

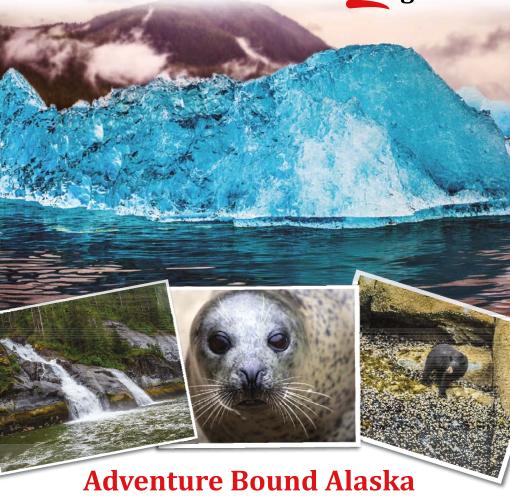
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# FROM THE DESK OF TIM BELL

I have lived, worked and played in Alaska, the Yukon and BC most of my life. Publishing travel magazines for over 50 years has allowed me

to pursue my passion for the North. I love the people and places that make the North unique and consider it a privilege to share my knowledge and experiences through this Mapbook.

In this guide, each town has only a select few advertisers, giving our readers a choice of excellent service providers. We do not try to list every business but feel it's better to only showcase reputable, local businesses in order to offer the most authentic experience.

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# **GATEWAYS TO SOUTHEAST**

#### BELLINGHAM, WA

90 miles north of Seattle is Bellingham, which is the southern terminus of Alaska's Ferry system. It is a beautiful seacoast city with lots of things to do. The Bellingham/Mt. Baker region is rich in history, culture and the arts. You're never far from a museum or a live performance. Award winning brew pubs, waterfront restaurants and gourmet coffee shops abound. Some wonderful hiking can also be found locally.

#### SEATTLE, WA

Seattle Is located on Puget Sound, surrounded by water, mountains and forests. It was here that the SS Portland docked on July 14, 1897 with the fabled "ton of Gold" that sparked the Klondike Gold Rush. Seattle became the main supply center for Alaska and the Yukon during the gold rush. It is a now an energetic city known for sports, music, galleries and museums. You will also find iconic attractions such as the Space Needle and Pike Place Market.

#### Home to a magnificent 14-mile long harbor. It is 550 miles north of Vancou-

PRINCE RUPERT, BC

550 miles north of Vancouver, BC and is one of the deepest, natural, ice-free harbors in the world.

Prince Rupert is a port of call for many Alaskan cruises and the only Canadian stop for the Alaska Marine Highway Ferry System. It is also a major shipping port that continues to expand and is on track to become Canada's second largest port within 5 years.

#### SEWARD, AK

A charming coastal town found 126 miles south of Anchorage. Abrupt mountain slopes cloaked in shaggy summer greens and snow form an impressive backdrop for 2,700 very friendly residents.

Seward is the Gateway to Kenai Fjords National Park where over 30 glaciers flow outward from the Harding Icefield. It is also known for hosting the famous 4th of July Mt. Marathon Race the oldest mountain race in North America.

#### VANCOUVER, BC

Only 140 miles north of Seattle is the crown jewel of Western Canada. Many of the cruise ships going to Alaska embark from here.

Vancouver is a vibrant city with flower-filled parks, a yacht-crowded waterfront and stunning architecture set against snow-capped peaks. Visit museums, galleries, theaters, parks, and ski areas, including Whistler. Vancouver and Whistler are previous host cities for the Olympic Winter Games.

#### WHITEHORSE, YK

180 scenic kilometers from Skagway, Alaska, the northern most port on the Inside Passage, Whitehorse played a pivotal role in the 1898 gold rush. Whitehorse has grown into the Yukon's Capital, where three-quarters of the Territory's residents live. The many attractions include the Yukon Beringia Interpretive Center, the Klondike Sternwheeler and the Yukon Wildlife Preserve. which is possibly the best way to quarantee seeing wildlife in the North.

# SOUTHEAST ALASKA TOWNS & CITIES



he Alaska Panhandle is a spectacular region of glacier-cut fjords and islands covered with dense rainforest. Its main industries are tourism, fishing, and logging. The Panhandle's population of approximately 73,000 is primarily engaged in these endeavours, with the exception of Juneau.

Travel through the region is mostly by boat, ferries and float plane as there are very few roads. It is also home to Tlingit and Haida natives who have lived here for many centuries. They are famous for their totem poles and many fine examples can be found throughout Southeast Alaska.

The natural beauty of Southeast is most evident when you visit Tongass National Forest, Glacier Bay National Park, Admiralty Island National Monument and Misty Fjords National Monument.

Southeast Alaska is served by the state-run Alaska Marine Highway that has proudly served the area since 1959. They operate a fleet of ferries that offer convenient schedules between all Southeast Alaska cities, Bellingham, Washington and Prince Rupert, British Columbia.

This is both the wettest and warmest part of Alaska with mild temperatures in winter and high precipitation the entire year.

The main towns and cities of Southeast Alaska are:

**Ketchikan**, this community of around 8,300 has the largest collection of standing Native American totem poles in the world. **Wrangell** has a population of about 2,500. The primary industries are fishing and fish processing with tourism playing an ever increasing role.

Petersburg is home to 3,200 people that believe they live in one of the most beautiful places in Alaska. Fishing and shellfish processing are the mainstays of the economy. Sitka, with a population of 8,600, is a major visitor destination. It was the seat of the Russian empire in North America from the 1700s until Alaska was purchased by the United States in 1867. Sitka remained the capital of Alaska until 1912.

**Juneau** has a population of 32,000 and is the capital of Alaska. Founded by gold miners, Juneau has a rich history.

Haines, with a population of 1,700 is a highway terminus of the Marine Highway System. Here you can connect by road to the Alaska Highway and the Yukon. It is also home to the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve. Skagway has 1,000 hardy souls who call this home year-round but during the summer the population swells to several thousand.

Villages and towns dot the coastline and islands of the Southeast Alaska wilderness. Here, groceries are ordered months in advance and much of what ends up on the table is hunted, grown, or caught.

**Angoon:** (pop. 450) On Admiralty Island, 60 miles southwest of Juneau. Home of the Koontznoowoo Tlingit Natives.

Coffman Cove: (pop. 180) started as a logging camp and has now become a great travel destination. Coffman Cove is the only community on the north end of Prince of Wales Island that is accessible by paved roads.

Cube Cove: (pop. 70) On the northwest coast of Admiralty Island, 20 miles south of Juneau.

Metlakatla: (pop. 1,600) is located at Port Chester on the west coast of Annette Island, 15 miles south of Ketchikan. The Duncan House Museum was built in 1891 for Anglican missionary William Duncan. It contains personal items, original furnishings and historic photographs. Metlakatla means "saltwater channel passage," and was founded by a group of Canadian Tsimshians who migrated from Prince Rupert, British Columbia in 1887 seeking religious freedom.

Meyers Chuck: (pop. 21) Home of Lonesome Pete, Greasy Gus and other "local characters." The community sported a clam cannery, saltery and several stores in the 1920s and is now a seasonal fishing spot.

**Pelican:** (pop. 80) is on the northwest coast of Chichagof Island on Lisianski Inlet. It lies 80 miles north of Sitka and 70 miles west of Juneau. Pelican's one mile long boardwalk is home to a general store, library and restaurants. Daily flights from Juneau during the summer.







Elfin Cove: (pop. 20) Tucked away in a small harbor on the north end of Chicagof Island

Hyder: (pop. 90) is nestled at the head of Portland Canal, a 70 milelong fjord which forms a portion of the U.S. / Canadian border. Hyder is just 2 miles from Stewart, British Columbia.

**Kake:** (pop. 560) located on the northwest coast of Kupreanof Island. Kake is the site of a 128 foot totem pole, one of the world's largest, carved in 1967 for the Alaska Purchase Centennial.

**Port Alexander:** (pop. 50) Is south of Sitka, on the southeastern corner of Baranof Island. More than 1,000 vessels were anchored in this protected harbor during the 1920s and 1930s.

**Tenakee Springs:** (pop. 130) is located on the east side of Chichagof Island, on the north shore of Tenakee Inlet. No cars are allowed in town. Tenakee's sulphur hot mineral springs have been a draw since the late 1800s.

Yakutat: (pop. 600) situated along the remote Alaskan Gulf Coast between Sitka and Cordova. It is the only sheltered deep water port in the Gulf of Alaska. Stunning scenery as well as a worldclass fishing destination for Steelhead, salmon and halibut.

# **NOTEWORTHY ARTISTS**

Annie Kaill's has been Juneau's Premier Fine Art & Craft Gallery for over 30 years and is proud to represent Byron Birdsall and Eric Bealer.

**Byron Birdsall** is one of Alaska's most renowned artists. A self-taught artist, he is a master of his preferred medium, watercolor. Best known for the variety and drama of his Alaskan landscapes.

Eric Bealer is a wood carving artist who lives with his wife outside the small fishing village of Pelican on Chichagof Island. Using small hand-engraving tools to cut away a design for printing on a block of wood, Bealer then rolls ink on the block surface and puts it through a hand-operated press. Wood engraving is a laborious art form.

Featured at Annie Kaill's Downtown Juneau



Byron Birdsall Watercolor



Doug Chilton (Tlingit name Yaa nak.ch), is a Tlingit Indian from the Raven House, Yeil Hit of Angoon, Alaska. He was born and raised in Juneau, Alaska and works primarily in silver, gold, wood, ivory, bone and soapstone. Doug's designs are Tlingit style and are traditional in form.

A collection of Chilton totem poles is featured at Mount Roberts Tramway



Rie Munoz arrived in Juneau in 1951 on vacation and fell in love with the city. She was a teacher, journalist, mother and artist. Her paintings and prints made her one of Alaska's most famous artists before her passing in 2015. Rie Munoz Gallery in Juneau, Alaska

Glacier Gardens owners Steve and Cindy Bowhay have been developing this incredible living artistic masterpiece for over 15 years and have recently been recognized for their work by Reader's Digest. These one-of-a-kind Upside Down Flower Towers were named America's Most Interesting Landmark and were the main reason Juneau was rated one of the most interesting towns in North America. The meticulously manicured botanical gardens, is set within the mighty Tongass National Forest.

7600 Glacier Highway, Juneau Alaska



# IN SOUTHEAST ALASKA

The Sealaska Heritage clan house in the Walter Soboleff Building in Juneau features a spectacular carvedand-painted cedar house front made by Tsimshian artist David A. Boxley, an internationally-recognized master artist. At almost 40 feet wide



by 15 feet high, Boxley's piece—which he made with his son, Tsimshian artist David R. Boxley—is thought to be the largest carved-and-painted Tsimshian house front in the world. The Boxleys' design was inspired by the style and complexity of old Tsimshian house fronts. The center of the house front tells the Tsimshian story "Am'ala: He Who Holds up the Earth." It is one of three monumental artworks in the Walter Soboleff Building, representing the three tribes of the region – Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian.

Featured at Walter Soboleff Building at 105 S. Seward St, Juneau, Alaska



Barbara Lavallee Artwork

Ronald Apangalook is a Yup'ik Eskimo from St. Lawrence Island located in the Bering Sea. The Yup'ik people practice a subsistence lifestyle and are recognized for their unsurpassed artistic creativity.

In 1991, while attending college in Anchorage, Ronald began developing his artistic talents. He has since become wellknown for his superbly carved figurines and sculptures depicting otters, bears, puffins, rookeries, polar bears, hunters and walrus.

Featured at Arctic Spirit Gallery, Ketchikan Alaska

Barbara Lavallee has lived in Alaska since she moved to Sitka in 1970 to teach art at Mt. Edgecumbe High School. It exposed her to the various native cultures in Alaska and enabled her to see village life through the eyes of her students.

The result is her idealized, stylized imagery that celebrates the joy, resilience, and the hard work that characterizes their lives. Painted in beautiful transparent watercolor, Barbara focuses on people rather than landscapes.

