

WHERE THE ROADS CAN'T TAKE YOU
FLOATPLANE TOURS FROM ANCHORAGE

So many of Alaska's amazing places can only be discovered by flying.



The views are vastly different from the air, revealing the pristine wilderness of Alaska's roadless backcountry. Alaskans cruise on small seaplanes for access to fantastic scenery, fishing spots and premier wildlife viewing. For many visitors, a floatseeing trip like this is the highlight of their entire Alaska vacation.

Rust's Fly Service offers tours for every budget and schedule, ranging from an incredible 20-minute overview of Anchorage and the surrounding area to a whole day bear viewing or fishing. Rust's takes off and lands on Lake Hood, the largest and busiest seaplane base in the world. Soar over glaciers and towering peaks in Denali National Park, explore massive tectonic plate boundaries in Prince William Sound, or discover the spectacular mountains surrounding Knik River. For a longer expedition into Alaska's backcountry, venture out on a fly-in fishing trip or a fly-in bear viewing trip, which puts you safely in a place to see these majestic giants fishing or foraging for food. Save \$25 per person on Rust's Glacier and Wildlife Tour with Code GW25. Direct bookings only.

To Book: (907) 243-1195, flyrust.com

FISH THE WORLD-FAMOUS KENAI RIVER
TROUT & SALMON FISHING FROM COOPER LANDING



For anglers, this part of the world is practically heaven.

The turquoise blue Kenai River, surrounded by 3,000-foot snow-capped mountains, is home to all five species of Pacific salmon (including the world's largest salmon) plus rainbow trout and Dolly Varden.

Located at the Kenai River's Lodge, which is right on the road system a few hours from Anchorage but which maintains a remote feel. Sixteen comfortable cabins are situated around a main log lodge with a sprawling riverside deck. There's no cable TV or Internet, but you're here to fish, right? The lodge has access to the upper, middle and lower stretches of the river, so that you can target fish on your wish list. On the Upper end of the river, you'll find reds (sockeye salmon), rainbow trout or Dolly Varden. While the lower end has more silver salmon, optional king salmon and halibut catches in Resurrection Bay available to round out your experience. The lodge is run by Alaska Wildland Adventures, a company that specializes in outdoor adventures. Talk to the guides for insights, tips and charter options. They share an expertise and passion for Alaska's outdoors, with an entertaining fishing tale thrown in here and there too.

To Book: (800) 478-4100, kenaiwildernessadventures.com

DISCOVERING DENALI BY AIR
FLIGHTSEEING FROM TALKEETNA



Visit the small mountaineering town of Talkeetna, the starting point for climbers challenging Denali, North America's highest peak (elevation 20,310 feet).

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To Book: (907) 723-2221, flyk2.com

ALASKA'S FAMED COASTAL & BROOKS FALLS BROWN BEARS FLY IN BEAR VIEWING FROM HOMER



Brown bears are the ultimate symbol of the Alaskan wild. Like most things in Alaska, we grow them big; up to 1,400 pounds.

Seeing the massive size and ferocious power of one of these bears is unforgettable. In just a little over an hour's flight from Homer, you can reach remote areas where bears instinctively congregate in lush environments to fatten up before winter. Fly with a family-owned company, Alaska Bear Adventures across Kachemak Bay for the trip of a lifetime. Tours visit Kenai National Park or Lake Clark National Park for coastal viewing or to iconic Brooks Falls to see bears catch fish as they jump up the falls. The scenery for both trips is a breathtaking mix of glacial wilderness lakes, craggy mountain peaks, massive ice fields, pebble beaches, and a wealth of rugged wilderness. Pilots are fully trained bear guides with an avid interest in bear behavior. You may see cubs nursing and playing, sons grazing on seaweed grass, digging for clams at low tide, or fattening up on fish. Tours range from short and sweet (3-4 hrs) to full day expeditions (8-11 hrs), but their classic trip (5-7 hrs) and Brooks Falls (7-8 hrs) are preferred by most.

To Book: (907) 522-4242, alaskabearviewing.com

MODERN COMFORT IN ALASKA
WILDERNESS LODGES NEAR DENALI'S MUST-SEE DESTINATIONS



See Alaska's wide-open spaces and dramatic mountain views from the ideal spot - Princess Alaska Lodge.

