages. Opportunities for art abound – come revel in it or try your hand at art in Alaska.

Alaskans are serious about their art; the Alaska State Council on the Arts ensures that art plays a critical role in the life of our communities as well as in the welfare and educational experience of our citizens. In fact, Alaska mandates that a certain percentage of all major construction projects is earmarked for a piece of art. Foundations and arts organizations support individual artists as well.



Alaska Folk Festival, Juneau





Harvesting produce, Matanuska Valley



Farmers' market

# Alaska Grown

## Eat Locally

Locally grown produce and products abound in open-air markets during the summer. Or you can stock up on famous Alaska delicacies like canned and smoked salmon, wild berry products and reindeer sausage.

## Farmers' Markets

Alaska is known for its long summer days and, in the northernmost parts of the state, the sun doesn't set at all for about 80 days. The extended daylight means an extended growing season. Make the most of Alaska's summer bounty and plan a visit to one of our numerous farmers' markets to find out for yourself if our cool climate really does make vegetables sweeter. Between tasting fireweed honey, finding a special brand of handmade sea salt and admiring our late-blooming peonies, Alaska's farmers' markets are just one way to eat locally. If you visit during late summer, check out giant Alaska cabbage, zucchini, pumpkins and rhubarb at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer, just an hour north of Anchorage. Sample Alaska Grown produce when you dine out. Just look

for the Alaska Grown logo on the menu or ask your server. Many local chefs prefer to cook with fresh-picked vegetables and build their daily specials around what's in season.

## Wild Alaska Seafood

With more than 3 million lakes, 12,000 rivers and 34,000 miles (57,718 km) of coastline, Alaska is one of the most bountiful fishing regions in the world, producing sustainable seafood known for its abundance and variety. Among them: five species of salmon, three types of crab and several varieties of whitefish and shellfish. Swimming wild in these icy, pure waters and feeding on a natural diet, Alaska seafood has an unparalleled flavor prized by chefs and connoisseurs alike. You'll find fresh Alaska seafood sold all over the state and available in many restaurants. For Alaska seafood recipes, visit [WildAlaskaSeafood.com](http://WildAlaskaSeafood.com).







Alaska Native handicrafts, Fairbanks

## Made in Alaska

Wherever you go, you'll find unique Alaska products and crafts. Look for gold nugget jewelry, items carved from ivory and jade or handmade clothing and toys. Alaska arts and crafts are some of the most beautiful in the world. In fact, shopping in "The Last Frontier" is an adventure in itself. Choose from collector's items made from animal skins, fur or bone and woven baskets of beach grass, bark or baleen. Or shop for local crafts, handmade soaps and jewelry.

The official "Made in Alaska" logo indicates an item was made by an Alaska resident or company. The silver hand emblem symbolizes authentic Alaska Native handicrafts. The shop or gallery where you purchase a piece should be able to tell you the artist's name, cultural background, village or region of origin.

Taking home an authentic Alaska souvenir gives visitors a tangible and meaningful way to remember their trip of a lifetime and is a great way to share a part of your Alaska adventure with family and friends at home.

Alaska visitors can also sample locally produced beer, wine and spirits as they travel around the state. Tasting rooms allow visitors to meet the producers and learn about Alaska ingredients used including glacier water, fireweed and birch syrup.







Northern lights, Fairbanks

# Experiencing the Aurora Borealis in Alaska

The aurora borealis or northern lights — natural displays of iridescent color dancing across the night sky — are among the world’s Seven Natural Wonders. They’ve rightfully earned a spot on travelers’ bucket lists and many visitors are drawn to Alaska by the chance to see them.

## Background

The northern lights appear when charged particles emitted by the sun collide with charged particles in the earth’s atmosphere. These collisions happen above the Earth’s poles (they’re called the aurora australis at the South Pole), at distances from six to six hundred miles above the earth’s surface. They are particularly active in an area called “The Aurora Oval,” which is close to the pole, but is not precisely aligned with it.

## Timing

Technically, the conditions creating the aurora borealis exist all the time. But because dark night skies are required to see them, the aurora season in Alaska is from mid-August to mid-April.

## Location

You can see the northern lights from anywhere in Alaska, but the highest likelihood for a viewing is in the Interior and Arctic regions of the state. Wherever you are, remember — the farther away from town lights you get, the better your luck will be.

## Viewing Options

Like many things in nature, you can’t predict sightings with absolute certainty. You’ll need a clear night and as little light pollution as possible for the best view.

You can:

- Ask at your hotel’s front desk — many offer aurora wake-up calls
- Drive to a prime viewing spot
- Join a northern lights watching tour

## Viewing Tip

- Check the University of Alaska Fairbanks’ Aurora forecast at [gi.alaska.edu/auroraforecast](http://gi.alaska.edu/auroraforecast)
- There isn’t a magic hour for catching them: the northern lights can be seen from early evening to early morning
- Full moons don’t make the northern lights harder to see
- Talk like a local: if you overhear Alaskans saying, “The *lights* are out,” this refers to the northern lights being visible, not the power going out





Independence Mine State Historical Park, near Wasilla

# History

Alaska's intriguing history is closely intertwined with that of the people who settled here thousands of years ago. Their diverse culture bears imprints of every group that has made Alaska its home, from the first ice age nomads to Russian fur traders to the gold miners who came to seek their fortunes.

## Russian America

By the time America bought the Alaska Territory in 1867, Russians had been living here for more than 83 years. The strength of Alaska's Russian heritage is still visible today. Visitors can join historical tours in towns and regions with strong Russian connections or explore museums with exhibits examining Russia's role in Alaska history such as the Baranov Museum in Kodiak or the Russian Church and National Historical Park in Sitka. The strength of Alaska's Russian heritage is still visible in the onion-shaped domes of Russian Orthodox churches that rise above many Alaska towns.

## Gold Rush

The lure of gold touched almost every corner of Alaska. In Skagway, join a ranger-guided walking tour through the restored buildings of the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park or experience Gold Rush era travel on the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad. Try your hand at panning for gold in many Alaska cities, including Juneau, Fairbanks, Skagway, Girdwood and Nome or view mammoth historical gold dredges in Fairbanks and Nome.

## Museums

From the quirky to the sublime, Alaska museums offer visitors a true glimpse into the history of the state. The Alaska State Museum in Juneau, houses stellar collections that interpret the state's history, people and resources. For those interested in the more unusual, the Hammer Museum in Haines showcases 1,500 hammers, from ancient times to the present. In the small community of Gustavus, gateway to Glacier Bay National Park, the only fuel station is a pre-WWII replica Mobil gas station with working 1937 Wayne 60 pumps. Head inside to the Petroleum Museum, which is filled with vintage petro pieces and one-of-a-kind antiques all honoring the petroleum industry's long history.

In Anchorage, the Alaska Aviation Museum is the showcase for aviation relics. Located near the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, the museum houses everything from a flight simulator to an F-15A Screaming Eagle to a Boeing 727 cockpit. Don't miss looking inside the hangar where the museum's historical aviation relics are restored. For an immersive experience in Alaska's art and culture, visit the Anchorage Museum. Exhibits, a planetarium, historical dioramas and one of the largest collections of Sydney Laurence paintings in the world can be found there. Further north in Fairbanks, the University of Alaska Museum of the North is the only research and teaching museum in Alaska, and its 1.4 million artifacts and specimens represent millions of years of biological diversity and thousands of years of cultural traditions in the North.



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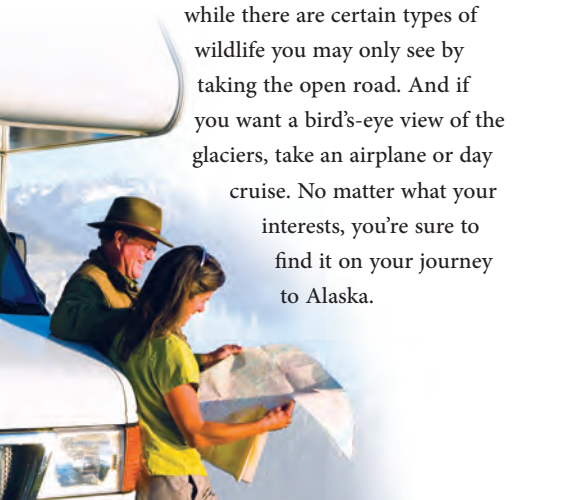
## Transportation





# Getting To Alaska

Alaska is accessible year-round by air, land or sea. Many visitors choose to combine modes of travel, arriving by air and departing by sea or driving to Alaska and then boarding the ferry for the trip home. Each has advantages and offers a unique perspective. For instance, the best way to see the coastline is by ferry or cruise ship, while there are certain types of wildlife you may only see by taking the open road. And if you want a bird's-eye view of the glaciers, take an airplane or day cruise. No matter what your interests, you're sure to find it on your journey to Alaska.



## Trip Planning Distance Guide



Approximate driving distances in miles between principal points by the most direct overland routes. (Marine access routes are not included here.)

### MILEAGE CHART

	Anchorage	Calgary	Dawson City	Dawson Creek	Edmonton	Fairbanks	Haines	Homer	Prince Rupert	Seattle	Seward	Skagway	Tok	Valdez	Vancouver	Whitehorse	
Anchorage	2160	515	1608	1975	358	775	226	1605	2435	126	832	328	304	2288	724	Anchorage	
Calgary	1747	552	185	2038	1687	2386	950	738	2286	1544	1832	2086	605	1436		Calgary	
Dawson City	515	1747	1195	1562	393	578	741	1192	2022	641	435	187	441	1915	327	Dawson City	
Dawson Creek	1608	552	1195	367	1486	1135	1834	706	827	1734	992	1280	1534	728	884	Dawson Creek	
Edmonton	1975	185	1562	367	1853	1502	2201	906	923	2101	1359	1647	1901	720	1251	Edmonton	
Fairbanks	358	2038	393	1486	1853	653	584	1483	2313	484	710	206	364	2172	602	Fairbanks	
Haines	775	1687	578	1135	1502	653	1001	1132	1962	901	359	447	701	1650	251	Haines	
Homer	226	2386	741	1834	2201	584	1001	1831	2661	173	1058	554	530	2509	950	Homer	
Prince Rupert	1605	950	1192	706	906	1483	1132	1831	1033	1731	989	1277	1531	934	881	Prince Rupert	
Seattle	2435	738	2022	827	923	2313	1962	2661	1033	2561	1819	2107	2361	141	1904	Seattle	
Seward	126	2286	641	1734	2101	484	901	173	1731	2561	958	454	430	2415	850	Seward	
Skagway	832	1544	435	992	1359	710	359	1058	989	1819	958	504	758	1629	108	Skagway	
Tok	328	1832	187	1280	1647	206	447	554	1277	2107	454	504	254	1970	396	Tok	
Valdez	304	2086	441	1534	1901	364	701	530	1531	2361	430	758	254	2237	650	Valdez	
Vancouver	2288	605	1915	728	720	2172	1650	2509	934	141	2415	1629	1970	2237	1587	Vancouver	
Whitehorse	724	1436	327	884	1251	602	251	950	881	1904	850	108	396	650	1587	Whitehorse	

1 mile = 1.6 kilometers

Alaska Marine Highway





Lions Head, Glenn Highway

# Getting to Alaska

## By Sea

### Cruise Ships

A cruise to Alaska is anything but typical. Cruises are available in a variety of sizes ranging from large cruise ships to small yachts. Many travelers take a cruise one way then get off the ship to explore the interior of Alaska and return by air. Cruises operate April through September.

### Private Yachting

Well known as a cruise destination, Alaska also caters to private charters, luxury yacht vacations and personal family sightseeing and fishing excursions along the state's long coastline, fjords and inlets. Many coastal businesses cater to these independent cruisers providing moorage, marine pilotage, culinary supplies, fishing licenses and local knowledge about fishing hotspots.