Featured at Scanlon Gallery, Ketchikan Alaska



Ronald Apangalook Artwork

**Noteworthy Artists** 

Photo courtesy of Arctic Spirit Galler

# 1 Bucket List

- ☐ Explore Saxman Native Village
- ☐ Take a Tour of Misty Fjords National Park
- Ride the Mount Roberts Tranway
- Visit Glacier Gardens Flower Towers
- Try your hand at Gold Panning
- Take a Ride on the White Pass Railroad





he cities and towns that dot the Inside Passage offer visitors an endless choice of unique, interesting and awe-inspiring things to do. With such a wide range of options, it can be difficult to decide what is worth your time. The activities listed here are suitable for almost every traveler, and should definitely not be missed...that's why we call it our "Bucket List."

Ketchikan, the first city in Alaska you'll encounter when traveling north through the Inside Passage, is a beautiful city with boardwalk streets and a real sense of history. It's also home to deep rooted native culture and spectacular natural landscapes.

The Saxman Native Village makes our list because it is home to the world's largest collection of standing Native American Totem Poles. Each Totem Pole is an artistic depiction of a unique story. Don't miss the chance to see so many wonderful examples of this traditional native artwork.

Ketchikan, has several tour options to the nearby **Misty Fjords National Park.** Whether you choose the traditional boat tour or the more exotic flying tour, you must see this natural wonder. Its rough and jagged landscape was carved by the retreat of the last ice age's huge glaciers. There are few places in the world where you will find more stunning scenery so accessible.

Juneau, the capital of Alaska, is full of adventure. For those looking to get a birds-eye-view of their surroundings, the best place to start is by taking a ride on the **Goldbelt Mount Roberts Tramway**. The bright red tram cars are individually painted with Tlingit artwork. A Tlingit host accompanies guests on the journey to the 1800 foot level of Mount Roberts, offering insight into Tlingit culture and language. At the top, you'll find the Shaa Hít (Mountain House), a restaurant with incredible food and views, numerous hiking trails and a gift shop and galley. It's one of Juneau's most visited attractions for a reason!

Juneau is surrounded with lush vegetation so its no surprise to find a botanical garden. But, we guarantee you've never seen one like **Glacier Gardens**. Only a 10 minute drive from downtown and situated in the mighty Tongass Forest, Glacier Gardens has become famous for their upside-down "Flower Towers." These fallen trees are planted trunk first in the ground and their roots are used to plant hundreds of cascading flowers. These truly one of a kind creations earned the Reader's Digest award of "America's most interesting landmark" and are definitely worth a visit.

No trip to Alaska is complete without trying your hand at one of the North's oldest professions...gold panning! Alaska Travel Adventures and AJ Mine in Juneau both offer an opportunity to pan for gold. Unlike those early prospectors, you're quaranteed to find that elusive nugget!

There are more glacier and whale watching tours departing from Juneau than anywhere else in Alaska. **Tracy Arm Fjord** and **Glacier Bay** are two of the most famous natural wonders and both can be visited on day cruises.

The town of Haines is known to be charming and friendly, but perhaps it's most famous for its large number of bald eagles. The Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve was established due to the annual gathering of over 3,500 bald eagles from mid-October to December. Even if you're not here during peak season, you are sure to see more bald eagles than almost anywhere else. Tours into the preserve are a must for wildlife enthusiasts.

Skagway, the most northern town on the Inside Passage is famous as the gateway to the Klondike gold fields. Tens of thousands of prospectors landed here and trekked over the Chilkoot or White Pass on their way to Dawson City. The Chilkoot Pass trek is one of the most famous trails in Alaska and can take three to five days to hike this beautiful, historic trail. An easier way for most visitors to experience Skagway's past, is to take a ride on one of the world's most famous railways, the White Pass & Yukon Route. This narrow gauge railway climbs through the White Pass, past towering waterfalls and explores the challenging terrain prospectors had to negotiate on their journey to the Klondike.

Whichever bucket list adventures you decide to "check off" they are sure to be a memorable part of your trip.





# PRINCE RUPERT CITY OF RAINBOWS

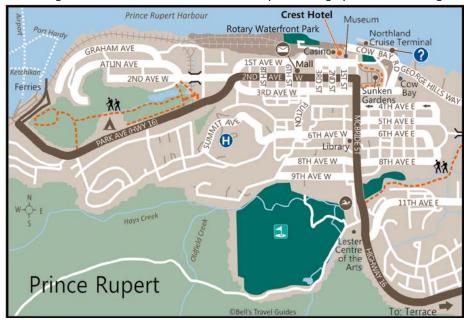
rince Rupert is the terminus for ferry traffic to Southeast Alaska, Haida Gwaii and Vancouver Island. It is one of the deepest, natural ice-free harbours in the world.

The 12,000 inhabitants of this city enjoy a marine climate with summer temperatures in the low 20° Celsius, and in the winter between 0° and 10° Celsius.

Prince Rupert is located in the heart of Tsimshian territory, and for 10,000 years many villages flourished in the harbour. European explorers first arrived off the northern coast in the 18th century and quickly established a fur trade with the Tsimshian, Nisga'a, Haida and Heiltsuk nations.

Fishing and trading were ancient businesses on the northwest coast, and the village of Port Essington sprang up at the mouth of the Skeena to capitalize on this. After the railroad focused its attention on Kaien Island, the city developed quickly—the first surveyors arrived in 1906, a "tent city" was established and by 1910 the City of Prince Rupert was incorporated.

Following the war, a pulp mill and other major industries were added to Prince Rupert's economy, helping to build this vibrant seaport community. Today, the city is a regular port for cruise ships travelling up the Inside Passage.





VISITOR INFO

Prince Rupert Visitor Centre is located in the heart of the tourist district known as Cow Bay. Next to the Port Interpretive Centre. Wi-fi available. 215 Cow Bay Road. 250-624-5637 or 800-667-1994



ACCOMMODATION

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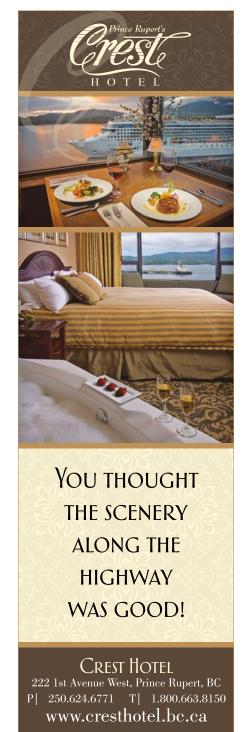
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# KETCHIKAN

n 1883, a man named Snow built a salmon saltery where Ketchikan now stands. Two years later, businessmen from Portland, Oregon, hired Mike Martin to investigate possibilities of building a salmon cannery on the banks of Ketchikan Creek. Martin and the cannery's manager, George Clark, formed a partnership and opened a saltery and a general store. Two years later, with the fishing trade flourishing, Ketchikan was definitely in business and by 1900, with a population of approximately 800, the town was officially incorporated.

With mining activities beginning in the area, Ketchikan became an important trading community, with an estimated two-thirds of miners' wages reportedly ending up in the bars and bordellos of Creek Street.

Despite a mining decline, the fishing industry and timber operations began to grow with establishment of the Ketchikan Spruce Mills early in the century.

In 1954, Ketchikan Pulp Mill was completed at nearby Ward Cove, assuring jobs not only in town, but in the surrounding woods as well. Today, the forestry industry is in decline worldwide but the ever-resilient Alaskans are focusing on another economic mainstay, tourism.

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#### **ALASKA'S FIRST CITY**

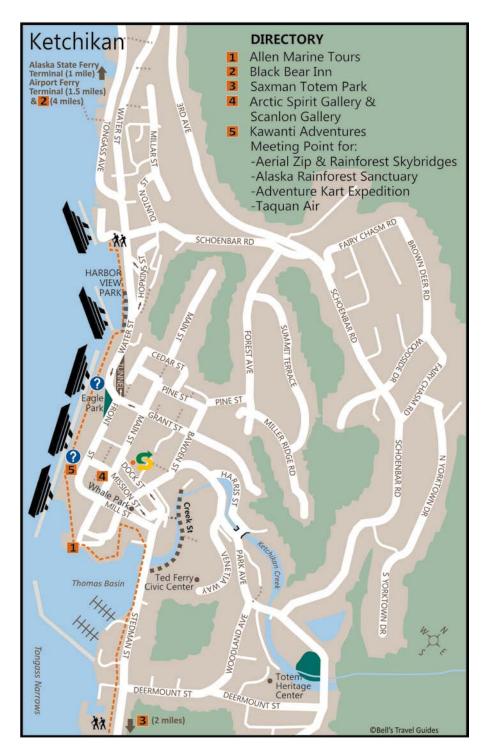
Ketchikan is often the first city visited in Alaska by cruise ships. It is a bustling community backed by forested hills and surrounded by a waterway busy with float planes, fishing boats, ferries and cruise ships. The little town of 8,300 is built right over the water in many places. Commercial fishing enterprises, growing tourism and the Misty Fjords National Monument to the east make Ketchikan a great place to visit.

Misty Fjords National Monument is a pristine masterpiece featuring some of Alaska's most spectacular scenery. Seventeen thousand years ago the area was covered in ice. Massive glacier action carved out its present landscape of long saltwater fjords and 3,000 foot cliffs.

One of the best ways to explore Ketchikan is on foot. Start at the busy City Dock with a stop at the Visitor Bureau to pick up a *Ketchikan Walking Tour Map*, so you won't miss anything.

The Southeast Alaska Visitor Center is an impressive facility. Three huge totems greet you in the lobby while a school of several dozen silver salmon suspended from the ceiling lead to the exhibit hall and a slice of rainforest.

Ketchikan has the distinction of having the world's largest collection of totem poles.









VISITOR INFO

**Ketchikan Visitors Bureau** Downtown on the cruise ship dock. Open May-Sept daily. 50 Front Street. 907-225-6166 or 800-770-3300



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ACCOMMODATION

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CAMPING

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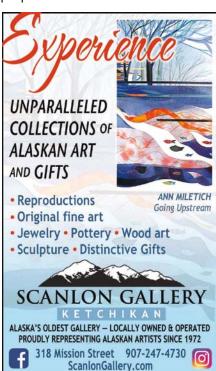
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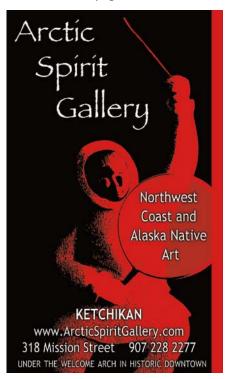
Saxman Native Village South of Ketchikan, has the world's largest collection of standing Native American Totem Poles. These ancient art forms share glimpses into the traditions of the Tlingit culture. Daily tours include dance shows. 2660 Killer Whale Avenue.

A few miles further south, the **George Inlet Cannery** tour offers an historical perspective of the fishing industry as visitors can walk through the site's original buildings and display of equipment used in the 1940s. 13194 South Tongass Hwy. **Totem Bight State Historical Park** is ten miles north of Ketchikan via the North Tongass Hwy. There you will find restored houses and re-carved totems as well as a large community house. A visit to Potlatch Park, at Totem Bight Park will showcase the traditions and culture of the Native peoples.



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Aerial Zip & Rappel and Rainforest Zip with Skybridges Two exciting courses in one amazing location. Enjoy the thrill of gliding through the rainforest canopy on a series of eight zip lines. Navigate aerial bridges suspended between trees, and bordering the magnificent Tongass National Forest. This major rainforest reserve embraces one of Alaska's richest salmon spawning streams and a pristine inter-tidal estuary. Book your tour at the Visitor Info Center with Kawanti Adventures. 907-225-8400

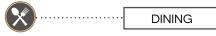
Rainforest Sanctuary A visit to the nature sanctuary offers opportunities for spectacular wildlife viewing. Your naturalist guides you into the dense rainforest bordering the Tongass National Forest, offering a great opportunity to spot black bear, Sitka black-tailed deer and bald eagles. After your guided walk visit the Alaska Raptor Center exhibit, an historic sawmill, and view the Alaskan Native Totem Park. Book your tour at the Visitor Info Center with Kawanti Adventures. 907-225-8400



Creek Street is not so much a street as a boardwalk, built on pilings, which is home to a collection of restaurants, museums and shops. It was the famed red-light district for half a century, until 1954 when the profession became illegal. The first house, with its bright red doors and windows, is Dolly's House, now a museum, but once the parlor of the city's most infamous madam.