Located near some of Alaska's top attractions and easily accessible from major highways, five Princess Alaska Lodges ensure a comfortable stay within minutes of the wild.

Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge is just one mile from the Denali National Park entrance. Built in the tradition of great national park lodges, it is full of natural wood, with 40-foot windows looking out to the mountains and an outdoor deck that sits above the impressive Neenana River

Canon. Guests will enjoy the property's many amenities including four dining venues, shopping, fire pits and an espresso bar.

There's a lot to see in Fairbanks, also known as the Gateway to the Arctic. **Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge**, along the shores of the Chena River, is an ideal base camp for all kinds of adventures. Learn about the city's rich Gold Rush history or just hang out on the lodge's waterfront deck and enjoy the midnight sun.

Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge, just north of Talkeetna in Denali State Park, offers superb views of North America's tallest peak, Mt. McKinley. Explore the lodge's custom-built treacherous, raft the Chulitna River, or stroll captivating nature trails just outside the lodge.

Located in Copper Center, **Copper River Princess Wilderness Lodge** is a welcome destination for visitors exploring Wrangell St. Elias, the largest national park in North America. Two-story windows and an expansive outdoor patio offer dramatic views of Mt. Drum, Mt. Blackburn, the Kistina and Copper rivers, and the park beyond. Fish the world-famous Copper River or visit the abandoned Kennicott copper mines.

Explore the famous fishing grounds of the Kenai and the Chugach National Forest from **Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge** in Cooper Landing. From the large deck, looking out on the turquoise waters of the Kenai River, home to the world's largest salmon. Go fishing, rafting, or hike nearby trails before relaxing in guest rooms with wood-burning fireplaces and private porches. Or drive an hour south and take a day cruise from Seward into Kenai Fjords National Park.

To Book: (800) 426-6500, princesslodges.com

KENAI FJORDS TOURS
GLACIER & WILDLIFE CRUISES FROM SEWARD

Kenai Fjords Tours has been exploring Resurrection Bay and Kenai Fjords National Park with passengers since 1978.

That's given them plenty of time to curate and perfect their selection of day cruises departing from Seward.

Choose your trip and set sail with Seward's original tour operator. Explore aboard a modern engineering vessel, complete with a heated cabin and expansive viewing deck, and enjoy a warm meal during your journey. Cruises range from short, leisurely afternoon trips to full-day adventures. Along the way, your seasoned crew will provide insights into the area's history and wildlife as they stop to observe whales, harbor seals, sea lions, puffins, cormorants, sea otters, Dall's porpoises and other creatures of the sea. Select tours also offer views of stunning tidewater glaciers. When conditions allow, deckhands may even bring glacier ice aboard for passengers to hold or to chip into signature cocktails as ice cubes. Specialty cruises include kayaking off the shores of Ice Island, where overnight stays are also available at the remote and remarkable Kenai Fjords Wilderness Lodge.

To Book: (800) 478-3344, KenaiFjords.com

ALASKA'S GLACIER WONDERLAND
26 GLACIER CRUISE IN PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND

A day cruise in Prince William Sound offers quintessential Alaska coastal scenery and plenty of tidewater glaciers just south of Anchorage.

Pass through gorgeous inlets and fjords and keep a look out for otters, bears, mountain goats, bald eagles, seals, and whales. Prince William Sound is the densest concentration of tidewater glaciers in the world, giving you the best chance to witness them "calve", sending large pieces of ice into the sea with a thunderous crash. **Phillips Cruises 8 Tours** has been sharing this magnificent area of Alaska with guests from around the world since 1958. Today, guests board luxurious, high-speed catamarans for the signature 26 Glacier Cruise (5.25 hours) or the Glacier Quiver Cruise (3.75 hours). All cruises include a hot meal, coffee, tea, and water. Your adventure begins in Whittier, Alaska, a unique gateway to Prince William Sound located 90-minutes south of Anchorage by car near milepost 73 of the Seward Highway. You'll drive through the 2.5-mile Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel, the longest vehicle / railroad tunnel in North America before reaching Whittier. You can also reach Whittier by coach, train, or cruise ship.

To Book: (907) 276-8023, 76glaciers.com

GLACIER ADVENTURES IN EVERY SEASON
FLY, TREK, AND PADDLE YOUR WAY ACROSS GLACIERS

Lift off from Palmer and soar over Southcentral Alaska with Outbound Heli Adventures, a locally owned company offering customizable flightseeing and glacier adventures year-round.