### Alaska Marine Highway

The state-owned ferry system is called a “marine highway” because it provides vital year-round transportation service for more than 30 coastal communities. The route, which covers 3,500 miles of scenic waterways, is so special it has been designated as a National Scenic Byway and All-American Road, meaning spectacular coastal scenery along the

route and rich cultural history in port communities. Walk on or bring your car, RV, bicycle or motorcycle for a relaxed, informal way to travel. Go to **FerryAlaska.com** for more information.

## By Air

Flying to Alaska is as easy and affordable as flying to many familiar vacation spots. More than a dozen airlines provide service to Alaska. Direct flights are available from many U.S. cities. Travel time ranges from 3 hours to about 7.5 hours. Fly to one of Alaska's major airports in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau or Ketchikan for connecting flights to other communities.

## By Highway

Alaska can be reached by driving the scenic Alaska Highway, also known as the Alaska-Canada Highway or ALCAN. The road is fully paved and thoroughly modernized – only the scenery remains wild. Towns and traveler services appear at frequent intervals. The highway is open year-round, although some businesses close for the winter. It takes about five days to travel main routes from the Pacific Northwest, through Canada. Go to **NorthtoAlaska.com** for more information and find out why the drive north is considered “The Ultimate Road Trip.”



# Alaska's Scenic Byways

Spectacular views, majestic lakes and rivers, towering mountains, glaciers, wildflowers and wildlife are all an exciting part of the Alaska driving experience. Whether you drive your own vehicle or rent a car or RV, you'll have a truly unforgettable vacation.

The following routes have earned the designation of an "Alaska Scenic Byway," meaning they possess significant natural, historic, recreational, cultural and/or archeological resources. Enhance your Alaska vacation by exploring any of Alaska's Scenic Byways.

Alaska also has two All-American Roads, the Seward Highway, one of the top scenic roads in the United States, and the Alaska Marine Highway.

## Alaska Scenic Byways®

- Alaska Railroad
- Copper River Highway
- Dalton Highway
- Haines Highway
- Kachemak Bay Route
- Parks Highway
- Prince of Wales Island Road System
- Richardson Highway: northern segment
- Richardson Highway: southern segment
- Steese Highway
- Sterling Highway: Sterling Wye to Skilak Lake
- Sterling Highway: Anchor Point to Homer
- Taylor and Top of the World highways
- Walden Point Road

## America's Byways®

- Alaska Marine Highway: All-American Road
- George Parks Highway: National Scenic Byway
- Glenn Highway: National Scenic Byway
- Haines Highway – Valley of the Eagles: National Scenic Byway
- Seward Highway: All-American Road



The map on page 21 of this guide will help you identify your driving route. For more information, visit [alaska.gov/scenic](http://alaska.gov/scenic).





Alaska Railroad, with view of Denali

# Getting Around Alaska

Once in Alaska, you can get around in a variety of ways. Keep your personal travel style in mind. Consider a package tour if you prefer leaving the details to someone else. Or you might prefer to travel independently, exploring Alaska at your own pace.

## Driving

Alaska has more scenic highways than any other state in America, which you can see for yourself by driving. You can rent a car or RV and cover much of Alaska's road system. You'll find that four-wheel drive is not necessary to get around and that it's difficult to get lost when you drive in Alaska. In Anchorage, for example, there are only two highways that leave the city – one going north, the other south. Sooner or later, you're bound to arrive someplace wonderful. So if you feel comfortable driving at home, you'll feel comfortable driving in Alaska too.

## Railroads

The Alaska Railroad provides passenger service on a scenic 467-mile (752-km) route running as far south as Seward and as far north as Fairbanks. The Alaska Railroad, along with several private companies, offers unique double-decker glass-domed cars that provide passengers with an unrestricted view of the landscape.

## Van & Bus Travel

A number of tour companies — both large and small — provide transportation for visitors year-round. With this option, you don't need to worry about logistics or mapping out your route, and you are free to relax and enjoy the view. You can choose from point-to-point transportation or multiday, all-inclusive tours.

## Air Taxis & Charters

Scheduled air taxi and air charter services provide access to small communities and remote destinations via propeller-driven "Bush" planes. There are many good reasons to travel by small plane: a fly-in fishing experience, a visit to an Alaska Native community, access to a wilderness lodge or a unique Alaska flightseeing tour. These small air carriers serve thousands of Alaskans and visitors every year.

## Travel by Sea

Many tour companies offer port-to-port travel and single-day or multiday excursions, while the Alaska Marine Highway provides practical ferry passages and transportation for cars and RVs. Sail point-to-point and trace hundreds of miles of breathtaking coastline.



Alaska Marine Highway ferry





Northern lights

# Trip Length

With its vast scenic landscapes and unique cultural history, Alaska presents many visions of a dream vacation — and you're sure to see yourself in our sample itineraries on pages 28-35. The amount of time you have available for your vacation will help you decide the best way to get to and from Alaska, how to get around the state and what you want to do or see. Even with less than a week, you have enough time for a memorable Alaska vacation. Here are some suggestions to help you get started:

## 7 Days or Less

- Fly to and from Alaska and spend most of your time exploring
- Focus on one region and take several day trips around that area
- Rent a car or RV and explore Alaska's unique roadside communities

## 7 to 14 Days

- Fly round-trip to Alaska or fly one-way and take a cruise ship or the state ferry in the other direction
- If you travel by sea, add land-based excursions and adventures such as flightseeing, kayaking, walking tours or guided rafting and fishing trips
- Include a rail trip or fly to one of the state's remote regions to learn more about Alaska's rich culture
- Plan one low-key day for every two days of intensive touring
- See more than one region and experience Alaska's diverse landscape

## 14 Days or More

- Travel to and from the state using different methods of transportation
- Drive to and from Alaska in an RV and see several regions of the state by road, adding occasional flightseeing trips, land-based tours and day cruises
- See more than one region and experience Alaska's diverse landscape
- Take a few days to visit an Alaska "Bush" community for explorations of Gold Rush history or Alaska Native culture
- Take a motorcoach tour from the Lower 48 and allow the tour operators to handle all the details for you







Flattop Mountain, Anchorage

# Always in Season

## Peak Season

May to September

This is when most of Alaska's visitors travel. The days are longest, and the temperatures are warmest. Some activities or accommodations may only be available during this time. This season is ideal for outdoor activities like hiking, camping, river rafting, flightseeing and, of course, world-famous fishing.

## Shoulder Season

Early May, Late September

There are fewer visitors in early May and late September. This is when you're likely to find discounts on travel and activities. The weather in the shoulder season is often very mild and most summer activities are still offered.

## Winter

October to April

Winter is a time when Alaska sparkles and shines and much of the land is covered by a blanket of soft snow. This is the time to see the northern lights, share in the excitement of the world-famous Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race (Anchorage to Nome), watch the World Ice Art Championships in Fairbanks or enjoy the Anchorage Fur Rondy and Tour of Anchorage ski race. You'll find an abundance of winter activities, including downhill, heli- and cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cold-weather biking and dog mushing.





# Travel Tips

**Things to Remember:** Alaska's larger towns and cities have major medical facilities, full banking services and other traveler conveniences.

**Holidays:** Alaska observes all major U.S. holidays, as well as Seward's Day on the last Monday in March and Alaska Day on October 18.

**Time Zones:** Almost all of Alaska is in the Alaska Time Zone, which is one hour earlier than Pacific Time. The most western Aleutian Islands are on Hawaiian-Aleutian Time.

**Driving:** Road conditions vary by season, but current conditions for any state road can be found by calling 511 from within Alaska for a recorded message or by visiting [511.alaska.gov](http://511.alaska.gov). Alaska and Canada will honor a valid driver's license from any state or country for 90 days after entry. Seat belts must be worn by all drivers and passengers while driving anywhere in Alaska.

**Crossing the Border:** To cross the U.S.-Canadian border via land, air or sea, you must have a government-issued passport; an Enhanced Driver's License; or Trusted Traveler Program Cards. Please visit [cbp.gov](http://cbp.gov) for updated identification requirements in advance of your trip. You can take your dog or cat through Canada with proof of a current rabies vaccination. Inquire ahead regarding permits for other animals or birds. You cannot enter Canada if you have a criminal record (this includes DUI).

**Firearms:** For information on carrying firearms through Canada, contact the Canadian Firearms Centre at (800) 731-4000 or visit their website at [rcmp-grc.gc.ca](http://rcmp-grc.gc.ca).

**Disabled Visitor Services:** Alaska offers a broad range of year-round vacation experiences for persons with disabilities. For resources and referrals, visit the State of Alaska ADA website at [doa.alaska.gov/ada](http://doa.alaska.gov/ada). Visitors can also contact Access Alaska at (907) 248-4777, Challenge Alaska at (907) 344-7399 or Southeast Alaska Independent Living at [sailinc.org](http://sailinc.org) for more information.

**Hunting and Fishing:** Visit the Alaska Department of Fish and Game website, [adfg.alaska.gov](http://adfg.alaska.gov), for information regarding licenses, permits and regulations, and for updates on current conditions. Purchase licenses and permits online or by mail directly from the department; fishing licenses and king salmon stamps are also available at many local businesses.



Sightseeing, Nome

## Clothing Comfort Chart

	Spring Summer Fall Winter	Short-Sleeved Shirt, Shorts	Long-Sleeved Shirt, Jeans/Slacks	Warm Hat, and Gloves	Comfortable Walking Shoes	Waterproof Boots	Insulated Boots	Long Underwear	Windbreaker or Jacket	Wool Sweater or Fiberfill Vest	Winter Coat
Interior	●	■●●▲★	▲★	■●●▲	■	★	★	■▲	■▲★	★	
Arctic		■●●▲★	■●●▲★	■●●▲★	●	■▲★	■▲★	■●●▲★	■▲★	■▲★	
Southwest	●	■●●▲★	■▲★	■▲★	■●	★	★	■●●▲★	■▲★	★	
Inside Passage	■●●▲	■▲★	★	■●●▲★	■▲★	★	★	■●●▲★	■▲★	★	
Southcentral	●	■●●▲★	▲★	■●●▲★	■▲	★	★	■▲	▲★	★	

Additional clothing should be considered for trips that include extreme activity, remote locations or multiple days outdoors.



# ALASKA

## Unlimited





# Itineraries

**Give us seven days, we'll give you the trip of a lifetime.**

The following 7-day itineraries give you an idea of some of the things you can see and do in Alaska in just one week. These are meant as a starting point to customize your own individual adventure. For example, you can easily combine two itineraries to make a 14-day trip or reverse the route of any trip. For more suggestions and sample itineraries, log on to **[TravelAlaska.com](http://TravelAlaska.com)**.







# The Alaska Pioneer

## Anchorage to Mat-Su & Valdez

Explore the state like a true Alaskan – by riverboat, back road, on foot and by ferry. From Anchorage to the Mat-Su and on to Valdez, experience Alaska's pioneer culture of gold mining, glacier trekking, fishing and wilderness adventure.

### DAY 1 Anchorage - Wasilla

Fly into Anchorage and experience the many shops, museums and art galleries. Enjoy a leisurely walk on the scenic Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, accessible from downtown, or take a hike in Kincaid Park. Rent a car or RV and drive 42 miles (67 km) north to Wasilla, home of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Visit Iditarod Headquarters for a sled dog ride and learn about Alaska's unique history.

### DAY 2 Wasilla - Palmer

Driving north on the Parks Highway, take an "off the beaten path" road to Hatcher Pass and Independence Mine State Historical Park. Look for wildlife and old gold mines nearby. Take an alpine tundra hike or lunch at a mountain lodge. Continue to Palmer.

### DAY 3 Palmer - Glennallen

Travel north on the Glenn Highway National Scenic Byway to visit the Musk Ox Farm and Matanuska Glacier, Alaska's largest road-accessible glacier.