The Southeast Alaska Discovery Center allows visitors the chance to explore the natural and cultural heritage of the Inside Passage and the Tongass National Forest. With exhibits ranging from a walk-through rainforest to a re-created native fishing village. 50 Main Street. 907-228-6220

The Totem Heritage Center established in 1976 to preserve endangered 19th century totem poles retrieved from uninhabited Tlingit and Haida village sites near Ketchikan. The original poles are displayed at the Center along with many other totems, masks, carvings and native Alaskan artifacts. 601 Deermount Street.



Alaska Fish House serves delicious, freshly caught seafood. Specializing in Alaskan King Crab, fish and chips and other tasty favorites. Overlooking the water at the end of Main St. 907-617-9579

**Bawden Street Brewing** is the only microbrewery in downtown Ketchikan. Stop in for a pint of locally crafted beer at 325 Bawden St. 907-225-1076







HIKING

Carlanna Lake Trail is a great day hike that is close to the city. There are 3 trout fishing platforms on the lake. Easy access via Carlanna Lake Road from Tongass Avenue. The trail is 1.5 miles with a total gain of 150 feet. Turn left on Baranof and at the end of Baranof turn right on Canyon Road to the trailhead.

Rainbird Trail is 1.3 miles long and has an elevation gain of 300 feet. The trail is a quick, easily accessible rainforest experience close to downtown Ketchikan. Several locations along the trail have a panoramic view of Ketchikan and surrounding islands. Ravens and bald eagles may be seen flying high overhead or roosting on trees. From Water Street near the #4 berth, follow Schoenbar Road to Third Avenue. Left on Third to the trailhead. An alternative access is on Third Avenue close to Washington Street, which has a 300-step staircase to the trail.

Married Man's Trail is a short .2 mile historic route that let the married men access Ketchikan's former redlight district on Creek Street without being seen. It is a shady, forested walk along Ketchikan Creek. At the Creek Street trailhead is a viewing platform. The trail ends at Park Avenue and has nice views of the creek and the fish ladder. The dense, shaded forest is also a nice contrast from the busy downtown area.

**Subway** ® has convenient locations open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Get a 6-inch or Footlong Sub and add chips and a drink for your adventure! Stop and fuel up at two Ketchikan Subway® locations; 417 Dock Street and 4230 Don King Rd. Order online at www.Subway.com or on the Subway® APP.

**Pioneer Café** offers a homey atmosphere and traditional American food. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6am to 10pm weekdays and 24 hrs on weekends. 619 Mission St. 907-225-3337



**CAR RENTAL** 

Alaska Car Rental is Ketchikan's oldest car rental company. They offer new and late model cars, vans and SUVs. Locations at the airport and in town, open 7 days a week. 2828 Tongass Ave. 907-225-5000



TRANSPORTATION

**Ketchikan International Airport** has daily service to Anchorage, Seattle, and Juneau via Alaska Airlines. The airport is located on Gravina Island, which is accessed via a short five-minute ferry ride. Ferries depart from the airport on the hour and halfhour; ferries depart from the city to the airport 15 and 45 minutes after the hour. Fares are \$6 per adult and \$7 for a car (each way), 800-252-7522

**Bus Transit** Public busses run daily throughout the city. Fares are \$2 for adults and \$1 for youth 12-17 or a day pass can be purchased. A free downtown shuttle bus operates from May - September. It loops through downtown, past the cruise ship berths and all of the main downtown sights. It's an excellent way for visitors to get around Ketchikan.

Alaska Marine Highway has regular service to Petersburg, Wrangell, Sitka, Juneau, Haines and Skagway. During the summer months, ferry's can be very busy, so reservations are recommended. The ferry terminal is north of downtown at 3501 Tongass Ave. 907-772-3855

## PRINCE OF WALES

rince of Wales Island is part of the Alexander Archipelago and is the third largest island in the United States yet the population is only 6,000 people.

It was the traditional home of the Tlingit people who lived there for centuries, however, in the late 18th century the territory was taken over by the Kaigani Haida.

On July 15th, 1741, Aleksei Chirikov, commanding a ship on Vitus Bering's second voyage to the area, is believed to have made the first European landfall on Prince of Wales Island. He attempted to land men on the Island but lost both of his small boats in mysterious circumstances and was forced to abandon his efforts. Spanish, British and Russian explorers all made frequent stops on the Island trying to establish dominance but no country was successful.

Prince of Wales Island is one of the most unspoiled wilderness places in North America and yet it is highly accessible. A road system that is over 2000 miles long spans the Island. It consists of mostly gravel roads that were originally built by the logging industry. These roads access the Tongass National Forest, which comprises much of the Island. Tourism, including sport fishing, has become an important part of Prince of Wales' economy.

El Capitan Cave Interpretive Site is the largest known cave in Alaska and is one of the longest-mapped caves in North America. It has been mapped for over 2 miles underground and can be visited only during the summer. The U.S. Forest Service operates a cave tour, however, the trail to the cave is strenuous and steep, consisting of 367 stairs. Only attempt if you are physically fit.

The Inter Island Ferry Authority has comfortable passenger/vehicle ferries with daily round trip service between Hollis on the Prince of Wales Island and Ketchikan. Call 866-308-4848 for reservations.

### COFFMAN COVE

offman Cove began as a logging camp and has now become an amazing travel destination. It is surrounded by an unspoiled landscape where seeing wildlife such as bears, whales, herons and sea lions all in the same day is not only possible but very likely. There is plenty of adventure for the whole family on Coffman Cove, including hiking, kayaking, fishing or boating. It has everything you need for your comfort including a library with wireless internet, "The Riggin Shack" is a general merchandise and grocery store and the Bait Box Take-Out Restaurant is good for burgers, pulled pork and milkshakes. There is also a gas station, tavern, liquor store and guided fishing charters.



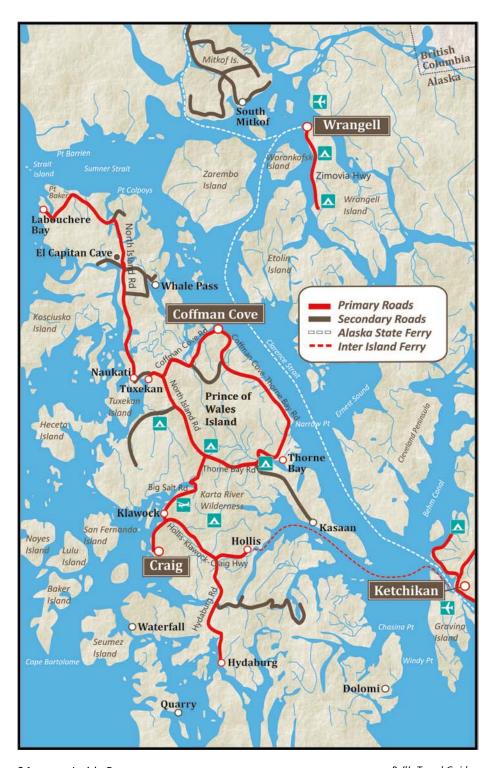
Accommodations include a lodge with several rooms and a bunkhouse, a nice bed & breakfast or you can stay in one of the local cabins.

The fishing in the area is excellent for salmon, halibut and trout. Experience kayaking or canoeing along the protected shoreline or simply take some time to unwind.



VISITOR INFO

City of Coffman Cove: www.ccalaska.com 907-329-2233





# WRANGELL GATEWAY TO THE STIKINE RIVER

n 1834 the Russians erected Fort Dionysius to prevent the Hudson's Bay Company from fur trading up the Stikine River. When the Russians finally agreed to lease Southeast Alaska to the Hudson's Bay Company in 1840, Fort Dionysius was renamed Fort Stikine. The name of the settlement was changed to Fort Wrangell when Alaska became a United States territory in 1867. Prospectors of two gold rushes surged through Wrangell en route to the gold fields via the Stikine River, first in 1874 with the Cassiar discovery, and again in 1897 with the Klondike discovery.

Some very notable people passed through Wrangell including the naturalist

John Muir and Wyatt Earp who stopped on his way to Nome. He even served as Marshall for 10 days.

Alaska's first Presbyterian Church and school were established here in 1877.

A weekly newspaper, The Wrangell Sentinel, printed its first issue November 2, 1902, and still continues to print today, which makes it the oldest continuous publication in Alaska.

The Stikine River, a designated wilderness area is abundant with the wildlife that lured the Hudson Bay Company to establish a settlement here. During July and August the Anan Bear and Wildlife Observatory is a favorite spot to view brown and black bears feasting on salmon.









VISITOR INFO

Wrangell Convention & Visitors Bureau is in the James and Elsie Nolan Center. 296 Campbell Drive. 907-874-9282



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ACCOMMODATION

Stikine Inn offers singles rooms to full suite accommodation with beautiful mountain and ocean views. 907-874-3388





CAMPING

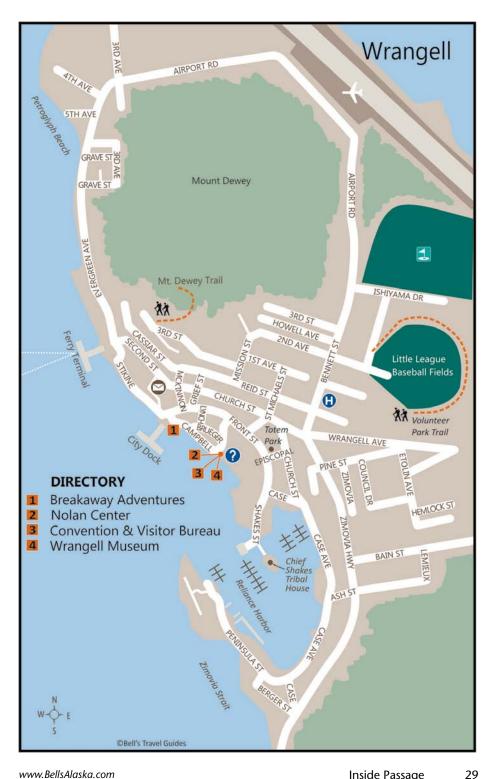
Shoemaker RV Park and Campground has 25 RV spaces and six tent spaces. 16 spaces have electric hookups. Potable water, restrooms and RV dump station are located in the Shoemaker Harbor parking lot. RV park guests have free access to a swimming pool and fitness facility. Mile 4.5 Zimovia Highway.



THINGS TO DO

Anan Wildlife Observatory provides an exceptional wildlife and bear viewing opportunity. The Anan Creek has the largest pink salmon run in Southeast Alaska and attracts brown and black bears, bald eagles, Stellar sea lions, seals and other wildlife in July and August. 30 miles south of town, the observatory is only accessible by boat or plane. A half mile trail leads to a safe viewing platform overlooking the falls where salmon jump up river, while bears fish for their next meal.

Breakaway Adventures rents skiffs, canoes and kayaks for guided and unguided trips throughout the Stikine/LeConte Wilderness area and Anan Wildlife Observatory. Guided tours include the LeConte Glacier, Stikine River, Anan Wildlife Observatory and a Sea Otter/Sea Lion experience. All guided trips are narrated. Breakaway Adventures have been operating the most unique and exciting tours available in Southeast Alaska since 1989. 907-874-2488 or 888-385-2488



Inside Passage www.BellsAlaska.com



The Nolan Center is the home of the Wrangell Museum, Civic Center, Theater, Visitor Center and Gift Shop. Representing the culture, heritage and peoples of Wrangell, Alaska. 296 Campbell Drive. 907-874-3770

The Wrangell Museum, in the Nolan Center, has an interactive look at Wrangell's history from Tlingit Indian rule through Russian and British control to present day. Chief Shakes Tribal House Located on a small island in the city harbor, which is reached by footbridge at the end of Wrangell's Main Street. The tiny island is the site of totem poles and a replica Tlingit clan house originally built in 1940, which was restored and rededicated in 2013. The house was carved using traditional Tlingit methods. House posts from the original Tribal House are from the 1700s and are on display at the Nolan Center.