Fly deep into the Knik River Valley and beyond, where you can land on remote glaciers to explore ice caves, shimmering blue pools, deep crevasses, moulines and towering ice walls. Step out onto the ancient ice for unforgettable activities like paddleboarding, ice climbing, or glacier trekking — each designed to immerse you in Alaska's pristine backcountry. Every flight is built around your interests, whether it's tracing alpine ridges, following braided rivers, or hovering above waterfalls and iceberg-dotted lakes. You can even add a visit to the homebased of littoral champion Nic Peñi, where you'll meet his team of sled dogs and learn about Alaska's mushing tradition before taking a thrilling ride. For something truly extraordinary, book a half-wedding, elopement, or surprise proposal surrounded by the grandeur of the Chugach Mountains. Whether you visit in summer, when the glaciers glisten beneath the sun, or in winter, when the landscape transforms into a crystalline wonderland, **Outbound Heli Adventures** delivers an Alaska experience like no other. With top-tier safety standards, seasoned pilots, and unmatched local knowledge, you're in for the flight of a lifetime.

To Book: (907) 351-6738, outboundheli.com

WAKE UP NEXT TO GLACIERS
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND CRUISING: A UNIQUE WAY TO SEE ALASKA

A stunning week on the water awaits in Prince William Sound.

This breathtaking region boasts the highest concentration of tidewater glaciers in the world. While many experience its wonders on a day cruise or an afternoon kayak trip, with **UnCruise Adventures**, you get an immersive week-long journey. Your all-inclusive adventure takes place aboard the **Safier Explorer**, a boutique vessel with only 36 guests, offering personalized service and gourmet meals. Every day, a new adventure unfolds—whether it's kayaking, paddleboarding, hiking ashore, or exploring by sky. Itinerary Highlights:

- Day 1: Begin your adventure with a scenic side from Anchorage to Seward, where you'll board the **Safier Explorer**.
- Day 2: Wake up to awe-inspiring views of glaciers pouring into Icy Bay.
- Day 3: Captain's choice: embark on whale watching, kayaking, beachcombing, or other spontaneous adventures.
- Day 4: Explore the small fishing town of Cordova, with ski hill hikes and local cultural tours.
- Day 5: Discover the serenity of Columbia Glacier, Alaska's only hike, kayak, or paddleboard.

In the fall, Silver Bell Square becomes the heart of Fallides — an autumn celebration of crisp air, gold fires, and good cheer. Lose yourself in a giant straw maze built from thousands of straw bales. Hunt for the perfect pumpkin. Take home or toast marshmallows by the fire.

When winter's blanket transforms the landscape, Silver Bell Square becomes a twinkling wonderland with glowing lights and warm fires. There's always something new and exciting happening.

All winter, day after day you visit, Silver Bell Square delivers an unforgettable North Pole experience for all ages.

To Visit: SantaClausHouse.com/silverbellsquare

NORTHERN HOSPITALITY
ALASKA NATIVE KNITTING COOPERATIVE

One of Anchorage's premier downtown souvenir shops, the Domingal Anchorage Cooperative showcases the handiwork of Alaska Native knitters who create ultra-soft and warm garments with a local fiber called qiviut ("liv-ee-ute").

Harvested from musk-oxen (or a musk-ox in the Inuit language), qiviut is spun into a yarn that is warmer than wool, softer than cashmere and as lightweight as silk. A cooperative of around 200 knitters throughout Alaska make extremely high-quality hats, tunics, scarves and more with this luxurious and rare yarn. You won't find this type of souvenir anywhere else in the world! Visit the **Domingalshop** for a wide selection featuring traditional patterns unique to different regions of Alaska. Inspiration for these patterns came from ancient designs found on parkas and ivory carvings, or from the natural world (ice ridges, otters, sea otches). A purchase of Domingal's Anchorage Cooperative provides much-needed income to talented fiber artists in rural Alaska, and gives you a practical and beautiful reminder of your visit.

To Visit: (888) 360-9665, qvut.com

AWAKEN IN ALASKA'S WILDERNESS
MULTI-DAY JOURNEYS ON THE KENAI PENINSULA AND UP TO DENALI

There's so much to know about getting out in Alaska's wilderness.