### DAY 4 Glennallen - Copper Center

Enjoy one of the area's many recreational activities, from hiking and river running to fishing. From Copper Center, stop at the visitor center for a view of some of the tallest peaks in North America, located in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, the largest national park in the United States. Spend the night in Glennallen or Copper Center.

### DAY 5 Copper Center - Valdez

Take the Scenic Byway south and stop to view Worthington Glacier, accessible just off the highway atop Thompson Pass. Once in Valdez, take a day cruise to visit Columbia Glacier, the largest tidewater glacier in Prince William Sound, or take a guided river trip through historic Keystone Canyon past towering waterfalls.

### DAY 6 Valdez

Valdez is a premier fishing destination. Book a full- or half-day charter or fish right from shore. Have a relaxing meal at a local restaurant or pull into a picnic site to grill your own fresh catch of the day. Get acquainted with the city's rich Gold Rush history by touring its historical museums and scenic trails.

### DAY 7 Prince William Sound - Whittier - Anchorage

Ride the Alaska Marine Highway ferry through Prince William Sound to Whittier. Drive through the longest combined vehicle-railroad tunnel in North America on your way back to Anchorage.



Alaska Native Heritage Center, Anchorage



Matanuska Glacier, Glenn Highway

### 2-DAY ADD-ON

#### Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve

For a great adventure in the largest national park in the country, take the Edgerton Highway and McCarthy Road turnoff for an exciting drive on a 93 mile (150 km) paved/gravel road to the old mining towns of McCarthy and Kennicott. Stay overnight.





Fairbanks



# The Heartland

## Fairbanks to Anchorage

Whether you fly into one of Alaska's biggest cities or drive in through Tok, the road from Fairbanks to Anchorage is big on culture, history and scenic wonders.

### DAY 1 Fairbanks

After arriving in Fairbanks, the gateway to Alaska's Interior and the Arctic, rent a car or RV and visit the University of Alaska Museum of the North, one of the state's top 10 visitor attractions. See musk ox, an Ice Age survivor, and reindeer on a tour of the University's Large Animal Research Station.

### DAY 2 Fairbanks

Start the morning with a riverboat cruise along the Chena or Tanana Rivers, lunch on the deck at a riverside restaurant and try your hand at gold panning on an afternoon gold mining tour. Stop for a view of the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline on the Steese Highway.

### DAY 3 Fairbanks - Denali

Enjoy a 2-hour drive south to Denali National Park and Preserve, home to Denali, North America's tallest peak. Take a full-day guided tour to see sweeping landscapes and incredible wildlife.

### DAY 4 Denali

Denali National Park offers a variety of activities. Take a flightseeing tour via small plane or helicopter or try a whitewater rafting excursion. Stay in the area for an evening program.

### DAY 5 Denali - Talkeetna

Continue south to the town of Talkeetna to see majestic views of Denali. Flightseeing tours provide dramatic views and a unique perspective of the mountain. Experience a guided fishing trip or wildlife and scenic jet boat tour.

### DAY 6 Talkeetna - Eklutna - Anchorage

Enjoy a scenic drive south to Eklutna Historical Park. Tour St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, and view brightly painted "spirit houses." Experience a canoe and bike excursion at Eklutna Lake or hike majestic Thunderbird Falls. Learn about local wildlife at the Eagle River Nature Center or walk through the scenic river valley on nearby trails. Continue to Anchorage to enjoy a meal of exquisite fresh seafood (wild Alaska salmon is a local dining specialty).

### DAY 7 Anchorage

Anchorage, Alaska's largest city, has world-class theater, a vital arts and culture scene, outdoor markets, music in the park and up to 1,000 resident moose. Visit Lake Hood, the busiest float plane harbor in the world or fish for salmon in downtown Ship Creek. Try an award-winning brewpub or see a baseball game under the midnight sun.



Talkeetna



Flightseeing, Denali National Park

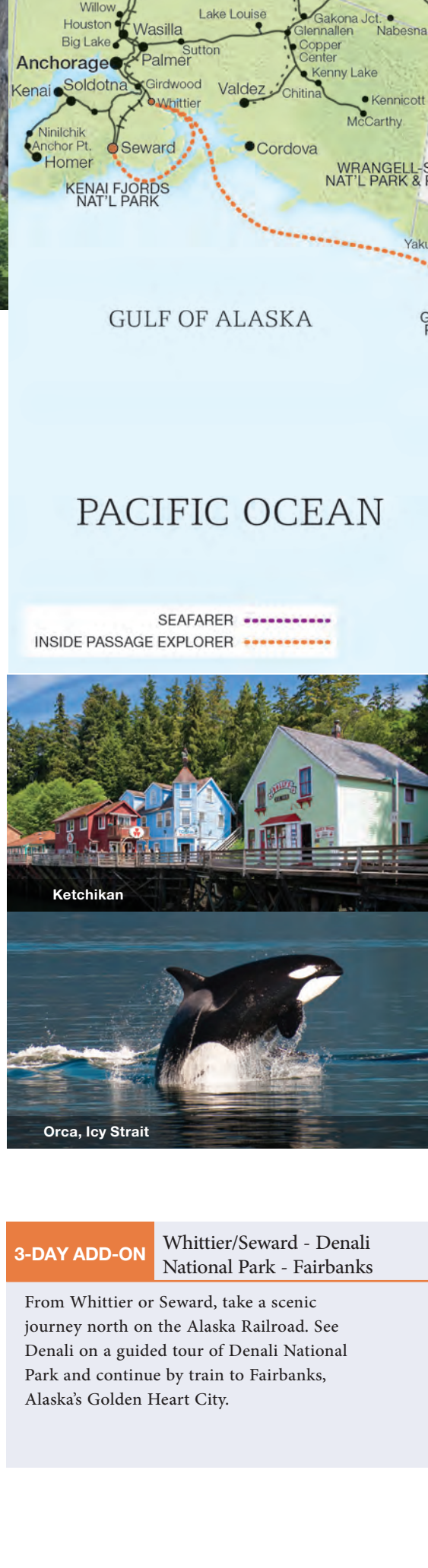
### RAIL OPTIONS

Rather than traveling by car or RV, take a scenic railway tour of Alaska from Fairbanks to Anchorage, stopping overnight in Denali and Talkeetna.





White Pass and Yukon Route, Skagway



GULF OF ALASKA

PACIFIC OCEAN

SEAFARER   
INSIDE PASSAGE EXPLORER 



Ketchikan



Orca, Icy Strait

# The Seafarer

## Coastal Cruise

A cruise through the Inside Passage across the Gulf of Alaska and Prince William Sound lets visitors experience diverse landscapes, pristine waters and spectacular wildlife.

### DAY 1 Vancouver, B.C.

Sail from Vancouver on one of many Alaska cruises. (This cruise can also be made from Alaska to Vancouver.)

### DAY 2 Inside Passage

Alaska's coastline is one of the most scenic waterways in the world. You'll experience wildlife and wonder along Alaska's Inside Passage as you make your way north to Alaska's colorful frontier ports.

### DAY 3 Ketchikan

Known as "Alaska's First City," Ketchikan is the first major community travelers come to as they travel north. Founded as a fishing camp, Ketchikan is built on steep hillsides. Get an introduction to the indigenous people of the area by visiting the Totem Heritage Center, Totem Bight State Historical Park or Saxman Native Village.

### DAY 4 Juneau

Perched on a thin strip of land at the mouth of Gold Creek, Juneau is one of America's most beautiful state capitals. The steep summits of Mount Juneau and Mount Roberts provide a gorgeous backdrop. Juneau was once an integral part of Alaska's Gold Rush.

### DAY 5 Skagway

This "Gateway to the Klondike" saw countless fortune-seekers pass through during the heyday of Alaska's Gold Rush. Today, you can still feel like a prospector among the rustic boardwalks with frontier-style storefronts. Explore town and then take a 3-hour trip on the historic White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad.

### DAY 6 Glacier Bay National Park

Spread across an impressive 3.2 million acres in southeast Alaska, this treasure trove of scenic coastal islands, narrow fjords and abundant wildlife offers an inspirational glimpse of what Mother Nature does best. The park is home to the highest concentration of tidewater glaciers on the planet.

### DAY 7 College Fjords - Whittier/Seward

After crossing the Gulf of Alaska, glide into College Fjords where you will be surrounded by over a dozen ice-blue glaciers. Many were named for one of the Ivy League colleges by members of the expedition that discovered them. Step off your cruise ship in Whittier or Seward. Stay and explore the Kenai Peninsula or travel to Anchorage for a connecting land tour or fly home.

### 3-DAY ADD-ON Whittier/Seward - Denali National Park - Fairbanks

From Whittier or Seward, take a scenic journey north on the Alaska Railroad. See Denali on a guided tour of Denali National Park and continue by train to Fairbanks, Alaska's Golden Heart City.





Haines

# The Inside Passage Explorer

## Inside Passage Fly/Ferry

Visitors looking for an unforgettable expedition discover Alaska by air and sea.

### DAY 1 Ketchikan

Arrive in Ketchikan, Alaska's first port of call, via air or Alaska ferry. Pick up a walking tour map and explore downtown attractions, including historic Creek Street, Tongass Historical Museum, Southeast Alaska Discovery Center and unique local art galleries and shops.

### DAY 2 Ketchikan - Sitka

Take an excursion boat or plane to the 2.3-million-acre Misty Fjords National Monument with its majestic fjords or choose a half-day guided sport fishing trip. In the afternoon, fly to Sitka.

### DAY 3 Sitka

Tour historic St. Michael's Cathedral and the Russian Bishop's House in what was once the Russian capital of Alaska. Take in Alaska Native artifacts at Sheldon Jackson Museum, totem poles and a cultural center at Sitka National Historical Park and view eagles and other birds of prey up close at the Alaska Raptor Center.

### DAY 4 Sitka - Juneau

Take the ferry or fly to Juneau, Alaska's capital. Visit magnificent Mendenhall Glacier, 13 miles (20 km) from downtown, a rainforest botanical garden, a fish hatchery or ride the Mount Roberts tramway.

### DAY 5 Juneau

Pick from dozens of soft adventure tours like sea kayaking, rafting, glacier trekking or hike one of Juneau's numerous trails. Visit shops and museums in the historic downtown area.

### DAY 6 Juneau - Haines

Enjoy a morning cruise on the Alaska Ferry to Haines. Discover historic Fort William H. Seward on the shores of America's longest fjord. In the afternoon, explore the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve. Spend the night in Haines.

### DAY 7 Haines - Skagway - Juneau

Get an early start and take the water taxi or ferry to Skagway, a browser's paradise. Take in the Gold Rush history on the "Scenic Railway of the World," the railroad to the White Pass summit. Return to Juneau via fast ferry or air taxi before departing.



Kayaking, Juneau



Alaska Raptor Center, Sitka

### 3-DAY ADD-ON Wrangell and Petersburg

After leaving Ketchikan, travel via ferry, jet or air taxi to the small communities of Wrangell and Petersburg. In Wrangell, take an exhilarating run up the Stikine River by jet boat or visit Petroglyph Beach to view prehistoric rock carvings. In Petersburg, also known as "Little Norway," see traditional Norwegian painted buildings and take an excursion to LeConte Glacier.





Alaska SeaLife Center, Seward



# Land of Natural Wonders

## Anchorage & The Kenai

The ideal place to experience a great mix of Alaska culture and wildlife.

### DAY 1 Anchorage

Experience the wonders of Alaska's indigenous peoples at the Alaska Native Heritage Center. Climb Flattop Mountain, one of the city's popular day hikes, or stroll a peaceful, wooded trail in Bicentennial Park. Visit the Alaska Zoo or tee off under the midnight sun before capping off the evening with a Broadway show.