Petroglyph Beach State Historical Park has over 40 petroglyphs, which are ancient native rock carvings. This is the highest concentration of petroglyps in Southeast Alaska. It's best to visit during low tide when most of the carvings are visible. One mile north of the City Dock.

**Totem Park** features four beautifully carved totem poles. Find the park at corner of Front Street and Episcopal Street.

Stikine-LeConte Wilderness, part of the Tongass National Forest, and home to two spectacular glaciers; the LeConte Glacier and Shakes Glacier. This beautiful area is ideal for outdoor enthusiasts looking for everything from serene paddling adventures to speed boat rides. There are a number of local tour companies, including Breakaway Adventures, that specialize in the exploration of this pristine wilderness. 12 public use Forest Service cabins are available, which must be booked in advance with the U.S. Forest service. The LeConte Glacier is North America's southernmost tidewater glacier.

Tucked at the end of a 12 mile long fjord, local tours will get you up close to this natural wonder.

Shakes Glacier is 30 miles from Wrangell up the Stikine River. The glacier is part of the Stikine ice field, which terminates at Shakes Lake. Large icebergs dot the lake, making for incredible photo opportunities.



HIKING

Mt. Dewey Trail is a short 1/4 mile hike up Mt. Dewey in downtown Wrangell. At the top you will be surrounded by spectacular views of the city. Walk up McKinnon Street to the set of stairs. At the top of the stairs turn left on Mt. Dewey Lane and right on 3rd to reach the trailhead. Stop by the Visitor Center to pick up a trail map. Rainbow Falls is a short but steep hike through lush forest to the 100 ft. tall Rainbow Falls. The trail gains 500 feet of elevation in less than a mile on a trail that is mostly stairs, log steps and boardwalk. Find the trailhead at mile 4.5 of the Zimovia Highway.



**TRANSPORTATION** 

Alaska Marine Highway has regular service from Wrangell to Petersburg, Ketchikan, Sitka and Juneau. Located 1/4 mile north of town on Stikine Ave. 907-874-2021

**Wrangell Airport** has daily regularly scheduled flights on Alaska Airlines to Anchorage, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Juneau and Seattle. 800 252 7522



# PETERSBURG ALASKA'S LITTLE NORWAY

etersburg, midway between Ketchikan and Juneau, is at the northern end of the famed 21 mile long Wrangell Narrows. It is one of six listed narrows in Southeast Alaska. Located between Kuprenof and Mitkof Islands it is a very beautiful passage. This community, unlike many Alaskan towns, was never a tent-andlog-cabin boomtown. "Peter's Burg" was carefully plotted by its Scandinavian founder Peter Buschmann, who started a salmon cannery and sawmill here in 1897. The town of Petersburg was incorporated in 1910. Fishing and tourism are the mainstays of Petersburg's approximately 3,200 residents. One of Alaska's largest fishing fleets is found here and supplies salmon, halibut, shrimp and crab to the several fish processing and cold storage plants scattered along the beautiful waterfront.

Petersburg is a photographers dream as it is one of the prettiest towns on the shores of the Pacific Ocean.

Main Street parallels the waterfront with its canneries and wharves perched on pilings driven deep into the ocean floor. At the south end of Main Street, Sing Lee Alley winds between several old buildings including the Sons of Norway Hall. Nearby, a plank road skirts the warehouses and homes along the bank of Hammer Slough. Coming to Petersburg is like a step back in time. Accessible only by air or water it has been able to retain its friendly open nature. One of the things you will notice is the big cruise ship crowds are missing and for many travelers, that is a blessing.



VISITOR INFO

**Petersburg Visitor Information Center** 19 Fram Street. Open Mon. to Sat. 9am to 5pm, Sunday 12pm to 4pm. 907-772-4636



ACCOMMODATION

Waterfront B&B Relax and enjoy all of the amenities of this beautiful B&B, including a delicious home cooked breakfast overlooking incredible views. There are five rooms with private baths, a shared kitchen, private entrances and a hot tub. Relax in the common room or on the large deck. Non-smoking. Next to the ferry terminal. 907-772-9300 or 866-772-9301





**Scandia House** offers 33 exceptional rooms with reasonable rates. Some rooms offer views of the harbor and mountains. 110 Nordic Drive. 907-772-4281



CAMPING

The Trees RV Park full service sites, laundry facilities, clean restrooms, hot showers. Mile 10.2 Mitkof Hwy. 907-772-2502

Public dump station behind the aquatics center. An access code can be acquired from the Visitor Information Center.



THINGS TO DO

Petersburg is renowned for having excellent hiking, great fishing and spectacular sightseeing.

Clausen Memorial Museum Enjoy a trip into the past as you explore the logging



and fishing history of the local area. Learn to rig a long line, set a fish trap and clean a salmon. Discover cannery equipment, a Tlingit canoe and the worlds largest mounted King Salmon. 201 Fram St.

Sons of Norway Hall built in 1912, this building is on the National Registry for Historic Places. Originally built for social gatherings, it is still a hub of community activity. Norwegian folk dancers perform regularly during the summer months.

The LeConte Glacier is just 15 miles away by boat and is North America's southernmost tidewater glacier. Tucked at the end of a 12 mile long fjord, local tours will get you up close to this natural wonder.

**Little Norway Festival** is Petersburg's annual 4 day celebration of Norwegian Constitution Day and takes place on May 17. There is a parade, music, art shows and dancing. Many locals wear traditional Norwegian dress during the festival.

Petersburg Marine Mammal Center was established in 1998 in an effort to take advantage of the rich local marine activity to provide educational and research opportunities. Interactive displays and videos on whales and other marine mammals of Southeast Alaska. Located in the Visitor Information Center at 1st and Fram Street. Outlook Park offers great views of Frederick Sound where you might catch a glimpse of passing icebergs and marine life. The uniquely designed covered shelter is reminiscent of Norwegian longboats.





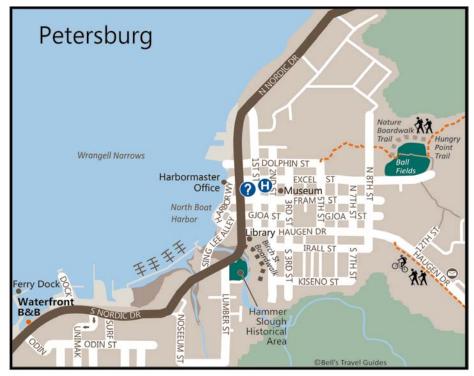
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#### TRANSPORTATION

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**Petersburg Airport** Daily flights with Alaska Airlines to Anchorage, Juneau & Seattle.





# SITKA

# SOUTHEAST'S MOST HISTORIC TOWN

itus Bering, a Danish explorer in the Russian Navy was the leader of the expedition that is credited with the discovery of Alaska. The two ships in the expedition, the St. Peter and the St. Paul, sailed from Kamchatka, Russia, in May of 1741. They were separated by dense fog around the 20th of June and the St. Paul under command of Aleksey Chirikov made landfall on June 15th, 1741 near Sitka, In 1799, Alexander Baranof built Redoubt Saint Michael six miles north of the present day Sitka. This settlement was destroyed two years later by Tlingit warriors. In 1804, Baranof returned from Kodiak to reestablish Russian dominance in the Sitka area. After a decisive battle at Indian River, in which the Tlingit were defeated, the Russians built a new Fort at the site, which is now Sitka.

By the summer of 1805 they had built several buildings and installed 32 cannons to ward off attack.

Alaska was transferred to the United States at Sitka on October 18, 1867. Sitka remained the capital of Alaska until 1912, when the territorial government was moved to the current capital, Juneau. The mixture of Tlingit, Russian and American heritage have helped Sitka develop into a city, rich in culture, art and adventure. Known as Southeast Alaska's most picturesque town, Sitka is nestled at the base of Mt. Edgecumbe, a dormant volcano.



VISITOR INFO

Visit Sitka has an information desk at the Harrigan Centennial Hall from May to September. 330 Harbor Drive. 907-747-8604





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907-747-8981 museums.alaska.gov



Westmark Sitka Hotel near the harbor downtown, has comfortable lodging and fine dining in an environment designed to reflect the cultural influences of the Tlingit and Russian peoples. 907-747-6241



THINGS TO DO

Alaska Raptor Center is a rehabilitation center for sick and injured birds, such as eagles, owls and falcons. There are 24 permanent resident raptors, that were too badly injured to return to the wild. Tours of the center are \$13 /adult, \$6 for children. 1000 Raptor Way. 907-747-8662

Sheldon Jackson Museum is the oldest museum in Alaska. It was named for Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson, the driving force behind the construction of the museum and the collector of many of its objects. Summer visitors can observe Native artisans taking part in the Museum's residency program, which links historic and contemporary Native culture for visitors.

Summer hours 9 am - 4:30pm daily. Located at 104 College Drive, near Crescent Harbor. 907-747-8981

**St. Michaels Cathedral** originally completed in 1848, was destroyed by fire and rebuilt in 1966. This Russian Orthodox

Cathedral is home to a collection of art and rare church treasures. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

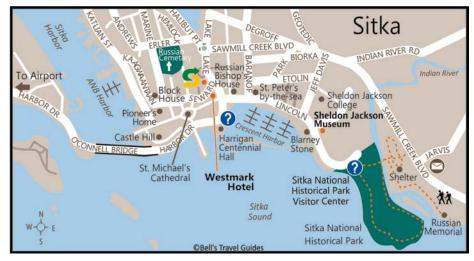
**Sitka Historical Museum** is located in Harrigan Centennial Hall in downtown Sitka. Its collection focuses on Sitka's history from the Tlingit people, through the European explorations and Russian era. 907-747-6455



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# **JUNEAU**

or stunning scenery, Juneau is hard to beat. In addition to the area's many waterways and lush rain forests on the surrounding mountain sides, there are high mountain lakes and the 1,500 square-mile Juneau ice fields, the 5th largest in the world. This Ice field is home to several glaciers including the Mendenhall and the Taku Glaciers.

Juneau isn't a place for sightseers alone; excellent gift shops, theatres, musical events and plays can all be found here. Juneau has no shortage of bars and restaurants, including the famous Red Dog Saloon. There are now more churches than bars in luneau, and three of them must be rated as world class from the visitors standpoint. The Russian Orthodox Church downtown is a house of worship unlike anything most visitors have ever seen. The Chapel by the Lake, on Auke Lake, just 12 miles northwest of downtown, has a spectacular "living stained glass" window view of the lake, the forests, the mountains and Mendenhall Glacier. Finally, the Shrine of St. Thérèse, 23 miles from downtown on Glacier Highway, has a unique island setting and a notable history.

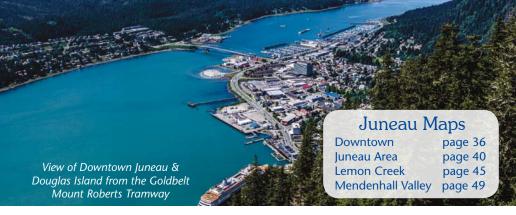
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#### CAPITAL OF ALASKA

Juneau is also famous for Mendenhall Glacier, a "drive to" glacier that sprawls for some 13 miles before showing its ice face across Mendenhall Lake. There are great views of the glacier from the U.S. Forest Service Visitor Center. Several trails provide access to stunning overlooks of the glacier, the lake and the valley beyond.

Juneau is a jumping-off place for trips to many nearby attractions: Famed Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve is a quick 30 minute flight, Admiralty Island is within sight of Auke Bay, and a number of Forest Service cabins are close to Juneau. There are several Native villages nearby that are served by daily air service. The Alaska Marine Highway System connects with all of Southeast Alaska, Whittier, Prince Rupert, BC as well as Bellingham, Washington.