Where to go? What to see? How to gear up? It's important to have a trusted guide that can help you have an authentic experience in your comfort zone — and it's a treat to end the day with a comfortable place to stay and a freshly-cooked meal. **Alaska Wildland Adventures**, considered a pioneer of eco-tourism, offers small-group, multi-day journeys that highlight a variety of ecosystems and topography. Most journeys are structured around three wilderness lodges: **Kenai Riverside Lodge** where you can raft or rent the famous Kenai River, **Knik Backcountry Lodge** on the shores of Skikak Lake in the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, and **Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge**, the only lodge inside Kenai Fjords National Park. Daily activities include hiking, rafting, fishing, kayaking, talking with your naturalist guide, or relaxing on the front porch listening to the sounds of Alaska. Journeys range from 2 to 11 days, with options that take you from Kenai all the way to Denali. A sample journey:

- Day 1: Depart Anchorage and travel to the Kenai Riverside Lodge
- Day 2: Raft the Kenai River, then boat across the turquoise Skikak Lake to the Knik Backcountry Lodge
- Day 3: Explore the wilderness inside the Kenai Wildlife Refuge from the Backcountry Lodge
- Day 4: Return to Kenai Riverside Lodge and hike the trails of the Chugach National Park
- Day 5: Head to Seward to board a catamaran bound for Kenai Fjords National Park and the Kenai Fjords Glacier
- Day 6: Beachcombing, kayaking, nature walks and more from the lodge
- Day 7: Depart the Kenai Fjords Glacier and return to Anchorage via the Alaska Railroad.

To Book: (800) 334-8720, alaskawildland.com

CRUISE INTO ALASKA'S UNTAMED WILDERNESS
GUIDED RIVER ADVENTURES FROM TALKEETNA

Take an exciting ride into the wilderness with Mahay's Jet Boat Adventures from the village of Talkeetna, where the Susitna, Talkeetna, and Chulitna rivers meet.

On a clear day, you'll look in the towering shadow of Denali, the tallest mountain in North America. For some visitors, an excursion aboard these comfortable, covered jet boats will be their deepest immersion into the Alaskan wilderness. Look for giant eagle's nests and marvel at huge trees lying on the riverbank, freshly felled by beavers. Choose from 4 different adventures, each with a stop ashore to see a Denali's dwelling replica and an authentic trapper's cabin. The 20-mile wilderness excursion has 4 departures per day, and at two hours is perfect if you're short on time. Opt for the 50-mile (3.5 hour) Chulitna Gorge. Journey for a bit more time on the water. Add a little whitewater to your wilderness experience with the five-hour, 135-mile Devil's Canyon Adventure where you'll experience Class V rapids in a safe, dry environment. Or, add a train ride to your adventure with the River, Rail & Trail tour.

To Book: (907) 733-2223, mahaysriverboat.com



Explore Interior Alaska's HISTORIC RIVERS
HISTORICAL CULTURAL RIVER CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS THE ORIGINS OF FAIRBANKS

Rivers were the main means of travel in Alaska before there were roads or railroads, and you can still experience that history firsthand.

Take a three-hour journey back in time along the Chena and Tanana Rivers aboard the Riverboat Discovery, an authentic Alaskan sternwheeler. Since 1950, the Binkley family has operated riverboat tours in Fairbanks. But their family history goes back more than 100 years, when Charles M. Binkley began operating boats on the Yukon River during the 1898 Gold Rush. Today, you can cruise out into nature with third- and fourth-generation captains. As the wheel turns up the water, watch for Alaska's abundant wildlife along the riverbank, and see Alaska bush pilots taking off from the river (another critical mode of travel in the Last Frontier). At a riverside fish camp, learn how Alaska Natives traditionally prepared salmon for smoking and drying. (You'll find out how good it tastes when you sample Captain Jim's smoked salmon.) Finally, share the excitement, joy, and hard work of an littoral dog kennel and learn about yet another way Alaskans traveled through wild and unyielding landscapes.

To Book: (866) 479-6673, riverboatdiscovery.com

CHRISTMAS IN JULY - OR JUNE, OR ANYTIME!
HOLIDAY CHEER JUST 15-MINUTES FROM FAIRBANKS

It's Christmas year-round in North Pole, Alaska. At the heart of the festivities is **Santa Claus House**, a frontier general store and post office turned holiday shop.