### DAY 2 Anchorage

Start the day on the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail with views of Cook Inlet and six mountain ranges. Visit Sunshine Plaza for a historical view of the 1964 earthquake or see it firsthand at Earthquake Park. Then drive towards Turnagain Arm to Potter Marsh, home to more than 140 species of waterfowl.

### DAY 3 Anchorage - Seward

Head 127 miles (204 km) south via the Seward Highway, a National Scenic Byway and All-American Road. In Seward, visit the Alaska SeaLife Center and Exit Glacier, one of Alaska's most accessible glaciers. Take a boat tour of Kenai Fjords National Park to see a variety of sea life, such as otters, sea lions and puffins.

### DAY 4 Seward - Soldotna - Kenai

Drive through the Chugach National Forest west to Soldotna, famous for Kenai River King salmon, and the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, home to moose and other wildlife. Visit nearby Kenai, rich in history and culture, and tour the Holy Assumption Russian Orthodox Church, a National Historic Landmark.

### DAY 5 Kenai - Homer

Take a morning drive south along the bluffs of Cook Inlet, where sightings of beluga whales and seals are common. At the end of the road, you'll reach Homer, a bustling artist community and the Halibut Capital of the World. Take an afternoon to explore Homer's historic harbor walk and eclectic art galleries.

### DAY 6 Homer

Explore the Homer Spit, with miles of beaches, charter a fishing expedition or take a water taxi to Halibut Cove, a quiet paradise tucked away in Kachemak Bay State Park.

### DAY 7 Homer - Girdwood - Anchorage

While driving to Anchorage, stop at Portage Glacier for a boat tour or visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center for wildlife viewing. Eat lunch in Girdwood, home to a luxury year-round resort based at sea level. Ride the enclosed aerial tram up Mount Alyeska for spectacular views.



Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, Anchorage



Homer

### 2-DAY ADD-ON Anchorage-Kodiak Island

From Anchorage, fly to Kodiak Island, Alaska's Emerald Isle. Explore Kodiak's magnificent coastal scenery by land and by sea, enjoy world-class sport fishing, view Kodiak brown bears, marvel at the marine wildlife and birds and learn about Kodiak's rich Alutiiq and Russian heritage.





Dog mushing, Girdwood



# Winter Wonderland

## Girdwood to Fairbanks and the Arctic

If you only see Alaska in the summer, you're missing half the adventure. It's one of the best places to view the northern lights and experience unique winter festivals and events. During February and March there's plenty of daylight and temperatures are perfect for playing outside!

### DAY 1 Anchorage

Time your visit to take advantage of Anchorage's liveliest winter festivals and events – the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous Festival and the ceremonial start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Spend your first day taking in Fur Rondy events like the snow sculptures, an Alaska Native arts market and carnival rides and games.

### DAY 2 Girdwood

Rent a car and drive 35 miles (56 km) south to Girdwood, the state's premier alpine ski town. Choose from activities like backcountry heli-skiing and sightseeing, snowmobiling, or skiing on miles of downhill and Nordic ski trails. Take a tram ride to the top of Mount Alyeska for dinner and an unbeatable view. Cap the day off at the spa.

### DAY 3 Anchorage

Return to Anchorage for the annual sled dog races. In late February catch the Rondy World Championship sprint races, and in early March it's the ceremonial start to the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. For both events, downtown comes alive with performers, reindeer hot dog vendors and other attractions as teams stream through town.

### DAY 4 Mat-Su

Make the short 42-mile (67-km) trip north to the Mat-Su Valley. Travel to the town of Willow and take in the re-start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Or head northeast and explore the stunning scenery and recreation at Hatcher Pass. Once home to a booming gold mine, the area is popular for sledding, snowshoeing, skiing and snowmobiling.

### DAY 5 Fairbanks

In the morning, fly to Fairbanks. Spend the day exploring local museums, art galleries and cultural facilities, including the University of Alaska Museum of the North and the Fairbanks Community Museum. Pay a visit to the World Ice Art Championships' outdoor ice park, which features dozens of glittering ice sculptures lit up to dazzle after dark.

### DAY 6 Chena Hot Springs

Enjoy a scenic drive to Chena Hot Springs. Upon arrival, visit the Aurora Ice Museum, crafted from more than 1,000 tons of ice. Take a dog mushing tour, then soak off the chill in the outdoor geothermal hot springs pool. Once it's dark, keep your eyes on the sky for sightings of the northern lights.



World Ice Art Championships, Fairbanks



Independence Mine, Hatcher Pass

### 1-3-DAY ADD-ON Arctic Adventure

Travel north from Fairbanks on a one- to three-day guided adventure. Fly over vast Alaska wilderness, celebrate crossing the Arctic Circle and visit a rural village or lodge. Enjoy the stunning winter landscapes of the high Arctic and the opportunity to witness the northern lights. Return by air or via the Dalton Highway, the northernmost highway in the United States.





# Southwest

## Kodiak Archipelago

Kodiak is the principal town on Kodiak Island and the home to a major fishing fleet. Established as the first capital of Russian America in 1792, reminders of this era can be found at the Holy Resurrection Russian Orthodox Cathedral and the Baranov Museum – formerly a fur storehouse and Alaska’s oldest wooden structure.

The original inhabitants of Kodiak were the Alutiiq people – 7,000 years later, their descendants still live on the island. Visit the Alutiiq Museum Archaeological Repository in downtown Kodiak and get a glimpse into Alutiiq history and culture. Villages scattered throughout the archipelago offer insights into traditional Alutiiq lifestyle.

The Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge covers two-thirds of Kodiak Island, offering protected habitat for world-famous Kodiak brown bears – the world’s largest land carnivore. Visit the refuge interpretive center and catch a floatplane to backcountry viewing destinations. The Kodiak

Island Archipelago offers a plethora of outdoor recreation opportunities, including hiking, fishing, kayaking, whale watching and bear viewing.

Originally a WWII coastal fortification, Fort Abercrombie Historical State Park was one of the first radar installations in Alaska. It is now a national historic landmark and provides a forest setting for day hikes, picnics and camping.

## Bristol Bay

Scheduled air service from Anchorage to Dillingham, King Salmon and Iliamna provides access to Bristol Bay’s numerous fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities. Many indigenous cultures also meet here, including Yupik, Alutiiq and Athabascan.

King Salmon is the gateway to Katmai National Park and Preserve, an excellent place to view brown bears. Visitors can explore the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, a striking landscape created by the 1912 eruption of Novarupta Volcano. Lake Clark National Park and Preserve offers a wilderness of seacoast, mountains, glaciers and lakes filled with trophy-sized rainbow trout.

When visiting Dillingham, be sure to try your hand at landing some of Alaska’s famous salmon or watch for the area’s plentiful wildlife. Dillingham is the gateway to the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, Walrus Islands State Game Sanctuary and Wood-Tikchik State Park – the largest state park in the United States.

Lake Iliamna drains into the Kvichak River drainage, an important habitat for sockeye salmon and possibly the largest contributor to the Bristol Bay fishery. It is also the only state-designated trophy sport fishery.



Pribilof Islands





Kodiak

## Alaska Peninsula

The Alaska Peninsula reaches 550 miles (885 km) into the Pacific Ocean. This geologically active area is home to volcanoes and sea-carved coastlines, ancient Aleut village sites and unparalleled wildlife viewing opportunities.

Scheduled air service from Anchorage to Cold Bay provides access to an array of national wildlife refuges and nearby communities, including the Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve and the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, an important migratory habitat for birds, ducks and geese. Brown bear and other wildlife viewing opportunities are plentiful on the peninsula.

## Aleutian Islands

Past the tip of the Alaska Peninsula, the Aleutian Islands begin their more than 1,000-mile (1,609-km) sweep toward Asia. These incredible windswept islands, now part of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, were the theater for the 19-day Battle of Attu between Japanese and American troops in May 1943.

Visitors can reach Unalaska via air service from Anchorage or Cold Bay or by taking a summer ferry from Kodiak. Unalaska was an early trading post of the Russian American Company and center of the sea otter trade in the 1700s. The local fishing fleet holds the distinction of leading the nation in quantity of landed catch. Visitors enjoy exploring the Aleutian WWII Visitor Center and a network of bunkers and pillboxes. Local Unangan (Aleut) culture and history can be found at the Museum of the Aleutians.

## Pribilof Islands

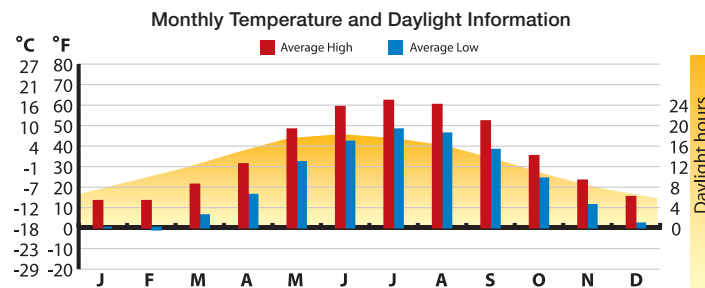
Fly from Anchorage to see the world-famous wildlife colonies on St. George and St. Paul Islands in the Bering Sea. More than 240 bird species, including colorful puffins, have been seen on rock cliffs and grassy tundra. A nesting population of 2.5 million birds makes St. George home to some of the largest seabird colonies in the Northern Hemisphere. St. Paul's beaches also play host to an amazing number of fur seals.

Those furs were what first drew Russian explorers to the islands in 1786, using Aleut labor to harvest the animals. Today the islands provide support for the Bering Sea fishing fleet. Known as the "Galapagos of the North," they have also become a major destination for birdwatchers from around the world. The island's Russian churches can be found on the National Register of Historic Places.

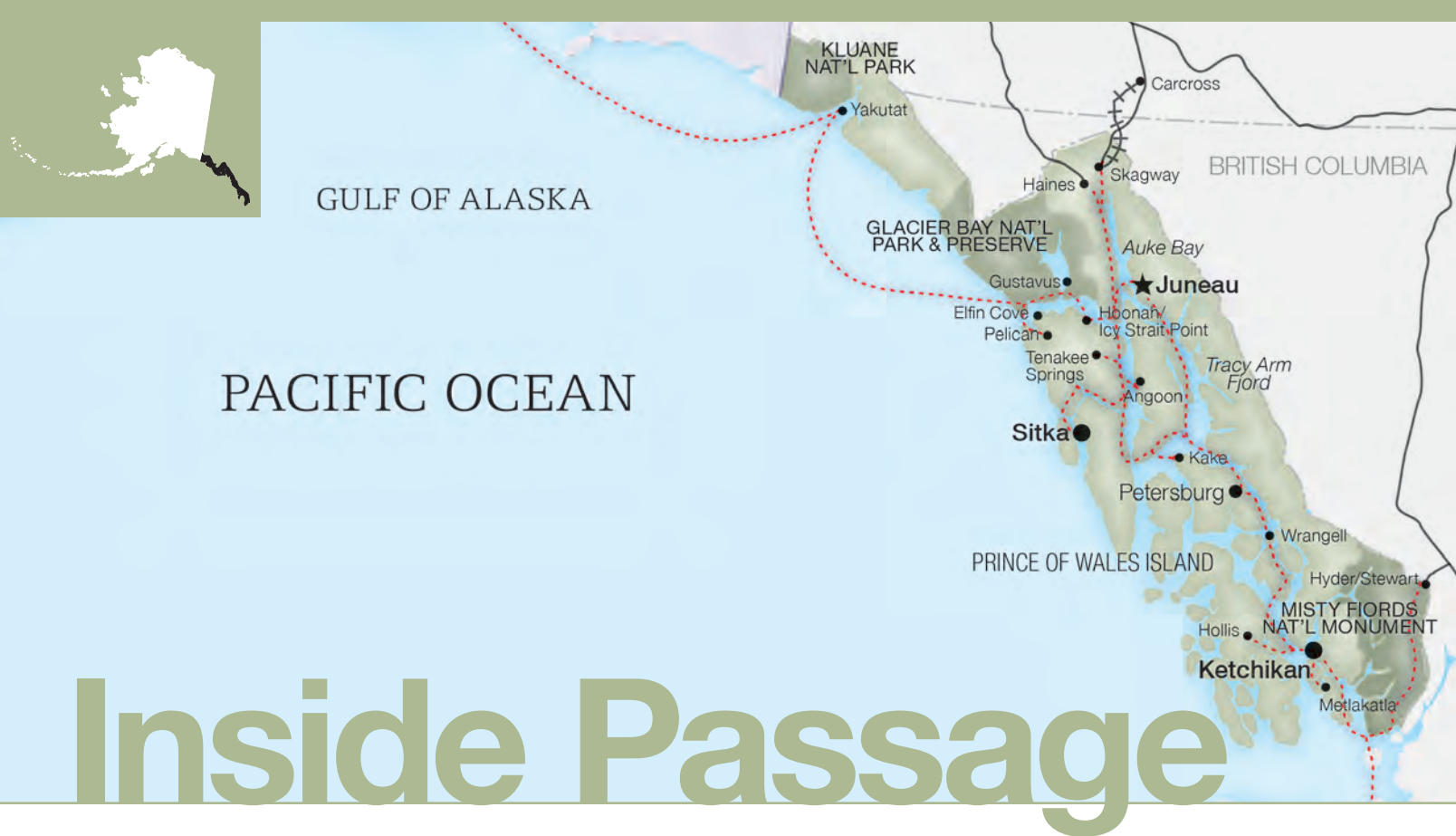
## Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta

The waters of the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers flow through a vast, treeless plain encompassed by the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge. These expansive river drainages offer habitat for a wide array of birds and wildlife.

Bethel, a port community on the Kuskokwim River, is the commercial hub of the area. A Yupik trading center in the 1870s, Bethel remains a marketplace for ivory carvings, baskets and other Native craft items. The Yupit Piciryarait Cultural Center features Native exhibits and demonstrations of dancing and carving. The Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center and Museum Annex offers exhibits of traditional Native tools and clothing, a collection of vintage photos, Native art classes and a gift shop. With daily scheduled air service from Anchorage, Bethel is easily accessible.







# Inside Passage

One option for traveling to Alaska is via the state ferry system from Bellingham, Washington or Prince Rupert, British Columbia. Either way, travelers can see glaciers, wildlife and wilderness as they glide between forested islands on the route known as the “Inside Passage,” stopping at unique coastal towns along the way. Fish the pristine salt and fresh waters for all 5 species of salmon, halibut or steelhead.

## Southern Region

The southernmost spot on our map is the town of Metlakatla, on the west coast of Annette Islands Reserve. Metlakatla is part of a federal reservation for the Tsimshian Indians, and is accessible by air or state ferry. If you’re planning to stay here longer than 24 hours, you’ll need a visitor permit.

Next up is Ketchikan, this multi-island community is located in the heart of the Tongass National Forest. It’s the southernmost port of call for most Inside Passage cruises, and can be reached by daily jet service. Local museums and attractions highlight the town’s heritage. Visitors can explore the history of the area’s traditional Alaska Native culture, fishing and timber industries. Activities include camping, boating, ziplining and sport fishing excursions. Visitors will find an array of shops and art galleries downtown and while strolling along the boardwalks of historical Creek Street. In addition to all the natural scenery, Ketchikan is also home to the largest collection of totem poles in the world.

From Ketchikan, you can also travel by boat or plane into Misty Fiords National Monument. These 2.3-million-acres of glacially carved fjords are awe-inspiring, sheltering magnificent species of land animals and sea life.

Step back in time and experience the abundant wildlife, rugged mountain terrain and uncrowded waters of Prince of Wales Island. Located just 600

miles (965 km) north of Seattle, fly or ferry to the fourth-largest island in the U.S. Explore a network of 2,000 miles (3,219 km) of roads including 200 miles (322 km) of paved Alaska Scenic Byway, or boat around 990 miles (1,593 km) of shoreline and outlying islands. Visitors enjoy kayaking, camping, whale and bird watching, totem parks and villages rich in Alaska Native culture.

Ferries provide service from Ketchikan to Hollis, and from there visitors can travel by road to other communities, such as Craig, Klawock, Thorne Bay, Coffman Cove and Hydaburg. The northern end of the island is known for its limestone caves and grottoes. The most popular cave is El Capitan (check with U.S. Forest Service during the summer months for a tour schedule).

Four distinct groups of people shaped the history of Wrangell: Russians, the English, Americans and the Tlingit. While in town, learn the area’s history by visiting the newly-restored Tribal House on Chief Shakes Island or by exploring Petroglyph Beach State Historic Park and searching for prehistoric rock carvings. The Wrangell Museum offers interactive displays of Wrangell’s colorful history. When prospectors first came to the area, they sought out the “gateway to the Stikine,” a river with exciting tours of wildlife, glaciers and hot springs. Visit Anan Bear and Wildlife Observatory for an up-close view of black and brown bears feasting on wild salmon.

Petersburg residents celebrate their Norwegian culture with decorative rosemaling (traditional Norwegian painting) on houses and storefronts, and a rousing Little Norway Festival every May. Enjoy an excursion to LeConte Glacier, the southernmost active tidewater glacier in North America.





Ketchikan



Skagway

## Northern Region

In Sitka, the Russian capital of Alaska from 1808 to 1867, the New Archangel Dancers®, St. Michael's Cathedral and the Russian Bishop's House keep the Russian spirit alive. Experience Native culture at the Naa Kahidi dance show, Sheldon Jackson Museum, totem poles and Tlingit artist demonstrations at Sitka National Historical Park and Southeast Alaska Indian Cultural Center or view eagles at the Alaska Raptor Center.

Alaska's capital and the gateway to Glacier Bay National Park, Juneau is nestled between towering mountains and the tidewaters of Gastineau Channel. The downtown district is a lively mix of modern architecture and quaint Victorian homes. Popular attractions include the St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church (1894), Macaulay Salmon Hatchery and the famous Mendenhall Glacier. Visitors can also flightsee over the magnificent Juneau Icefield, birthing ground to more than 40 glaciers, or take a scenic boat tour to Tracy Arm Fjord to view birds, seals and whales.

Near Juneau is Admiralty Island National Monument, home of the largest brown bear population in southeast Alaska. Angoon, a Tlingit village, shares the island with the highest concentration of nesting bald eagles in North America. Visit Elfin Cove, once strictly a commercial fishing village, now home to several sport fishing lodges. Travel on to the rustic fishing town of Pelican and walk its popular boardwalk or take a charter boat trip and see why the town is known for being "closest to the fish."

Haines hosts the Southeast Alaska State Fair every July. Come here to camp in sight of two glaciers at Chilkat State Park, or to explore a former Army hospital now used as an Alaska Native arts center at nearby Fort William H. Seward.

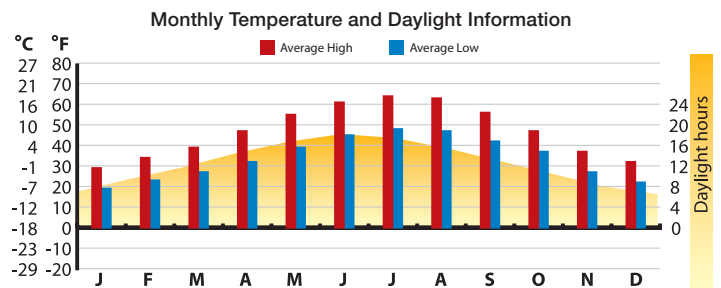
Over 3,000 bald eagles congregate in the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve during fall and winter to feed upon spawning salmon. The Preserve is home to the Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage Center as well.

History lives on in Skagway, Alaska's first incorporated city. Born of the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898, the town once teemed with nearly 10,000 prospectors on their quest for gold. Explore downtown, where the era's history is preserved in wooden boardwalks, restored historical buildings and nearby Dyea along the 33-mile (53-km) Chilkoot Trail. Visit the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park or take an excursion on the narrow gauge White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad – one of the world's most scenic mountain railways.

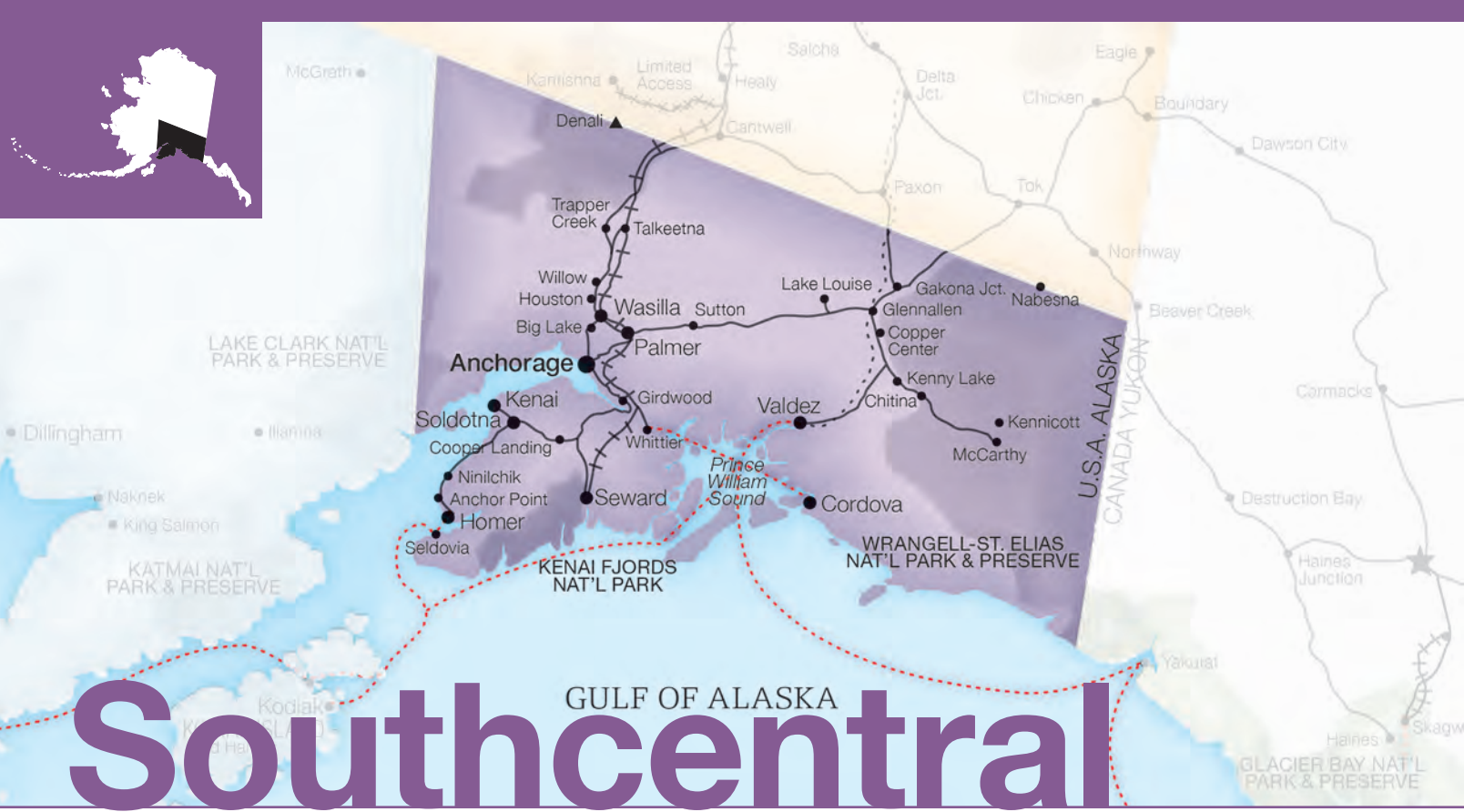
Yakutat, once a winter village for the Tlingit people, offers excellent steelhead fishing. The village is your departure point for kayak and boat expeditions to Hubbard Glacier and Russell Fjord. Flightseeing tours also take you to Malaspina Glacier, the largest glacier in North America. Located on Chichagof Island, Tenakee Springs has quiet beaches and a rustic bathhouse fed by hot springs. There is excellent sport fishing in Hoonah, a Tlingit settlement which also hosts a world-class 5,330-foot zipline at Icy Strait Point. Other activities include kayaking, bear viewing, whale watching and dance performances at the Heritage Center Native Theater.