When all is said and done, however, it is likely to be Juneau's first impression that will be the most lasting—a picture book community nestled along the base of the mountains with winding streets, totem poles, brightly painted store fronts, and more than 32,000 friendly people who wouldn't want to live anywhere else in the world!





VISITOR INFO

**Travel Juneau** In a city with as many annual visitors as Juneau sees, it's no surprise there are four conveniently located info centers around town.

The main Visitor Center is the large blue building on the Cruise Ship Terminal Dock. The other three are located in the arrivals area at Juneau International Airport, The Alaska Marine Highway Ferry Terminal in

Auke Bay and a kiosk, downtown, beside the public library on Marine Way. There are an many activities and things to see around town, so a visit to any of these Visitor Centers will help in planning your time in Juneau. 907-586-2201 or 888-581-2201

Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center is 13 miles from downtown. The Visitor Center shows an excellent short film and offers information about the glacier and surrounding National Forest. 907-789-0097





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**ACCOMMODATION** 

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Alaska's Capital Inn B&B is housed in an historic home, built in 1906 and now lovingly restored to its original grandeur. All rooms have private baths and a delicious breakfast is included. Located at 113 W. 5th Street in downtown Juneau.

Best Western Grandma's Feather Bed is a quaint hotel in the Mendenhall Valley. Guests appreciate the homey feel and vintage decoration. Non-smoking, 24 hour shuttle, laundry and a free hot breakfast. 2358 Mendenhall Loop Road. 907-789-5566

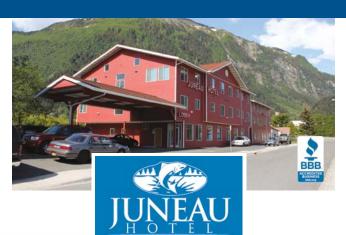


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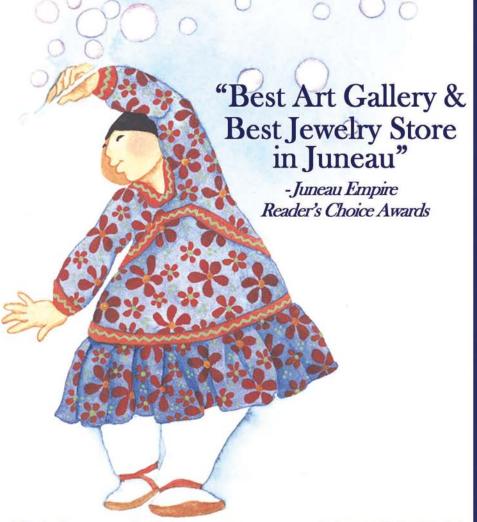
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DINING

El Sombrero in downtown Juneau has some of the best Mexican food in Alaska. A longtime favorite with locals, it is fast, friendly and outstanding. Enjoy classic dishes such as fajitas, tamales, and tacos. El Sombrero was selected by the NY Times as one of the "Top Places to Eat in Juneau." 157 South Franklin Street. 907-586-6770











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**Devils Club Brewery** was founded by three hometown friends in 2018. The taproom and kitchen sit in the original Palace Theater in the heart of historic, downtown Juneau and offer an ever-rotating, wide array of beer styles and food offerings. Drawing inspiration from American and Belgian breweries, Devil's Club specializes in everything from new-age, hoppy offerings to old world sours. Visit the taproom between 11am - 8pm daily. 100 N. Franklin Street. 907-523-BREW



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Sealaska Heritage Store Stop by and see Juneau's most interesting collection of Alaska Native gifts. From animal themed collectibles and apparel to handcrafted carvings, jewelry, paintings, and more. Your purchase goes to support vital programs that preserve and promote Southeast Alaska Native languages and cultures. Open 9am-8pm in the summer. 105 S. Seward Street, 907-586-9114



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Raven Eagle Gifts isn't your typical gift shop, it's also part museum and gallery. It is located at the top of the Mount Roberts Tramway. You can watch Native artisans working on Alaskan jade, red & yellow cedar, argillite, beading, authentic Tlingit artwork and learn about the indigenous way of life that has existed for hundreds of years. Take the Tram to find Juneau's most authentic selection of gifts. Taku Fisheries is a comprehensive seafood processing facility that smokes and pack-

ages Alaska seafood. Taku Fisheries has the opportunity to hand pick the best product for their smokehouse, which ensures the freshest product from the dock to your door. They ship fresh, frozen and smoked products to all fifty states. Visit the store for a free sample of smoked salmon. 550 S. Franklin Street. 800-582-5122

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The story of Southeast Alaska's Native people began more than 10,000 years ago and continues today.

At Sealaska Heritage, you'll be surrounded by that story like no other place in Juneau. Visit us in Heritage Square downtown.

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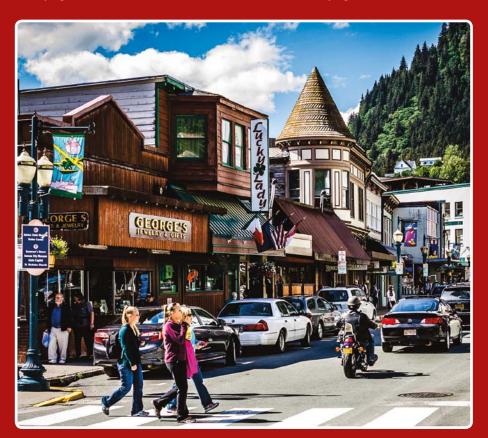
# JUNEAU'S DOWNTOWN

### 1 Annie Kaill's

Stop in for the most fun you'll have shopping in Juneau! Distinctive pottery, jewelry, and Alaskan fine art. Gifts delighting residents and visitors since 1975. (See ad page 41)

#### 3 EL Sombrero

A longtime favorite with locals. El Sombrero was selected by the NY Times as one of their "Top Places to Eat in Juneau." 157 South Franklin Street. 907-586-6770 (See ad page 42)



#### 2 Goldbelt Mount Roberts Tram

Southeast Alaska's only aerial tramway. Adorned in traditional Tlingit artwork, the tram takes you on an exhilarating ride above the Southeast Alaska rainforest to the 1800 foot level of Mount Roberts. (See ad on Back Cover)

### 4 Taku Fisheries

A great selection of the finest smoked salmon in Alaska. There is a self guided tour of the stateof-the-art facility. Be sure to stop by and get a free sample of smoked salmon. 550 South Franklin Street. (See ad page 43)

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# HISTORIC DISTRICT

### **5** Sealaska Heritage

Your doorway into authentic Southeast Alaskan art and culture. Walk through Juneau's only traditional clan house and interact with working artists. Explore Southeast Alaska through Native perspectives in the exhibit gallery and browse art and gifts in the Sealaska Heritage Store. (See ad page 45)

#### 6 Adventure Bound Alaska

Glaciers from the mountains to the sea, Alaska's largest icebergs, incredible waterfalls and the opportunity to spot whales, bears, eagles, mountain goats and seals; all in one day on Juneau's favorite cruise. 76 Egan Drive. 907-463-2509 or 800-228-3875

(See ad on Inside Front Cover)

#### (7) Allen Marine Tours

Travel by jetboat to explore the very best of the Tracy Arm Wilderness Area, including close-up views of the majestic Sawyer Glaciers. An onboard naturalist provides a wealth of information about the area and frequently encountered wildlife and marine animals seen on the trip. (See ad page 1)

### **8** Devil's Club Brewery

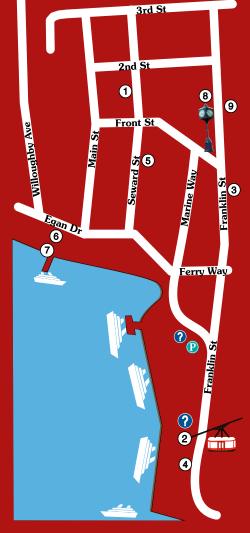
Stop by the taproom in the original Palace Theater in the heart of historic downtown to enjoy an wide array of beer styles and food offerings. (See ad page 42)

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The one and only patented Glacier Silt Soap®. Made with fine glacier silt for unbelievably smooth skin. 127 South Franklin Street. (See ad page 44)

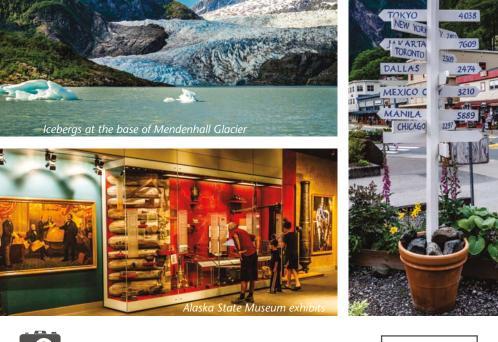
### **?** Visitor Information Centers

Juneau's main visitor info center is conveniently located right at the Cruise Ship Terminal, next to the Tram. There is also an Info Kiosk next to the parking garage on Marine Way. Visitors will find these Info Center's the perfect first stop to help plan their Juneau activities.



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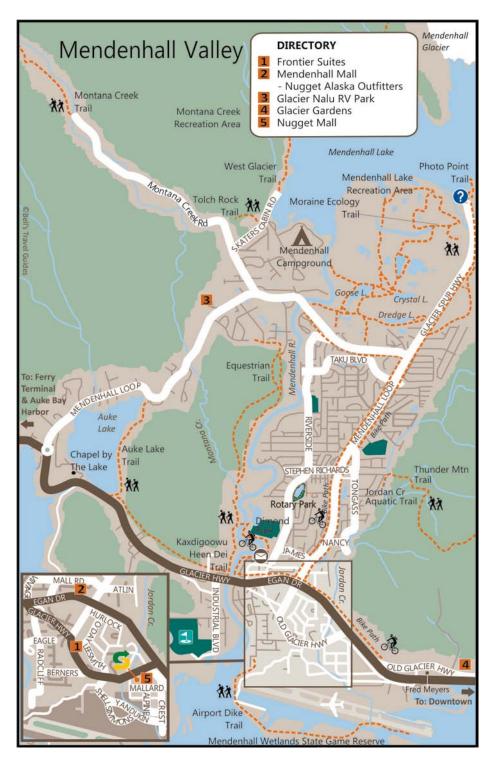


THINGS TO DO

Many of Juneau's attractions are downtown near hotels and cruise ship docks but several can be found a short distance from the city center. Juneau has an excellent public bus system that accesses the Mendenhall Valley and several taxi companies offer custom tours. Alaska State Museum was established in 1900 to collect, preserve and exhibit objects from the Territory. Today, the museum exhibits over 15,000 objects representing Native Alaskan cultures and Alaskan history including Russian America, WWII, maritime, mining, fishing, Statehood, and featuring contemporary and historical fine art created by Alaskan artists. The Museum is located on the first floor and the Alaska State Library and State Archives are housed on the top floor of the Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building at 395 Whittier Street. Museum summer hours 9am - 5pm daily. 907-465-2901



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AJ Mine/Gastineau Mill Mine Tour Don hard hats and venture underground to relive Juneau's mining heritage on a tour of what was once the world's largest gold producing mill. After a presentation at the mill ruins, you will pan for gold and garnets, where you are guaranteed to hit "Pay dirt." See the John Peterson 3 Stamp Mill in operation, wander among the displays and see the first steam engine locomotive brought to Alaska. You can visit the gift shop/museum and enjoy complimentary hot beverages. The AJ Mine/Gastineau Mill Mine Tour has been featured on Ocean Treks with Jeff Corwin, Dragonfly, Jack Hanna and many local productions. 907-463-5017

Allen Marine Tours Travel by deluxe jetboat to explore the very best of the Tracy Arm-Ford's Terror Wilderness, including exciting close-up views of the Sawyer or Dawes Glaciers. Relax in the warm, spacious cabin as your experienced captain guides you through scenic passages and into the heart of a wild place that had, until recently, been buried for centuries by glacial ice. An onboard naturalist provides a wealth of information about the area and frequently encountered wildlife seen on the trip. A picnic-style lunch is included. The tour leaves from the Seadrome Dock at the end of Willoughby Ave in downtown Juneau. Call 1-888-289-0081 for reservations. (See Ad on page 1)

# **Underground Juneau Gold!**

# AJ Mine/Gastineau Mill Mine Tour

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Relive Juneau's mining heritage on this one of a kind tour. Venture into what was once the world's largest gold mine.