The store includes an incredible variety of holiday-themed items in nearly 20,000 square feet of retail space: Alaska-themed ornaments, made-in-Alaska gifts, jewelry, collectibles, clothing, and toys-in-Alaska gifts, many of which are **Santa Claus House** exclusives. You can also visit Santa's reindeer team, grab a drink or treat from the Sweet Shop, see the World's Largest Santa statue (nearly 50 feet tall), and, in summer months and during the holidays, have your photo taken with Santa himself! The most popular offering, though, is the Original Letter from Santa, a family tradition for generations. Every Christmas, Santa Claus House

receives hundreds of thousands of letters from children around the world. During your visit, you can order a Letter from Santa to be sent to your child or grandchild. They've sent millions of letters to children all over the world since 1950. You can also purchase a genuine deed to one square inch of the North Pole.

To Visit: (907) 683-4653, blackdiamondresorts.com

CATCH GOLD FEVER IN ALASKA'S GOLDEN HEART CITY
TAKE A JOURNEY INTO THE PAST, PAN FOR GOLD, AND KEEP WHAT YOU FIND

The two-hour tour of Gold Dredge 8 begins beside the Trans-Alaska pipeline. You'll learn about Alaska's "black gold," then board a replica of the Tanana Valley Railroad for a 35-minute ride through the boreal forest to Alaska's interior gold fields.

Enjoy an entertaining narrative of the Alaska Gold Rush history while riding aboard a replica of the Tanana Valley Railroad. Then pull into the dredge, which mined this area from 1927-1942. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the dredge is a mechanical wonder. It "walks" across the gold fields, scooping up silt and air and mechanically panning it. Local miners will share their experiences, and what it takes to be an Alaska miner. Then you'll put their advice to work, panning for gold. You're guaranteed to find some as you sift through the dredge tailings. Have your gold weighed at the gift shop and find out the market value of your haul. You may even decide to turn it into a locket or other souvenir! There's complimentary coffee and cookies in the gift shop, and you'll have time to wander the grounds or explore the dredge before boarding the train for the return trip.

To Book: (866) 479-6673, golddredge.com

FAMILY FUN UNDER THE MIDNIGHT SUN
GOLF, ATV, SXs, AND COVERED WAGON TOURS JUST 20 MINUTES NORTH OF DENALI NATIONAL PARK

Founded in 1995 by a local Alaskan family, Black Diamond Resort Co. offers adventures for all age ranges, making it the perfect destination for single travelers or families.

Drive yourself or get a convenient pickup from nearby hotels. Unforgettable activities include playing golf on Alaska's top one of the world's northernmost courses — the 9-hole **Black Diamond Golf Course**. Or drum up the adrenaline on an ATV or SXs tour, with an optional GPS-led **Treasure Hunt** tour. For a slower paced tour, step back in time on the Covered **Wagon Adventure**, which is a serene journey on a wagon pulled by two beautiful draft horses. Kick back and soak in the scenery as your guide shares local folklore and later you will have a chance to meet and snap photos with your horse team. Most tours also offer a stop for a family-style feast at the backcountry pavilion — breakfast, lunch, or dinner! Tours run

multiple times daily, from 8 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. At the **Black Diamond Grill**, you'll find fresh Alaskan seafood, steaks, burgers, salads, and more. And if you're looking for a place to stay, the Aurora Denali Lodge is open year-round!

To Book: (907) 683-4653, blackdiamondresorts.com

WITNESS THE MAGIC OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS
FALL AND WINTER AURORA VIEWING NORTH OF FAIRBANKS

There's no natural phenomenon that compares to the aurora, the colorful lights that dance unpredictably through the Arctic night.

Alaska is the best place in the world to catch this rare and mystical event, which can be experienced on a day trip or as a longer expedition. **Northern Alaska Tour Company** offers aurora viewing tours from Fairbanks to Coldfoot, a remote town located in the Brooks Mountain Range. Coldfoot is perfectly situated under the "aurora oval," where you'll find impressive displays of northern lights. They start as faintly glowing bands of greenish white light, often appearing static and stationary. With increased activity, aurora resemble vertical curtains of shimmering light. At maximum intensity, these curtains form dramatic arcs and spirals that can span the horizon. Watching the aurora is truly an amazing part of an Alaska adventure — well worth the trip in fall or winter. From Fairbanks, you can fly or drive round-trip to Coldfoot or combine the two. If you want to spend a few nights searching for the aurora, you'll have time to pack in other activities during the day.