## Glacier Bay

Eleven spectacular glaciers flow from surrounding mountains into the waters of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. Departing from Bartlett Cove or Juneau, enjoy a daytrip, overnight cruise, flightseeing tour or sea kayaking expedition. Access the national park directly from Gustavus, a 20-minute flight or three-hour boat ride from Juneau. Accommodations are available at several locations within town.







# Southcentral

## Anchorage

Alaska's largest city, Anchorage (pop. 300,950), is a thriving metropolis. Surrounded by wilderness and six mountain ranges, Anchorage boasts luxury hotels, delectable restaurants, art galleries and specialty shops. The city has a vibrant arts and music scene, featuring world-class dance, theater and Broadway performances. The Chugach Mountains provide a striking backdrop that can be viewed from anywhere in the city and along 250 miles (402 km) of local trails.

Anchorage is rich in history and culture. The Anchorage Museum showcases an impressive collection depicting 10,000 years of Alaska history. Experience the state's distinctive Native culture through storytelling, song and dance as you explore five traditional villages at the Alaska Native Heritage Center.

Visitors can enjoy a wide variety of wildlife within Anchorage, including a resident moose population up to 1,000. Wildlife watching is always easy at the Alaska Zoo, Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center and Potter Marsh. Enjoy the scenery along the 11-mile (18-km) Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, accessible from downtown. Fishing for salmon in downtown Anchorage is an unexpected surprise at Ship Creek. The city's surrounding lakes and rivers are rich with chum, sockeye, King, silver and pink salmon.

Take in the alpine scenery of Chugach State Park from Flattop Mountain, Powerline Pass or the Eagle River Nature Center. Learn about Russian and Alaska Native culture at the St. Nicholas Russian Church and view brightly painted spirit houses at the Eklutna Historical Park. Stop by Eklutna Lake, a popular recreation site known for its emerald-blue waters. Head south to Crow Creek Mine in Girdwood and pan for gold or enjoy

the community's shops and restaurants. Take a ride up Alyeska Resort's passenger tram for panoramic views of mountains, glaciers and Turnagain Arm.

## Prince William Sound

Prince William Sound encompasses 3,125 square miles (8,100 square km) of protected waterways, islands, fjords and over 100 glaciers. The region is home to whales, porpoise, sea otters, sea lions and seals. Bear, deer, mountain goats and sheep inhabit the mainland.

Three communities provide access to adventure via day cruises, charter boats, flightseeing tours and the state ferry.

From Whittier, cruises and charters offer access to some of Prince William Sound's most spectacular sights. Sit in front of a tidewater glacier, kayak a sheltered cove, explore a tide pool or secluded beach. Whittier offers a unique mixture of WWII history and small coastal town charm.

Just outside Valdez, you can see the magnificent Columbia Glacier, one of the best places to see a glacier calving into the ocean. Activities are abundant in Valdez throughout the year. You can also enjoy glacier trekking, kayaking, rafting, skiing, snowmobiling, sightseeing and tax-free shopping. See towering waterfalls or visit the town's museums. Experience colossal salmon runs from shore or take a charter.

Visitors from around the globe trek to Cordova to view glaciers, fish for salmon, explore Orca Inlet and the Copper River Delta, or see thousands of shorebirds at Hartney Bay.



## The Kenai

The Kenai Peninsula, just south of Anchorage, is known as “Alaska’s Playground.” You’ll find spectacular scenery, wildlife, rich culture and legendary fishing. The Kenai Mountains, which span the Chugach National Forest, Kachemak Bay State Park, Kenai Fjords National Park and Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, contain the easily accessible Exit Glacier and hundreds of miles of trails. Experience wild whitewater and placid scenic waterways or paddle more than 100 miles (161 km) of canoe trails.

Witness calving glaciers and marine wildlife on a sightseeing cruise from Seward, gateway to Kenai Fjords National Park. The Alaska SeaLife Center also offers up-close viewing of marine mammals and sea birds. From the highway, enjoy the turquoise color of the rivers and lakes surrounding Cooper Landing. Four species of salmon spawn on the peninsula. Soldotna boasts the world record King salmon (97.25 lbs) and more than 2,800 feet of elevated Kenai River boardwalk. The central peninsula is home to four caribou herds, one near the city of Kenai, known for its historical sites and cultural heritage.

A shoreline drive showcases four active volcanoes across Cook Inlet and, at the end of the road, the Homer Spit extends five miles out to sea with breathtaking views of mountains, glaciers and Kachemak Bay. The gateway to Katmai National Park and the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, Homer offers unrivaled bear viewing, kayaking and birding.

## Mat-Su Valley

Located approximately 45 miles (72 km) north of Anchorage on the Glenn Highway National Scenic Byway, the Matanuska Valley is a fertile farmland settled by families from the Midwest as part of a New Deal relief program in 1935. Tour Palmer to discover the history of these early “colonists” and see the legendary, gigantic vegetables at the Alaska State Fair in August.

In the neighboring Susitna Valley, explore Wasilla, home of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race®. Visitors can learn from an Iditarod veteran what it takes to complete the “Last Great Race™” at the area’s local dog kennels. A few miles west is Big Lake, a popular destination for boating and salmon fishing.

Farther north is Talkeetna – known as the staging site for climbers as they begin their trip up Denali. Flightseeing tours of the mountain are a local specialty. On clear days, Denali State Park offers breathtaking vistas of Denali, North America’s highest peak.

A 50-mile (80-km) scenic loop between the George Parks and Glenn Highways takes you to Hatcher Pass and the Independence Mine State Historical Park. Visit the park’s interpretive center and explore abandoned buildings and equipment in the old gold mines.

## Copper River Valley & Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve

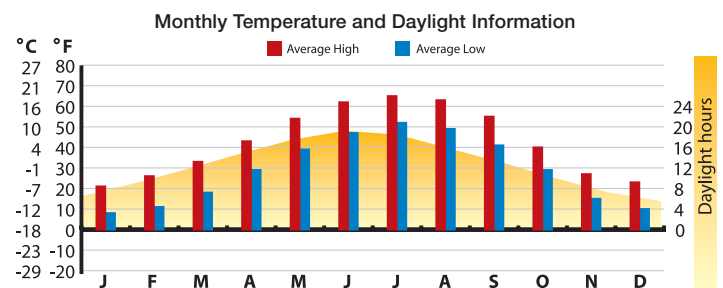
The Copper River Valley is home to the Copper River red salmon and Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, the largest national park in the United States. The valley is a popular destination for backcountry recreation, sport fishing, river rafting, hiking, glacier climbing, flightseeing and Native culture. Glennallen is the informational hub of the region. Copper Center lies a few miles south of Glennallen, home to the visitor center for Wrangell-St. Elias. The historical mining towns of McCarthy and Kennicott lie at the heart of the park.



Hiking, Kennecott Copper Mine



Fishing, Cordova







# Interior

## Alaska Highway

On the northbound trek on the Alaska Highway, you will reach Tok 93 miles from the Canadian border. Located between the Tanana River and the Alaska Range, Tok is a trade center for several Athabaskan Native villages. Visit the Tok Public Lands Information Center for museum displays, a wildlife film and trip-planning information. The Tok Chamber of Commerce “Main Street Alaska” Visitors Center also provides advice for accessing local hiking, fishing, flightseeing and bicycling attractions.

Take the Taylor Highway north to visit the Gold Rush transportation center of Eagle and park headquarters for the Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve. From Eagle, you can take a week-long float trip down the Yukon River to Circle.

The Alaska Highway officially ends in Delta Junction. From there you can visit glaciers, pick wild berries, fish for Arctic grayling or even observe a herd of American bison at the Delta Junction State Bison Range. East of town, the Clearwater State Recreation Site offers fishing, camping and boat access to the Tanana and Goodpaster Rivers. Travel nine miles north of Delta Junction on the Richardson Highway to visit the Big Delta State Historical Park, featuring vintage photographs, pioneer relics and Athabaskan Native artifacts. Nearby, Quartz Lake State Recreation Area offers camping, boating and fishing for rainbow trout and silver salmon.

## Fairbanks

In 1902, Italian prospector Felix Pedro discovered gold just north of Fairbanks, and with that came thousands of prospectors in search of the “mother lode.” More than a century later, Fairbanks continues to thrive as the regional trade and transportation center and the gateway to Alaska’s vast Interior and Arctic.

With more than 20 hours of daily sunlight from mid-May through July, play a round at the farthest north golf course or wet a fly for Arctic grayling on a quiet stream. Try your luck at gold panning or relax aboard a sternwheeler cruise on the Chena and Tanana Rivers. Experience yesteryear at Pioneer Park, with authentic turn-of-the-century cabins, pioneer and aviation museums and shops linked by train.

In July, attend Golden Days, an annual celebration of gold discovery or watch the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics.

No visit is complete without a stop at the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center in downtown Fairbanks on the banks of the Chena River. Learn about the history and culture of the area through informative displays.

As the midnight sun sets, so rises the aurora borealis, providing a perfect backdrop for winter adventure – from dog sledding to cross-country and downhill skiing to snowmobiling. Fairbanks hosts the Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race as well as the GCI Open North American Championship Sled Dog Race.



Visit the University of Alaska Museum of the North with exhibits on Alaska's natural history, wildlife and Native culture, and explore the Rose Berry Alaska Art Gallery.

The nearby community of North Pole, "where the spirit of Christmas lives year-round," receives and answers thousands of letters to Santa each year.

Get an up-close view of the Trans-Alaska pipeline at Fox, just north of Fairbanks, or drive the 60 miles to Chena Hot Springs Resort, where you can soak in natural mineral hot springs both summer and winter.

A fly-in excursion to Fort Yukon on the Arctic Circle will give you a picture of life on the Yukon River in Alaska's largest Athabaskan village.

Traveling south from Fairbanks, stop by the town of Nenana, which lies on the banks of the Tanana and Nenana Rivers. Visitors can explore St. Mark's Episcopal Church, originally built in 1905. The pews are embellished with handmade carvings, and the altar cloth is made of moosehide decorated with Native beadwork. Also available for exploration is Nenana's railroad depot, which can be found on the National Register of Historic Places.

## Denali & Denali National Park and Preserve

From Nenana, continue south to Denali and Denali National Park and Preserve. "Denali" is Athabaskan meaning "the high one." The area offers hotels, campgrounds and many other visitor services. Recreational opportunities include hiking, rock and ice climbing, photography, wildlife viewing, nature walks, horseback treks and river excursions.

Shuttle bus service and guided tours into the park's wilderness are offered, as private vehicles are not permitted within the park. The 91-mile (146-km) road traverses the park, offering views of Wonder Lake, Savage River, Polychrome Pass, the Outer Range, Sanctuary River, Muldrow Glacier and the Kantishna mining district. While traveling by bus, visitors have the opportunity to see caribou, grizzly bears, wolves, moose, Dall sheep, lynx, marmots, fox and snowshoe hares. Many of the park's birds visit during the summer months, but year-round residents include ravens, great horned owls and three species of ptarmigan.