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Beautifully manicured gardens surround you at Glacier Gardens

Glacier Gardens Rainforest Adventure is an exquisitely landscaped Alaskan botanical garden featuring the 'Flower Towers,' which are fallen trees, turned upsidedown, stuck into the ground trunk first, and then planted with thousands of flowers that bloom in colorful cascades! Reader's Digest has previously featured the 'Flower Towers' at Glacier Gardens as one of their "Most Interesting Landmarks in America." Take a tour aboard covered shuttles and travel through more than 50 acres of Southeast Alaska's premier rainforest garden. Your well trained driver/guide

takes you on a comfortable ride in covered vehicles while providing an in-depth narration of the temperate rainforest's fascinating ecosystem and diverse plant and animal life found here.

Your adventure takes you on a two mile journey, past astonishing garden designs and the towering rainforest canopy to panoramic views of Juneau and the surrounding area 580 ft above sea-level. The Visitor Center features a café and gift shop and a view into an active bald eagle's nest located on the grounds. Open May to Sept. 7600 Glacier Hwy. 907-790-3377







DIPAC's Macaulay Salmon Hatchery in Juneau is a private, nonprofit organization with a mission to sustain and enhance the valuable salmon resources of the state of Alaska. The Visitor Center offers a variety of attractions including a 5,000-gallon aquarium, brown bear exhibit and bald eagle display. The aquariums feature over 150 species of local marine life. Get up close and personal with sea anemones, sea cucumbers, many species of crabs and sea stars in interactive touch tanks.

Spend time with knowledgeable, local guides who will explain the intricate

hatchery process while enjoying an impressive look at the thousands of returning salmon in the fish ladder. Ask for the extended tour (late June through early August) to get an exclusive behind the scenes look at the operation.

Guests can view baby King and Coho salmon all summer long in the rearing facility. Adult salmon start returning the end of June and continue through October. Bald eagles and seals frequent the hatchery and provide a fantastic wildlife viewing opportunity.

For those guests looking to purchase salmon, the Visitor Center offers a large variety of shelf stable, smoked salmon products, all processed in Alaska. 2697 Channel Drive. 907-463-4810









Adventure Bound Alaska will take you to magnificent Tracy Arm Fjord aboard their two smooth, stable vessels. In just one day Juneau's favorite cruise will show you Alaska's largest icebergs, incredible waterfalls, dramatic glaciers, mountains and jade green water. Watch for whales, bears, eagles, mountain goats, and seals. 76 Egan Drive. 907-463-2509 or 800-228-3875

**Taku Fisheries** demonstrates how fresh Alaska seafood journeys from the ocean to your kitchen. Watch local fisherman pull up to the Taku dock and unload fresh wild Alaska seafood. Take a self guided tour of the state-of-the-art facility and see how the fish is processed and packaged. Don't miss the delicious free samples of smoked salmon. 550 S. Franklin St. 800-582-5122

Alaska Travel Adventures offers a variety of guided tours designed to suit a wide range of ages and abilities. Enjoy a whale watching cruise with guaranteed whale sightings followed by a delicious Alaskan meal at the famous Gold Creek Salmon Bake. Experience whitewater rafting on a glacier-fed river, sea kayaking in a peaceful bay, or paddle an authentic Alaska Native style canoe among icebergs at the face of a glacier. Visit Alaskatraveladventures.com or call 800-323-5757 to book.

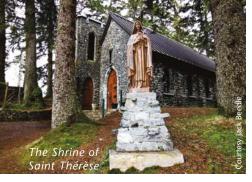
Alaska State Capitol home of both legislative chambers and the Governor's office. The four giant pillars fronting the building are constructed of Alaskan marble. Free tours of the Capital during the summer. On 4th Street between Main & Seward Street.

Sealaska Heritage is your doorway into authentic Southeast Alaska Native art and culture. Walk through Juneau's only traditional clan house and listen to an audio play of an ancient Native story. Explore Southeast Alaska through Native perspectives in the exhibit gallery and browse thoughtfully selected art and gifts in the Sealaska Heritage store. It's all housed in the iconic Walter Soboleff Building, a work of art in its own right that features dramatic traditional and contemporary pieces by master artists representing Northwest Coast tribes, 105 S. Seward Street. 907-463-4844

Mendenhall Glacier This famous glacier, 13 miles from downtown Juneau, is one of the most photographed attractions in all of Alaska. The Visitor Center at the glacier features daily interpretive talks with Forest Service Rangers and a 15-minute film is shown throughout the day. Summer hours are 8am to 7:30pm daily. 907-789-0097

Chief Kowee Plaque This friendly chief of the Auke Tribe is reputed to have helped Juneau and Harris discover gold. There is a plaque dedicated to him at Evergreen Cemetery near Glacier Ave.

Federal Building Houses the Bureau of Indian Affairs and exhibits a selection of Native crafts in the main lobby. Open 8am-5pm weekdays. Post office is on the ground floor. Glacier Ave. & 9th Street.





Several well maintained and scenic trails

Goldbelt Mount Roberts Tramway The adventure begins at the cruise ship dock in downtown Juneau where you board Southeast Alaska's only aerial tramway. Adorned in traditional Tlingit artwork, the tram takes you on an exhilarating ride above the Southeast Alaska rainforest to the 1800 foot level of Mount Roberts. At the top is Shaa Hít, the Mountain House. It is nestled among towering Sitka Spruce trees on the edge of the grasses and wildflowers of the sub alpine meadow.

Visit Raven Eagle Gifts & Gallery where you'll find something for everyone on your list. Choose from a wide selection of quality clothing and souvenirs.

Then, step into the gallery for handmade Alaska Native art and authentic original jewelry including hand-etched silver, jade, and fossilized ivory. Alaska Native artists are also featured at Raven Eagle Gifts & Gallery.

Dine with a view and enjoy your favorite beverage at the Timberline Restaurant offering locally brewed beers, an all-youcan-eat crab, and fresh oysters (in season).

Inside Passage

Several well maintained and scenic trails begin at the Nature Center, where you can stop by to pick up maps and get information about the many hiking options.

At the Juneau Raptor Center exhibit you can visit an education eagle up close and talk to the on-site naturalist.

Learn about the complex Tlingit wayof-life through the award winning film, "Seeing Daylight," shown free every half hour in the Chilkat Theater.

The Goldbelt Mount Roberts Tramway is Alaska Native owned and locally operated, May through September. This attraction is family friendly, ADA compliant, and can be enjoyed in any weather. Your tickets are good for unlimited rides all day! For more information, call 888-461-TRAM. St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church Since 1883, St. Nicholas Church has been serving the Orthodox Christian faithful in Juneau and the surrounding areas. It's classic onion dome and octagonal shape showcase interesting icons and artifacts. Regular weekly service on Thursday, Saturday & Sunday. 326 5th Street.





Mayor Bill Overstreet Park opened in 2018 and was named for the former Mayor of Juneau who successfully fought to maintain Juneau as Alaska's Capital. The centerpiece of the park is the spectacular life-sized sculpture of a breaching whale called Tahku. The park also includes a seawalk along Gastineau Channel that has been completed up to Gold Creek. Beyond the seawalk, sidewalks continue to Marine Park and the cruise ship terminals.

Shrine of St. Thérèse is the shrine to the Patron Saint of Alaska. It was built in the 1930s on a small tidal island. This beautiful church has unparalleled views of the surrounding water and mountains. Located 23 miles north of downtown Juneau.

Free Concerts on Friday evenings at the Juneau Arts and Cultural Center from June-August. 350 Whittier St. 907-586-2787 Public Use Cabins There are eleven wilderness cabins managed by the USFS and Alaska State Parks. For USFS cabin reservations, call 877-444-6777 and for State Park cabins call 907-465-4563 or stop by 400 Willoughby Ave. All cabins charge a fee.



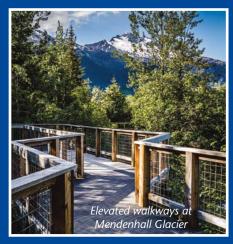
#### TRANSPORTATION

Juneau International Airport has daily flights to Anchorage, Fairbanks, Seattle, Ketchikan and most of the small towns in Southeast Alaska. Service is available with Alaska Airlines, Delta Airlines and a number of smaller regional airlines. The airport is located in the Mendenhall Valley close to hotels, and shopping, 15 minutes from downtown Juneau. 1873 Shell Simmons Drive. 907-789-7821

Alaska Marine Highway has regular service to Ketchikan, Skagway, Haines, Petersburg, Wrangell and Sitka. The ferry terminal is 14 miles from downtown at 13485 Glacier Highway. 907-465-8853

Capital Transit Bus System is an inexpensive way to explore Juneau. Fare's are \$2/adult and \$1/child. Routes 3 & 4 lead from downtown to the Mendenhall Valley. Route 3 continues towards Mendenhall Glacier, however, the bus stop is 1.5 miles from the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center.





## TAKE A HIKE IN JUNEAU

Juneau has over 250 miles of hiking & walking trails that will appeal to every fitness level. From beach walks to mountain climbs, these trails access the rainforest and alpine meadows around Juneau. The city hosts guided hikes and walks every Wednesday and Saturday. Call 907-586-0428 for current information.

Montana Creek Trail is a hike through meadows and forests. The trailhead is at the end of Montana Creek Road off Mendenhall Loop Road. After 9.5 miles the trail reaches Windfall Lake, where you will find a USFS Public Use Cabin. The trail continues 4 miles past Windfall Lake and connects with Glacier Highway.

East Glacier Trail begins at the Mendenhall Visitor Center. Take the stairs behind the center and follow the trail to the overlook. Awesome views of the Glacier and Nugget Falls. It is about a two hour hike. It's recommend you do this hike early as it can get busy later in the day.

Auke Lake Trail follows the eastern shore of Auke Lake on a well maintained gravel pathway with periodic benches. There are 2 floating walkways that lead to swimming platforms for those looking for a refreshing dip. Access to the trailhead is at the parking lot/boat launch just off the side of the Glacier Highway in the Mendenhall Valley.

Mount Roberts Trail is a steep and challenging trek that leads 4.5 miles to the summit of Mount Roberts. It is only 2.7 miles to the Mountain House, which is the upper station for the Goldbelt Mount Roberts Tramway. This trail gains over 3,000 feet of elevation and has excellent views of downtown Juneau, Douglas Island and the Gastineau Channel. The trailhead can be accessed off Basin Road just before the Gold Creek Bridge. The trail can be very muddy if it has rained recently.

If you want to skip the first part of the Mount Roberts Trail, take the Tram up to the Mountain House, and hike to the summit on the **Mount Roberts Alpine Loop** to take in the spectacular views.

Gold Creek Flume Trail is a beautiful hike through the boreal forest on a well maintained Boardwalk. It meanders through the forest above Gold Creek with many small waterfalls along the way. It's a flat and easy hike. Trailhead can be accessed from Basin Road just before the Gold Creek Bridge.

Perseverance Trail, a 3 mile trail along the former rail line leading to the mine of the same name. The trail passes by old mine shafts and has great views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. Side trails to Mount Juneau Summit & Ebner Falls. Trailhead is at the end of Basin Road.

## HOONAH

oonah, which means "village by the cliff" is the principal village for the Huna, a Tlingit tribe who have occupied the area for centuries, and the largest Tlingit village in southeast Alaska.

The Glacier Bay Huna people were driven from their homes by glacial advances between 1400 AD and 1750 AD. They eventually moved to an ice-free harbor on the northeast corner of Chichagof Island.



The Northwest Trading Company built a store in Hoonah in 1880, soon followed by the Presbyterian Home Mission and school. In 1912 the Hoonah Packing Company built a salmon cannery a mile or so north of town, which operated from 1912-1923. In 1917, during 26 consecutive days, they canned 152,505 cases of salmon; second only to the largest cannery in the world in Bellingham, WA.