To Book: (907) 474-1986, northernalaska.com

ADVENTURE TO THE ARCTIC CIRCLE
DAY AND OVERNIGHT SUMMER TOURS FROM FAIRBANKS

One third of Alaska lies above the Arctic Circle, but is so vast and remote that most people don't get the chance to explore it — not even residents!

Adventure has long been fascinated with the expansive beauty of this region, and even today the journey north is heralded as a certificate worthy accomplishment. From Fairbanks (sometimes referred to as "Gateway to the Arctic"), you can experience the polar north on a day trip or overnight excursion. With **Northern Alaska Tour Company**, travel by air or a guided ground tour over all

SEE ALASKA BY RAIL
470 MILES TO EXPLORE, FROM SEWARD TO FAIRBANKS

Alaska is big, and it can take a while to get a complete view. Traveling aboard the Alaska Railroad ensures that the journey is just as spectacular as the destination. It's a relaxing and practical way to see Alaska, with routes leading to many top destinations: Anchorage, Girwood, Seward, Whittier, Talkeetna, Denali and Fairbanks. Glaciers, mountains, and wildlife fill the ever-changing panorama of your window, making for an easy and luxurious way to experience the beauty of this large state. Travelers have been enjoying these views by train since 1923, and now experience modern comforts like glass-paned ceilings and full-service dining too. Onboard guides are able to share tales from Alaska Railroad's rich history, and to point out sights and photos along the way. Trains run daily from mid-May to mid-September, with weekend service in the winter. **To Book:** (800) 544-0552, alaskairailroad.com

SUMMER ROUTES
MID-MAY TO MID-SEPTEMBER

Denali Star: Daily service to Anchorage, Wasilla, Talkeetna, Denali, and Fairbanks. Incredible views of Denali (McKinley) on a clear day.

Coastal Classic: Daily service to Anchorage, Girwood, and Seward. Ride from Anchorage and take a day cruise from Seward into Kenai Fjords National Park. Great views of mountains and glaciers from the train.

Glacier Discovery: Daily service to Anchorage, Girwood, Portage, Whittier, Spencer Glacier, and Grandview. Ride to Whittier for day cruises in Prince William Sound. Or disembark at the Spencer Glacier Wildlife Stop for guided rafting or hiking with glacier views.

Hurricane Turn: Talkeetna to Hurricane Gulch. Thursday-Monday round-trip flagstop train used by locals to reach cabins or homes in Alaska's roadless backcountry. Great views of the Indian River Valley and Hurricane Gulch.

WINTER ROUTES
MID-SEPTEMBER TO MID-MAY

Aurora Winter Train: Weekend service to Anchorage, Talkeetna, and Fairbanks (and select mid-week departures). See Alaska's winter backcountry from the comfort of a warm railcar.

Hurricane Turn: First Thursday of the month, serving Anchorage, Talkeetna, and Hurricane Gulch flagstop area.

ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY

With its southernmost port in Bellingham, WA, the Alaska Marine Highway extends more than 3,500 miles to Dutch Harbor, with over 30 stops along the way. Taking a ferry is an excellent way to see a huge swath of Alaska's coastline while visiting communities along the way.

It is such a unique set of routes that it has been designated as a National Scenic Byway and an All-American Road — the only marine route with this distinction. **For more information:** alaska.org/ferries

FERRY TERMINALS

Southcentral	Inside Passage
Chena Bay, Cordova, Homer, Seldovia, Tatitlek, Valdez, Whittier	Anchorage, Bethel, Barrow (WA), Gustavus, Haines, Hoonah, Juneau, Kake, Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Pelican, Petersburg, Prince Rupert, Sitka, Skagway, Tenakee, Wrangell, Yakutat

UNALASKA / PORT OF DUTCH HARBOR

FLY OR ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY
 Halfway out on the Aleutian chain, an emerald green landscape greets visitors to one of Alaska's most remote communities. It feels a world away, even though it's just a 2-hour flight from Anchorage.