The Eielson Visitor Center is located 66 miles (106 km) into the park and is a great place to learn about the cultural and natural resources of the area. The facility is also a model of environmentally sensitive construction and sustainable design. With both indoor and outdoor viewing areas, new exhibits and interior eating and interpretive program space, a stop at the center will greatly enhance your experience while in the park.

South of the national park, visit Denali State Park for its famous panoramic views of Denali and the Alaska Range. Or take the Denali Highway east from Cantwell at the edge of Denali National Park to Paxson. Just south of Paxson lies the Gulkana River, where spawning salmon can be seen from mid- to late-summer. The region also offers excellent fishing opportunities for trout and grayling.



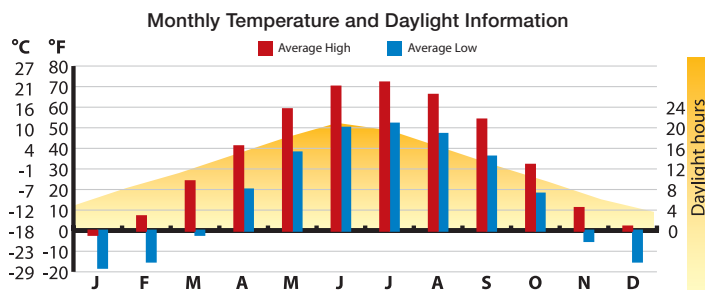
Cabin with Aurora, near Fairbanks



The Riverboat Discovery on the Chena River in Fairbanks



Eielson Visitor Center, Denali National Park







# Arctic

## Western Arctic

The communities of Alaska's Arctic are accessible from Fairbanks or Anchorage via jet or small aircraft. This is one of Alaska's most diverse regions, filled with cultural opportunities, wildlife and a landscape ranging from coastal plains to mountain ranges.

Nome offers a variety of ways to enjoy the Arctic's great outdoors. Accessible by cruise ship and surrounded by tundra, Nome provides access to 350 miles (482 km) of surrounding roads, where visitors can explore the countryside and discover pristine, untouched wilderness. While exploring the Seward Peninsula in the summer's extended daylight hours, you'll have a chance to discover wildflowers, moose, reindeer, caribou, musk ox, birds and seals. Nome offers excellent fishing for salmon, Arctic char and grayling and is known for great seafood, including fresh crab and halibut.

In town, the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum houses 14,000 historical photos and exhibits about Native culture and art and the Gold Rush. At the turn of the century, prospectors sifted \$3 million in gold from Nome's sandy beaches. Today, visitors can learn how to wield a gold pan, explore abandoned gold dredges and participate in sled dog demonstrations. Visitors also shop for ivory carvings and crafts handmade by local Native people.

Nome's most exciting annual event is the conclusion of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. The Last Great Race on Earth® is a 1,049-mile (1,688-km) race from Anchorage to Nome. It begins on the first Saturday in March and commemorates efforts to deliver life-saving serum to Nome during a diphtheria epidemic in 1925.

St. Lawrence Island lies in the Bering Sea, 200 miles (321 km) west of Nome and 38 miles (61 km) from Russia. The island has been inhabited for several thousand years and its people are descendants of Siberian Yupik people. St. Lawrence has two villages, Gambell and Savoonga, where Native people in both communities still preserve traditional lifestyles. Several archaeological sites near Gambell are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Bird watchers from around the world travel to the island in search of Asiatic species rarely found in North America. As a special treat to visitors, the mountains of Russia are visible on clear days.

Located 26 miles (42 km) above the Arctic Circle, Kotzebue is one of Alaska's largest and oldest Iñupiat villages. As in many villages, Alaska Natives practice traditional subsistence activities as well as use modern technology. During the summer, this Arctic village receives 36 days of continuous daylight. Bird watching is superb this time of year, so bring your binoculars. Millions of migrating birds and waterfowl arrive to nest in the thousands of lakes on the tundra and river deltas. Surrounding national parks offer hiking trails and the Kobuk, Noatak and Selawik rivers are ideal for kayaking and rafting.

## Arctic Coast

The Iñupiat community of Utqiagvik (Barrow) is the northernmost settlement in America and one of the largest Iñupiat communities. As the seat of the 88,000-square-mile (227,919-square-km) North Slope Borough, Utqiagvik (Barrow) is also the world's largest municipality.





Mount Sukakpak, Dalton Highway

This far north, the summer sun doesn't set for 82 days, shining continually from May 10 to August 2.

Across from the Utqiagvik (Barrow) airport lies the Will Rogers and Wiley Post Monument, commemorating the 1935 plane crash that killed both the American humorist and the famous pilot. Two other monuments to the famous pair, located at the crash site 15 miles (24 km) south of town, are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Whaling and other subsistence activities still play an important role in this Arctic community. In fact, during April and May, visitors can often watch as Native people head for their whaling camps.

Utqiagvik (Barrow) has several hotels, restaurants and other visitor services. There are shops for visitors to purchase Native clothing, masks, baskets and dolls.

Two hundred miles (322 km) east of Utqiagvik (Barrow) is Prudhoe Bay, home of what was once the largest oil field in North America. The 800-mile (1,287-km) Trans-Alaska pipeline starts here and ends in Valdez.

Located 260 miles (418 km) northwest of Fairbanks in the central Brooks Range lies the village of Anaktuvuk Pass. This is the last remaining settlement of the Nunamiut or inland northern Iñupiat people. Their ancestors, who date to 500 B.C., settled the village in this area because it lies directly on a caribou migration route.

The local Simon Paneak Memorial Museum operates year-round, offering geological exhibits and Nunamiut cultural displays. Local crafts, such as caribou skin masks, are available for purchase.



Anaktuvuk Pass, Brooks Range

## Brooks Range

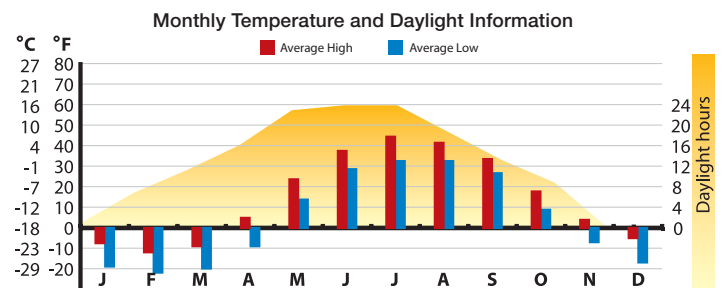
Thousands of caribou migrate through the Brooks Range area each year. They travel through millions of acres of wilderness parklands in the Cape Krusenstern National Monument, Kobuk Valley National Park, Noatak National Preserve, Selawik National Wildlife Refuge, Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Backpacking in these isolated mountains or floating down the unspoiled rivers are unparalleled wilderness experiences.

From Fairbanks or Bettles, the headquarters for many Alaska backcountry guides, visitors can fly to wilderness lodges scattered throughout the Brooks Range.

Another great Alaska experience is to drive the partially gravel Dalton Highway (North Slope Haul Road) to Deadhorse. This 414-mile (666-km) road parallels the northernmost portion of the trans-Alaska pipeline. Few services are available, but wildlife is abundant and fishing for Arctic grayling is superb. For road conditions and public access restrictions, contact the Alaska Department of Transportation at [511.alaska.gov](http://511.alaska.gov). Services available at Coldfoot and Yukon Crossing. Access to Arctic Ocean is only by private shuttle from Deadhorse.



Arctic Circle crossing





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These six regions list more than 200 companies, visitor bureaus and government agencies for you to contact when planning your trip to Alaska.

For easy reference, advertisers are grouped within each region by the city in which their business operates. The example below shows the Southcentral sub-region of The Kenai and the town of Anchor Point as the location.

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## The Kenai

### Anchor Point

#### Where To Stay

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##### Business Name

##### Website

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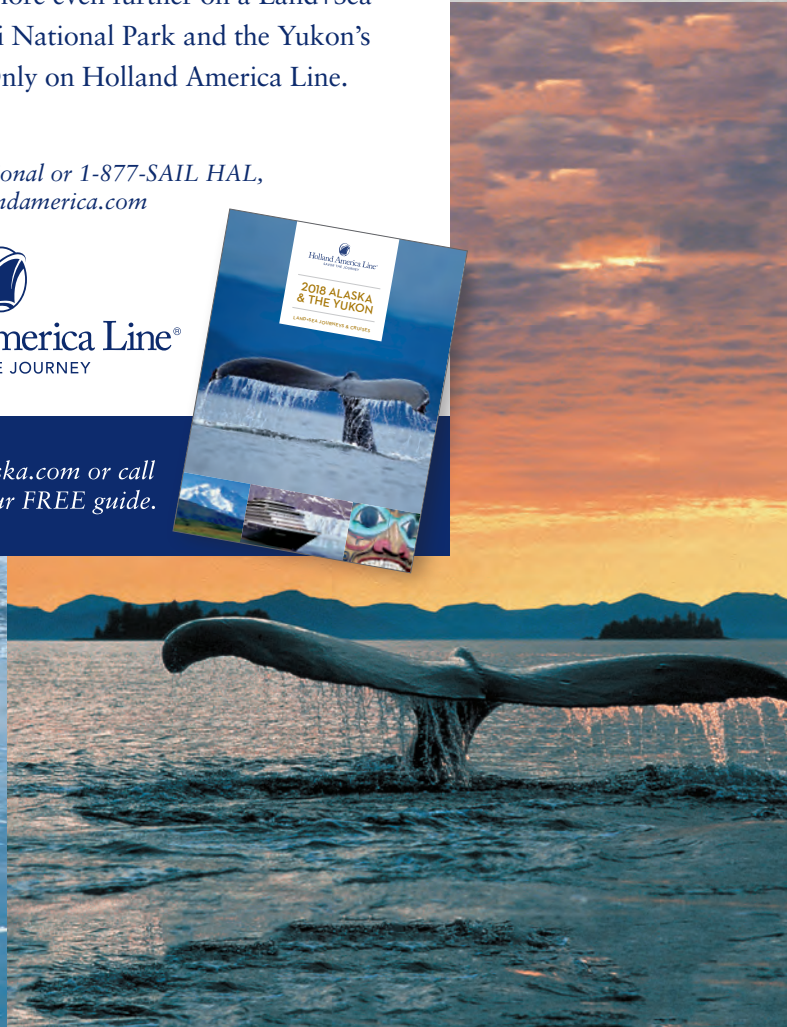
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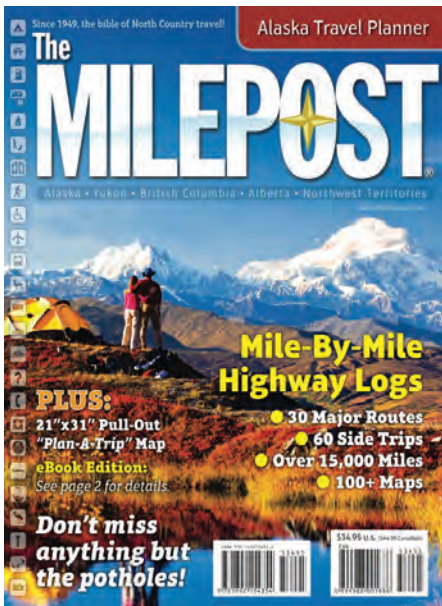
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**Visitor Centers**

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**Skagway**

**What To Do**

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**Southern Region**

**Ketchikan**

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Description information of each of the properties listed can be found on preceding pages under the appropriate city heading.