The Village Native Corporation, through its Huna Heritage Foundation, works to perpetuate Huna culture and promote education. Their motto is Woosh-Jee-Een, 'Working Together'.

## **GUSTAVUS**

ustavus is situated on Icy Strait, 48 air miles from Juneau and is surrounded on three sides by Glacier Bay National Park.

It is recognized as "the Gateway to Glacier Bay" and has the only airport in the region. The first permanent homestead was established in 1917, when Abraham Lincoln Parker moved his family to Strawberry Point. During the 1920s and 30s, a year-round community grew up around the prosperous fishing fleet that made Gustavus home. Stores, restaurants, a post office and a school were constructed. In 1939, President Roosevelt expanded Glacier Bay Monument and froze all private ownership of land around Gustavus. This cut off the homesteaders and made further growth impossible. Charles Parker (son of A.L. Parker) worked tirelessly to correct this and in 1955, 19,000 acres of the Monument were released by Presidential proclamation for homesteading.

# ICY STRAIT POINT

cy Strait Point on Chichagof Island is just one mile from Hoonah. It became a cruise ship destination in 2004 when the Huna Totem Corporation built a cruise ship dock. Originally built in 1912 as a salmon cannery, it was recently restored and modified to include a fishing history museum and a small exclusive shopping arcade featuring primarily Alaskan merchants. Walking trails along the beach and through the old forest are excellent.

The Tlingit native cultural center which includes a theater featuring Tlingit dancing, story telling and museum is an important part of the community. Take a "Journey Through Time" trail tour with manned exhibits depicting the Huna Tlingit history from the most recent Ice Age to modern time.



# n 1794 explorer Captain George Vancouver sailed into Icy Strait. He found it

choked with ice, and what was to become Glacier Bay was barely noticeable. That ice was more than 4,000 ft. thick, up to 20 miles wide in places and extended more than 100 miles to the St. Elias Mountain Range. In 1879 John Muir found that the ice had retreated 48 miles up the bay and by 1916 the Grand Pacific Glacier had retreated 65 miles from Glacier Bay's mouth. This rapid retreat is only found here in Southeast Alaska. Scientists have been studying the phenomena hoping to learn how glacial

Just 50 miles northwest of Juneau (25 minutes by air), Glacier Bay is the largest national park in Southeast Alaska, the world's largest protected marine sanctuary, and a World Heritage Site. At 3.3 million acres, it's larger than the state of Connecticut.

activity affects climate change.

The marine wilderness of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve includes tidewater glaciers, snowcapped mountain ranges, ocean coastlines, deep fjords, and freshwater rivers and lakes.

As you enter Glacier Bay, remember you are cruising along shorelines that were completely covered by ice just 200 years ago. The glaciers here today are remnants

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of a general ice advance 'the Little Ice Age' that began about 4,000 years ago

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Age' that began about 4,000 years ago and reached its maximum extent here around 1750.

Glacier Bay Lodge is located in Bartlett Cove, 10 miles by road from the small town of Gustavus. It is nestled among the Sitka Spruce trees of the Tongass Rainforest. Cozy accommodations, with stunning views of the water and the Fairweather Mountain range. Glacier Bay Tours offer a variety of packages to experience Glacier Bay National Park. 888-229-8687

Alaska Airlines and air taxis make daily flights from Juneau to Gustavus.





# **HAINES**

arly in November 1879, a canoe slipped into the mouth of the Chilkat Inlet carrying S. Hall ■ Young, a Presbyterian missionary, and his naturalist friend, John Muir. Young told the Chilkats of his intention to build a new Christian town between two waterways, the Chilkat River and the Lynn Canal. Two years later, the first permanent missionaries came to Haines and the resulting town was named after Mrs. F.E.H. Haines, who was secretary of the Presbyterian National Women's Missionary Board. She never visited the town that bears her name, although she was a supporter of the mission to Haines. By 1881 the mission was fully established. In the early 1900s, the government built a permanent Army post here known as Fort William H. Seward, which was later renamed Chilkoot Barracks. When the Fort became a national historic site in 1972, the name was changed back to Fort William H. Seward.

The Fort was spread over thousands of acres and was meant to be a showcase reflecting the Army's strength in Alaska. The foundations of the buildings were cut from local granite by Italian stone masons who were brought in for that purpose. The officers houses were very luxurious and had the latest conveniences with indoor flush toilets and bathtubs.

## EAGLE CAPITAL OF AMERICA

Haines is situated at the upper end of North America's longest and deepest fjord, Lynn Canal. It is 14 miles south of Skagway and 80 miles north of Juneau.

The Chilkat Valley is home to abundant wildlife and Haines is home to one of the highest concentrations of bald eagles in North America.





Summer Tasting Room Hours: Mon-Sat 12-8pm

Cocktails, bottled spirits & merchandise for sale

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34 Blacksmith St in historic Ft Seward



Over 260 other species of birds also pass through the Chilkat Valley each year. The Chilkoot River offers an amazing opportunity to view both brown and black bears. Visit the Information Center for a Wildlife Viewing Guide.



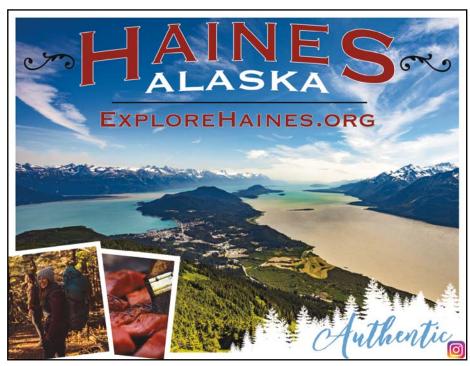
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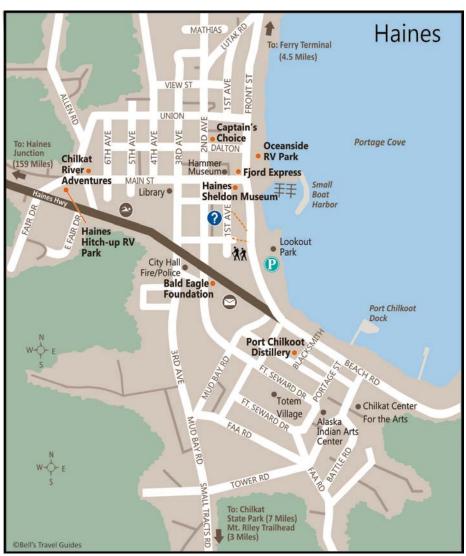
Haines Visitor Information Center is the best place to start exploring this artful, adventure filled town. 122 2nd Avenue. 907-766-6418



ACCOMMODATION

Captain's Choice Motel Rooms are quiet & comfortable with panoramic views of the Lynn Canal, Portage Cove and its small boat harbor. Within walking distance of downtown. Complimentary breakfast, free Wi-fi, courtesy shuttle for ferry & flights and pet friendly. Additional services at motel include car rentals, Laundromat, tour info & ticketing. 108 2nd Ave. 907-766-3111 or 800-478-2345.











CAMPING

Oceanside RV Park has the best views and rates in Haines. 22 full service sites and dry waterfront sites available. Cable TV, freezer space and common room. Shower, laundry and Wi-fi available for a fee. Next to the harbor on Front Street. 907-766-2437 Haines Hitch-up RV Park has 92 full hookup sites, pull-throughs and 50 amp sites available. Free showers, Wi-fi and cable TV, laundry and Gift Shop. Haines, Juneau and Skagway tour tickets available. On Main Street near the junction with the Haines Highway. 907-766-2882

Dump station and water available at the Tesoro on Main Street and Haines Highway.



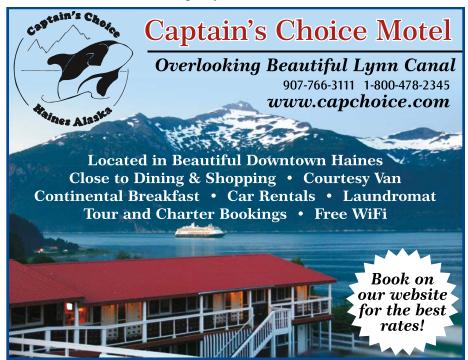
THINGS TO DO

Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve on the Chilkat River. Bald Eagles are attracted to the area by the availability of spawned-out salmon and open waters in late fall and winter. Mile 18 to 24, on the Haines Highway.





Alaska Indian Arts Center offers a daily cultural lecture with a brief history of Fort William H. Seward, Alaska Indian Arts and the development of totem carving in the area. Fort William H. Seward was named after the man who negotiated the purchase of Alaska from Russia. It encompassed over 4000 acres when it was constructed. It established a military presence in the area during negotiations over the international US/Canada border and for miners headed







into the interior goldfields. In 1945 it was deactivated and sold to the Port Chilkoot Company. It has subsequently been commercially developed and currently is home to several businesses including a B&B, Hotel and the Chilkat Center for the Arts. While you're in Fort Seward, visit the historic bakery building which now houses The Port Chilkoot Distillery. Southeast Alaska's first distillery produces awardwinning gin, bourbon and absinthe, as

well as vodka and rye whiskey. Sip a hand crafted cocktail and take-home bottled spirits or merchandise featuring their distinctive maritime logos. 907-766-3434 **The American Bald Eagle Foundation** Stroll through displays that showcase the natural history of Southeast Alaska. You will also have an opportunity to meet their ambassador eagles. See these beautiful Raptors up close as you walk through the "The Live Raptor Center."







This is a wonderful opportunity to see the work of countless volunteers and staff that are involved with teaching the world about the Bald Eagle and its habitat. 113 Haines Hwy 907-766-3094.

Chilkat River Adventures Experience the wilderness Alaska you have been looking for. Take a jet boat tour into the heart of the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve with the Hess family. They own over three acres in the middle of the preserve and will keep you warm and comfortable, while exploring remote areas of the preserve. Bald eagles and their massive nests are visible from the river's edge. Since 1991 Chilkat River Adventures has taken visitors to a portion of the preserve, which can't be accessed by road. 842 Main Street. 800-478-9827



Fjord Express to Juneau Experience the best of Alaska's Inside Passage in just one day. This spectacular day cruise package includes whale watching, cascading waterfalls, Lynn Canal (the continents deepest fjord), Juneau City Tour, Eldred Rock Lighthouse, continental breakfast and dinner. Cruise aboard the Fjordland, a state of the art, high speed catamaran. Tour runs from 8:30am -7:30pm. 800-320-0146 or 907-766-3395

Explore the rich history, culture and art of the Chilkat Valley with a visit to the Haines Sheldon Museum! In the main gallery, learn how the Tlingit stronghold of Jilkáat Aani transformed into a booming multiethnic community. The museum houses over 4,000 artifacts including Chilkat blankets, dugout canoes, the Eldred Rock Lighthouse lens, gold mining equipment, a rotating art gallery and an interactive children's area. Centrally located at 11 Main Street. Open Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm. 907-766-2366.

The Hammer Museum is the only museum in the world dedicated to the history of the hammer. This interesting and unique museum started with a local's love of hammers and has turned into an incredible collection of thousands of hammers that range from ancient to modern. 108 Main Street. 907-766-2374







#### HIKING

Hiking trails abound in Haines. There are two free handouts available at the Visitor Center; A trail guide entitled Haines is for Hikers and a great checklist for Birds of the Chilkat Valley. Haines is for Hikers includes detailed descriptions of the following trails, including elevations, options for camping, bear safety tips, detailed directions to trailheads and parking information.

Battery Point Trail is a short and fairly easy hike. It leads to a very pleasant beach, a great spot for a picnic. It is a very popular trail in Haines, so don't expect to be on your own. The trailhead is at the end of Beach Road past Portage Cove Docks.