- Visit the Museum of the Aleutians to learn about the nearly 10,000-year-old Unangan culture, Russian fur trade history, and World War II.
- Visit the famous Baby Islands Sanctuary for rare birding opportunities
- Search for your favorite Aleutian cacti boots at the docks.

Get more info at

BUCKET LIST DESTINATIONS TO VISIT

HOMER IT'S ALL HERE

Homer is often described as all of Alaska in one town. Known as the "Hubbub Fishing Capital of the World," Homer is a haven for artists, campers, fishermen, shoppers, fodies, outdoor lovers, and photographers. Its slow pace, world-class fishing, bear viewing, whale watching, and postcard-perfect setting on Kachemak Bay draw in thousands of visitors. Restaurants, art galleries, the Homer Boat Harbor, beaches, tidepooling, lupine lining the Homer Spit, and stunning views of volcanoes and glaciers. Homer. Homey just hit it all!

For more info or to request your FREE Homer Visitor Guide, call 907-235-7740, email info@homerak.org, or visit HomerAlaska.org.

- Bear Viewing Excursion.** Experience the thrill of bear viewing in Katmai or Lake Clark National Park. You might even catch a sunset over Cook Inlet's volcanoes on your return flight.
- Explore Homer.** Dive into Homer's history and wildlife with visits to the Pratt Museum and the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. Stroll through Downtown Homer to explore art galleries, shops, and cozy cafes. End your day with a memorable dinner and a beachside walk.
- Kachemak Bay State Park.** Take a water taxi to Kachemak Bay State Park for hiking or sea kayaking. Enjoy breathtaking views and encounters with puffins, sea otters, and perhaps walrus. Return to Homer for a bay-view dinner on the famous Homer Spit.

Have great photos from Homer? Tag @VisitHomer on Instagram or Facebook, and follow us for more inspiring adventures. #VisitHomer

SEWARD GATEWAY TO KENAI FJORDS

This coastal community offers incredible wildlife viewing, easy access to glaciers, hikes for all abilities, world-class fishing, and a historic shopping district. With so much variety, many families choose to spend several days exploring this picturesque town.

To request your FREE Seward travel guide, visit www.seward.com or call (907) 224-8051.

- Start out at the Visitor Center** for maps and local travel tips. Then head down Fourth Avenue, Seward's historic main street, to browse unique shops. Learn why "Alaska Starts Here" is a stop at the community library museum. Explore the various murals around town—there are more than two dozen—and before enjoying a real featuring local seafood.
- Explore Kenai Fjords** on a comfortable tour boat to see calving glaciers, whales, sea lions, puffins, otters, and more. The average tour is 2-3 hours, but you can also opt for longer tours going out further for more glacier action. If you opt for a half-day tour, spend the afternoon at nearby Exit Glacier. A short trail leads to a stunning overlook; those seeking a more rigorous adventure may continue up the Harding Icefield Trail.
- Get hooked on salmon, halibut, rockfish, or lingcod** with a charter fishing trip. You can ship your catch home as the ultimate Alaska souvenir. Or visit the Alaska Sealife Center, Alaska's only public aquarium and wildlife rehabilitation facility. A stroll along the adjacent waterfront park is a great way to spot marine mammals in the wild.

UNALASKA PORT OF DUTCH HARBOR

Adventure in the Aleutians. Visit a fascinating, remote island community. Haulaway out on the Aleutian chain, a dramatic emerald-green landscape greets visitors to Unalaska/Dutch Harbor, one of Alaska's most remote communities.

For more information on the **Unalaska Visitors Bureau**: info@unalaska.org, (907) 581-2612. Or, read the Unalaska/Port of Dutch Harbor Visitor Guide at Unalaska.org.

Home to a rich Alaska Native culture, history, wildlife, and really TV fame, Unalaska feels a world away, even though it's just a 2-hour flight from Anchorage. To summarize, the population of 4,000 grows to nearly 10,000 as fishermen, researchers, seasonal workers, babies, and tourists arrive. Explore Amaknak and Unalaska Islands, watch for eagles and whales, marvel at the unique Russian Orthodox church, and search for Deadliest Catch boats at the docks. Plan for two or three days to fit in outdoor experiences and sites of interest. The must-see Museum of the Aleutians details a nearly 10,000-year-old Unangan culture, along with history of the Russian fur trade, Captain Cook, and World War II. Learn more at the Aleutian World War II Visitor Center.

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