## NORTHERN REGION

HAINES														
Aspen Suites Hotel Haines	•	50	\$99-\$139	\$159-\$219	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Eagles Nest Motel	•	9	\$81-\$121	\$112-\$143	•	•	•						•	
JUNEAU														
Aspen Suites Hotel Juneau	•	78	\$99	\$219	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
The Driftwood Hotel	•	62	\$85-\$100	\$120-\$180	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
SITKA														
Aspen Suites Hotel Sitka	•	70	\$159	\$229	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
SKAGWAY														
Westmark Inn Skagway	•	94	N/A	\$139-\$169	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•
YAKUTAT														
Leonard's Landing Lodge		• 21	N/A	\$70-\$123			•	•	•					•

## SOUTHERN REGION

KETCHIKAN														
Salmon Falls		• 51	Package	Package	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
The Landing Hotel	•	107	\$120-\$220	\$150-\$355	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

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Boats in harbor, Ketchikan



# Regionwide

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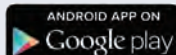
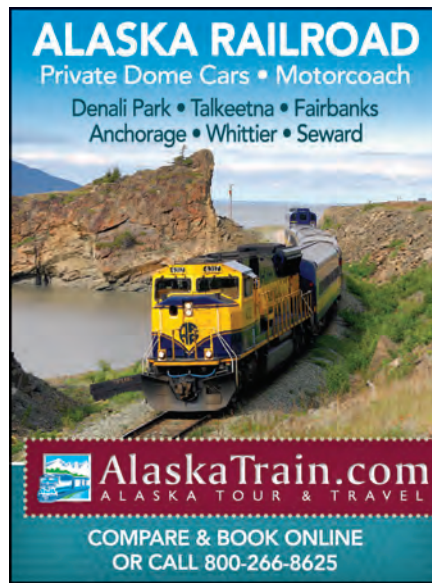
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# Anchorage Area

## Anchorage

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Fishing on the Kenai River, near Cooper Landing

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## The Kenai

## Cooper Landing

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## Homer

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## Kenai

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**Soldotna**

Where To Stay

Hotels & Motels

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What To Do

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Description information of each of the properties listed can be found on preceding pages under the appropriate city heading.

## ANCHORAGE AREA

### ANCHORAGE

Historic Anchorage Hotel	•	26	\$99	\$229	•	•	•		•	♿				
Knik River Lodge & Tours		• 22	N/A	\$259		•	•	•	•		•	•		
Parkside Guest House		• 3	Package	Package			•		•					
The Lakefront Anchorage	•	248	\$99-\$149	\$209-\$329	•	•	•		•	•	♿	•	•	•
Westmark Anchorage Hotel	•	200	\$79-\$169	\$129-\$279	•	•	•		•	•	♿	•	•	•
Aspen Suites Hotel Anchorage	•	92	\$92	\$219	•	•	•	•	•	•	♿			•

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### COPPER CENTER

Copper River Princess Wilderness Lodge		• 85	N/A	\$109-\$209		•	•		•		•			
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### KENNICOTT

Kennicott Glacier Lodge		• 43	N/A	\$195-\$295			•		•	♿	•			
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### MCCARTHY

McCarthy Lodge & Ma Johnson's Hotel		• 20	N/A	\$239			•		•		•	•		
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### LAKE LOUISE

The Point Lodge		• 17	N/A	\$125-\$155			•		•		•	•	•	
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## THE KENAI

### COOPER LANDING

Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge		• 86	N/A	\$109-\$249		•	•		•	♿	•	•		
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### HOMER

Alaska's Pioneer Inn	•	7	\$79-\$109	\$139-\$187	•	•	•	•	•					
Ocean Shores	•	38	N/A	\$159-\$229		•	•	•	•	♿	•	•		

### KENAI

Aspen Suites Hotel Kenai	•	78	\$109	\$219	•	•	•	•	•	♿				•
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Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge		• 16	Package	Package			•			♿				
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### SEWARD

Breeze Inn	•	100	\$69-\$119	\$169-\$269	•	•	•		•	♿	•	•	•	
Harbor 360 Hotel	•	94	\$89-\$139	\$139-\$375	•	•	•		•	♿			•	
Orca Island Cabins		• 8	N/A	\$325-\$350			•	•						

### SOLDOTNA

Aspen Suites Hotel Soldotna	•	63	\$109	\$219	•	•	•	•	•	♿				•
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## MAT-SU VALLEY

Grand View Inn & Suites	•	135	\$75-\$110	\$125-\$189	•	•	•	•	•	♿	•	•	•	•
Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge		• 460	N/A	\$99-\$199		•	•		•	♿	•	•		

\*Price-Per room based on double occupancy excluding taxes. Prices effective at time of printing and subject to change. The 2018 Alaska Vacation Planner does not guarantee the accuracy of these rates. For more information on any lodging above, look for the corresponding ad on surrounding pages.



# Regionwide

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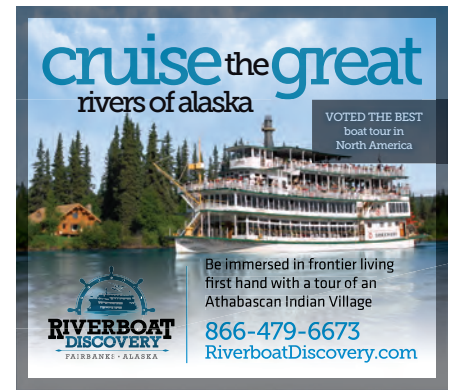
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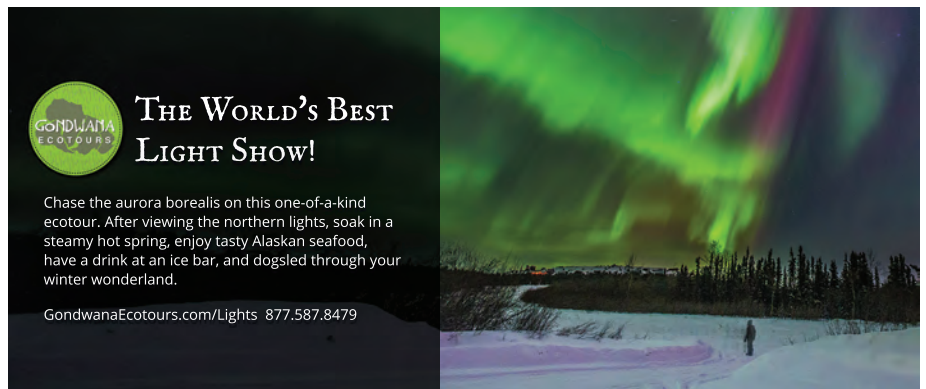
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## DENALI & DENALI NATIONAL PARK AN PRESERVE

### DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE

Camp Denali/North Face Lodge		•	33	Package	Package			•	•					•			
Denali Grizzly Bear Resort	•		146	N/A	\$88-\$359		•	•		•			•	•			•
Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge	•		663	N/A	\$149-\$399		•	•					•	♿	•	•	
Grande Denali Lodge	•		160	N/A	\$249-\$450		•	•					•	♿	•	•	
McKinley Chalet Resort		•	483	N/A	\$149-\$399		•	•					•	♿	•	•	
White Mosse Lodge	•		15	\$95-\$100	\$125		•	•				•					

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Denali Bluffs Hotel	•		178	N/A	\$159-\$400		•	•					•	♿	•	•	
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### FAIRBANKS

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Pike's Waterfront Lodge	•		208	\$119-\$149	\$259-\$520	•	•	•					•	♿	•		•
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Hotel North Pole	•		70	\$86-\$250	\$150-\$250	•	•	•		•			•	♿			•
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Flightseeing tour, Denali National Park



# Regionwide

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### What To Do

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### What To Do

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### Hotels & Motels

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Arctic Ocean with display of bowhead whale jawbones and frames of traditional umiak skin boats, Utqiaġvik (Barrow)



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## ARCTIC COAST

### DEADHORSE/PRUDHOE BAY

Deadhorse Camp	•		17	\$199	\$219	•		•						•			
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## BROOKS RANGE

### COLDFOOT

Coldfoot Camp	•		81	\$199	\$219	•	•	•						•	•		
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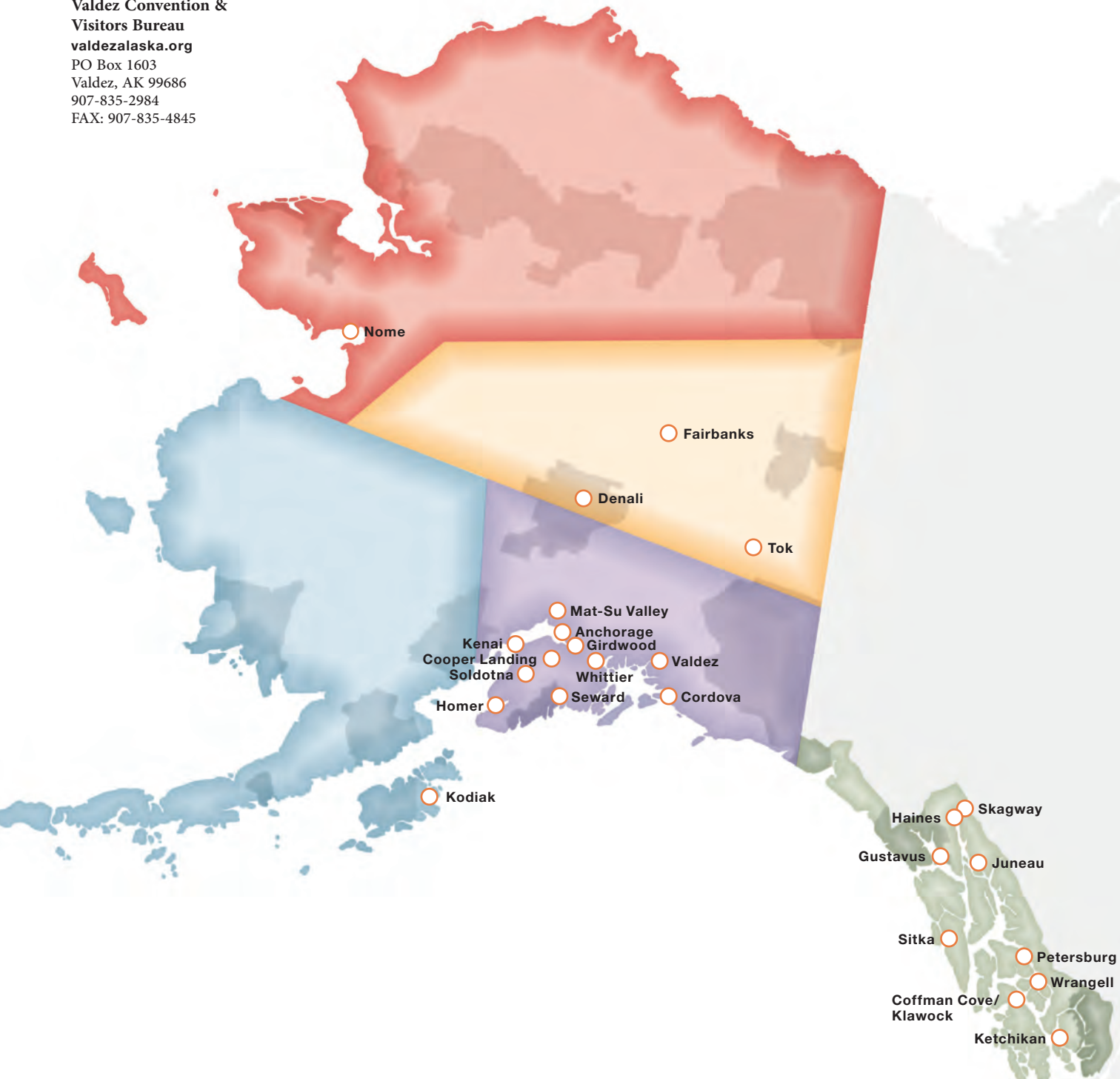
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