Mt. Ripinsky Trail is well known in the Haines Area. It is for more serious hikers and if you plan to hike the seven mile saddle to the Haines Highway, it is best done as an overnight trip. You can camp in the alpine area between the summit and the South Peak. It has spectacular views but the trail is steep and it can be muddy even during the summer. Access the trailhead by taking 2nd Avenue to Young Road. Follow Young Road to the parking area at the end. Trail begins on the left, before the old pipeline road.

Mt. Riley Trail is a six mile trail with great views of the surrounding mountains, glaciers and inlets. It has a 1700 foot elevation gain and is a moderately difficult hike. It can be accessed from the Battery Point trail or at mile 3 of the Mud Bay Road. You can also access it from Lily Lake which is found at the end of FAA Road behind Fort William H. Seward.

Seduction Point Trail is a long seven mile hike to Seduction Point. However, if you only hike the first section to the beach, it is easy and enjoyable for people of all ages and abilities. Trailhead is six miles down Mud Bay Road.

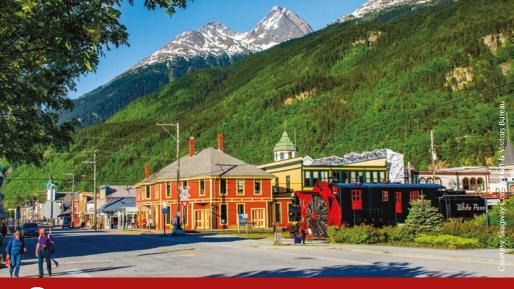


#### TRANSPORTATION

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Haines-Skagway Fast Ferry offers daily service to Skagway and return. Only 45 minutes between ports. This is a passenger only ferry service, not for vehicles. Call for Reservations: 907-766-2100 or 888-766-2103

**Haines Airport** has daily flights to Juneau, and Skagway. The airport is four miles from downtown on the Haines Highway.



# **SKAGWAY**

kagway, Alaska is the northernmost point in Alaska's Inside Passage.
One of the first white residents of Skagway was Billy Moore, a former steamboat captain. He believed that gold would be found in the Yukon and in 1887 built a dock and a trading post in anticipation of the gold rush. He was proved correct and Skagway became the boomtown gateway to the Klondike Gold Rush in 1898. The population has since dwindled from 20,000 feverish gold seekers to around 1,000 year-round citizens.

Prospectors arrived on steamships and prepared for their overland journey north into the Yukon to Dawson City. The first part of their expedition was certainly the most difficult. Prospectors had to transport more than 2000 pounds of provisions over the Chilkoot Pass to Carcross. This proverbial "Ton of goods" was required for each person by the Canadian government to prevent starvation in the remote Yukon Territory. In order to transport such large amounts of food and supplies stampeders were required to make many trips over the treacherous Chilkoot Pass. Once in Carcross they would need to build a boat capable of making the 600 mile journey north to Dawson City, via the Yukon River.

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## **KLONDIKE BOOM TOWN**

Skagway's neighboring town of Dyea was at the beginning of the Chilkoot Trail and what began as a tent city in 1897 quickly grew into a town of 3,500 with restaurants, hotels and saloons. However, with the building of the White Pass & Yukon Railroad from Skagway in 1898, Dyea quickly faded away. The old townsite is now recognized as a National Historic Landmark even though there is hardly any evidence that the town ever existed.

Skagway's streets, once choked with gold-crazed prospectors clamoring to get to the Klondike and strike it rich, are now just as busy with thousands of visitors that arrive by cruise ship every day! On a busy ship day, Skagway reverberates with many of the same feelings that must have been present during the gold rush.

On June 28, 1900 Skagway became the first incorporated city in Alaska.

Skagway is home of the White Pass and Yukon Railroad, the "Scenic Railway of the World" one of Alaska's most popular visitor attractions and not to be missed.

It is also the home of the Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park, which honors the brave stampeders of the Klondike by protecting the historic buildings and trails of the gold rush era.







VISITOR INFO

Skagway Convention & Visitors Bureau is located in the Arctic Brotherhood Hall, one of Skagway's most interesting buildings. The facade of the building uses almost 9000 pieces of driftwood collected from the beaches in Skagway Bay. Pick up a city walking tour map or local trail map for nearby hiking. The Skagway CVB website is an excellent resource for planning your stay in this historic little city. 245 Broadway. www.skagway.com 907-983-2854 or 888-762-1898



**ACCOMMODATION** 

Westmark Inn Skagway captures the spirit of the Klondike Trail with its Victorian decor, rustic setting and warm Alaskan hospitality. Located right in the heart of downtown Skagway on Third & Spring Streets. Open May – September. 907-983-6000

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# SKAGWAY RV PARKS



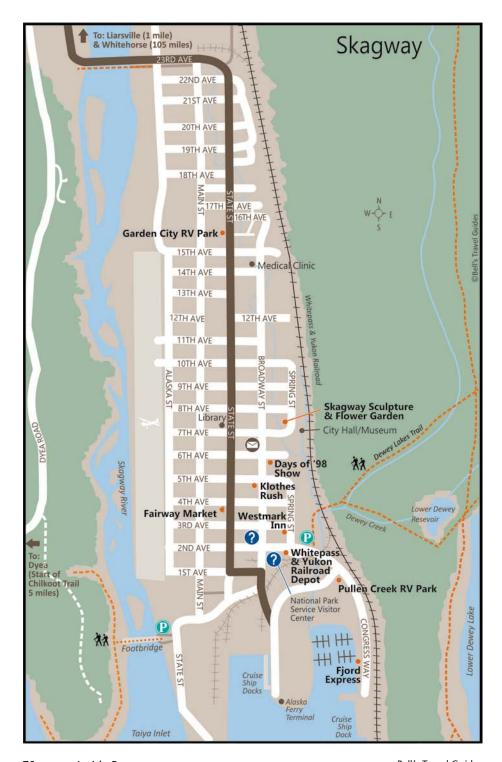


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#### CAMPING

**Pullen Creek RV Park** has RV sites and tent camping is available in designated sites. Water, electric, dump station and coin-op showers. Turn east on 2nd Avenue from State Street and drive 3 blocks. Close to the ferry dock, hiking trails and the waterfront. Reservations recommended. 907-983-3884

Garden City RV Park offers electric hookups, water, sewer, restrooms, coin-op showers and Laundromat. Tent camping is available. Within walking distance to the historic district. On State Street between 15th and 17th. Reservations recommended. 907-983-3884

**Dyea Campground** is operated by the National Park Service, 9 miles from Skagway. 22 sites for small RV's and tents. Picnic tables, firepits and toilets are available. The Chilkoot trialhead is only 0.5 miles from the campground. 907-983-2921



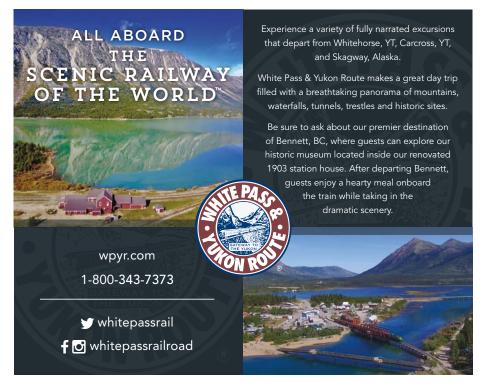


SHOPPING

**Klothes Rush Gifts** T-shirts and souvenirs. A selection of high-quality sportswear and equipment. 5th & Broadway. 907-983-2370 or 800-664-2370

**Fairway Market** has a great selection of fresh meats, milk, fruits and vegetables. 4th Avenue and State Street.

The Kone Kompany is known for serving up the best ice cream and fudge in the State. 5th & Broadway.

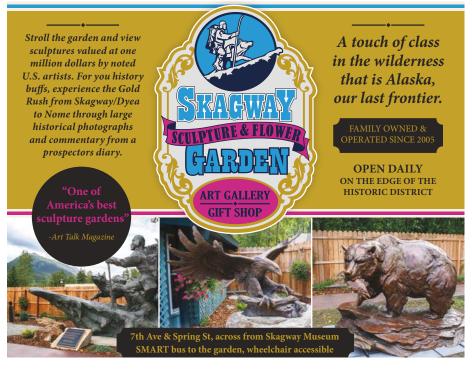






THINGS TO DO

Skagway Sculpture and Flower Garden Step away from the crowds to discover this hidden gem of a garden with 28 beautiful bronze sculptures made by noted American sculptors from across the United States. These incredible works of art are valued at over \$1,000,000. You can also explore the "Klondike Gold Rush Trail" via 57 historical photographs with written narrative. Family owned & operated since 2005. Open daily on the edge of the Historic District at 7th & Spring St. 907-983-3311





The Days of '98 Show Since 1923 this live musical event has entertained audiences with the tale of Jefferson Randolph "Soapy" Smith, Alaska's most notorious outlaw. Soapy reigned over Skagway during the wild days of the Klondike Gold Rush. This colorful vaudevillian musical recounts his incredible life and dramatic demise. The show features can-can dancing, ragtime music, riotous humor, and Robert Service poetry. Recommended on Trip Advisor. 907-983-2545

The White Pass & Yukon Route "The Scenic Railway of the World" on the Trail of '98. Travel across the White Pass on a narrow-gauge railway that parallels the trail followed by the gold seekers in 1898. In the first 20 miles the diesel-powered train climbs from sea level to 3,000 feet passing Bridal Veil Falls, Dead Horse Gulch

and Inspiration Point. This historic journey takes guests past mountains, glaciers, waterfalls and historic sites. Travelers are sure to enjoy the spectacular views and historic commentary from the comfort of the vintage passenger coaches. The train runs daily from May - September. This trip is handicap accessible. The White Pass & Yukon Railway tour is the most popular tour in Alaska, so be sure to call ahead for Reservations. 800-343-7373









Liarsville Gold Rush Trail Camp and Salmon Bake At the foot of the White Pass and nestled beside a waterfall you will discover Liarsville Gold Rush Trail Camp and Salmon Bake. Your experience begins with an all-you-can-eat feast in the forest that includes wild Alaskan-caught salmon, side dishes and dessert. A cast of sourdoughs and dance hall girls will entertain you with a hilarious melodrama and a poem by Robert Service. After teaching you the art of gold panning, visit the gold fields, where you are guaranteed to find gold. Visit Alaskatraveladventures.com to book. Fjord Express to Juneau Experience the Best of Alaska's Inside Passage In just one day. This spectacular day cruise package includes whale watching, cascading waterfalls, Lynn Canal (the continents deepest fjord), Juneau City Tour, Eldred Rock Lighthouse, continental breakfast and dinner. Cruise aboard the Fjordland, a state of the art, high speed catamaran. Tour runs from 8am to 8pm. 1-800-320-0146 or 907-766-3395



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HIKING

Skagway has plenty of trails ideal for day hikes or longer multi-day trips.

The Chilkoot Trail is probably the most famous trail in Alaska. It is the 53 km/33 mile trail used by gold seekers headed for the Klondike Gold Rush. It is maintained by both the U.S. and Canadian Park Services. You need to have a permit to hike the Chilkoot as the number of hikers each year is limited.

It is an amazing journey into the past and one of the most popular trails in the North. The trailhead is at Dyea 10 miles from Skagway on a dirt road. There are a number of private shuttle companies that will take you to Dyea. It typically takes 3 to 5 days to complete this historic journey. Lower Dewey Lakes is easily accessible from downtown Skagway. It takes about 45 minutes to reach the lake where there are great views overlooking Skagway. The trail has some steep sections. After reaching the lake it is possible to continue on to Icy Lake and Upper Reid Falls. You can spend hours exploring the area as there are several branch trails. Access the trailhead on 2nd Avenue across from the White Pass & Yukon Railroad Depot.



**TRANSPORTATION** 

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Haines-Skagway Fast Ferry Daily service to Haines. Only a 45 minute journey. One way or round-trip from Haines can be combined with a White Pass train excursion. This is a passenger only ferry service, not for vehicles. Located at the small boat harbor. 907-766-2100 or 888-766-2103 **Skagway Airport** has daily flights to Juneau, and Haines as well as regular flightseeing tours to Glacier Bay. The Airport is located on the west side of town. 907-983-2323



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