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ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY



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Heated
Solarium

Viewing
Decks

Access to
Car Deck

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SKAGWAY AK



Forward
Observation
Lounge

Access to
Car Deck

Cabins

ALASKA

CANADA



Route Map
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Alaska's state ferry system is a fun, affordable and spectacularly scenic way to travel.

- Fleet of vessels
- 35 port communities – 33 in Alaska
- 3,500 miles of scenic coastline
- Year-round service to most ports
- Summer service to the Aleutians and across the Gulf of Alaska.
- Walk or drive on



Walk On



Walk aboard, drive on or ride a bike.

- Passenger space is almost always available
- Cabin and car deck space fill up quickly – call ahead for reservations.
- Traveling without a cabin?
 - Set up a tent on the outer deck
- Or, bring your sleeping bag and pull up a lounge chair in the heated solarium.





Pets are welcome on the car deck in your vehicle or a suitable pet carrier.



The Purser will make pet calls on longer journeys so passengers can attend to pets.

Bring your kayak... and experience Alaska's waterways.



Bicycles are a great way to get around the coastal communities.



Vehicles



The Alaska Marine Highway can connect you to dozens of communities, many not accessible from the road system.

- Vehicle rates are based on the width and length of your vehicle and the distance you are traveling.
- Call ahead to reserve a spot on the car deck.





Check in at the terminal early for ease of loading.



Measuring your vehicle is crucial to ensure proper deck space.



Motorcycle owners are responsible for bringing their own tie-downs.





Vessel crews will assist you with parking.

Onboard Amenities



The Alaska Marine Highway offers many onboard amenities for a relaxing trip.

- Cabins are sold per trip, not per person
- Cabins sell out quickly
- Food service is available on nearly all our vessels
- Most vessels feature observation lounges and solariums



Hot and cold meal options are available.



Multiple cabin options, ranging from 2-berth inside cabins to 4-berth outside cabins with full facilities and a sitting area.



Observation decks, lounges and solariums are a relaxing way to view spectacular scenery and wildlife.



The M/Vs Columbia and Tustumena offer full service dining areas.

Regions

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Southwest

South Central

Southeast

Cross-Gulf



The Marine Highway stretches 3,500 coastal miles, from our southern terminus of Bellingham, Washington to Dutch Harbor, Alaska.





Highlights of Southeast Alaska

The Inside Passage is a scenic wonderland, filled with Alaska Native culture and Gold Rush history. Drive aboard in Skagway and explore the Golden Circle Route. Or, walk on in Ketchikan for a tour of the Inside Passage before flying home from Juneau.



Reasons to Visit:

- Gold Rush history
- Rich Alaska Native culture
- Russian history
- Alaska's capital city
- Wildlife & whale watching
- Totem poles
- Bear viewing
- Norwegian heritage
- Glacier exploration
- Ample hiking and kayaking



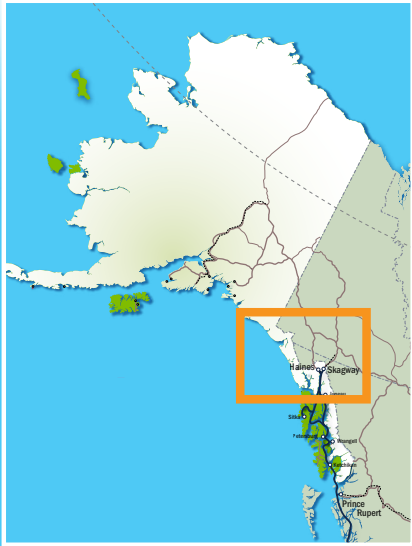
State & National Parklands

- Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve
- Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park
- Sitka National Historical Park
- Baranof Castle Hill State Historic Site - Sitka
- Petroglyph Beach State Historical Park - Wrangell
- Totem Bight State Historic Site - Ketchikan
- Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve - Haines
- Misty Fjords National Monument
- Tongass National Forest



Area Attractions

- St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral - Sitka
- Sheldon Jackson Museum - Sitka
- Alaska Raptor Center - Sitka
- Russian Bishop's House - Sitka
- Capitol Building - Juneau
- Mendenhall Glacier - Juneau
- Skagway Gold Rush Cemetery
- Chief Shakes Tribal House - Wrangell
- Southeast Alaska Discovery Center - Ketchikan
- Tongass Historical Museum - Ketchikan
- Totem Heritage Center - Ketchikan
- Forelands Preserve - Gustavus
- Bartlett Cove - Gustavus
- LeConte Glacier - Petersburg
- Coast Range - Petersburg



To Whittier

Yakutat

Haines Jct.

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Whitehorse

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Haines

Skagway

Pelican

Hoonah

Tenakee

Juneau

Angoon

Explore the Golden Circle



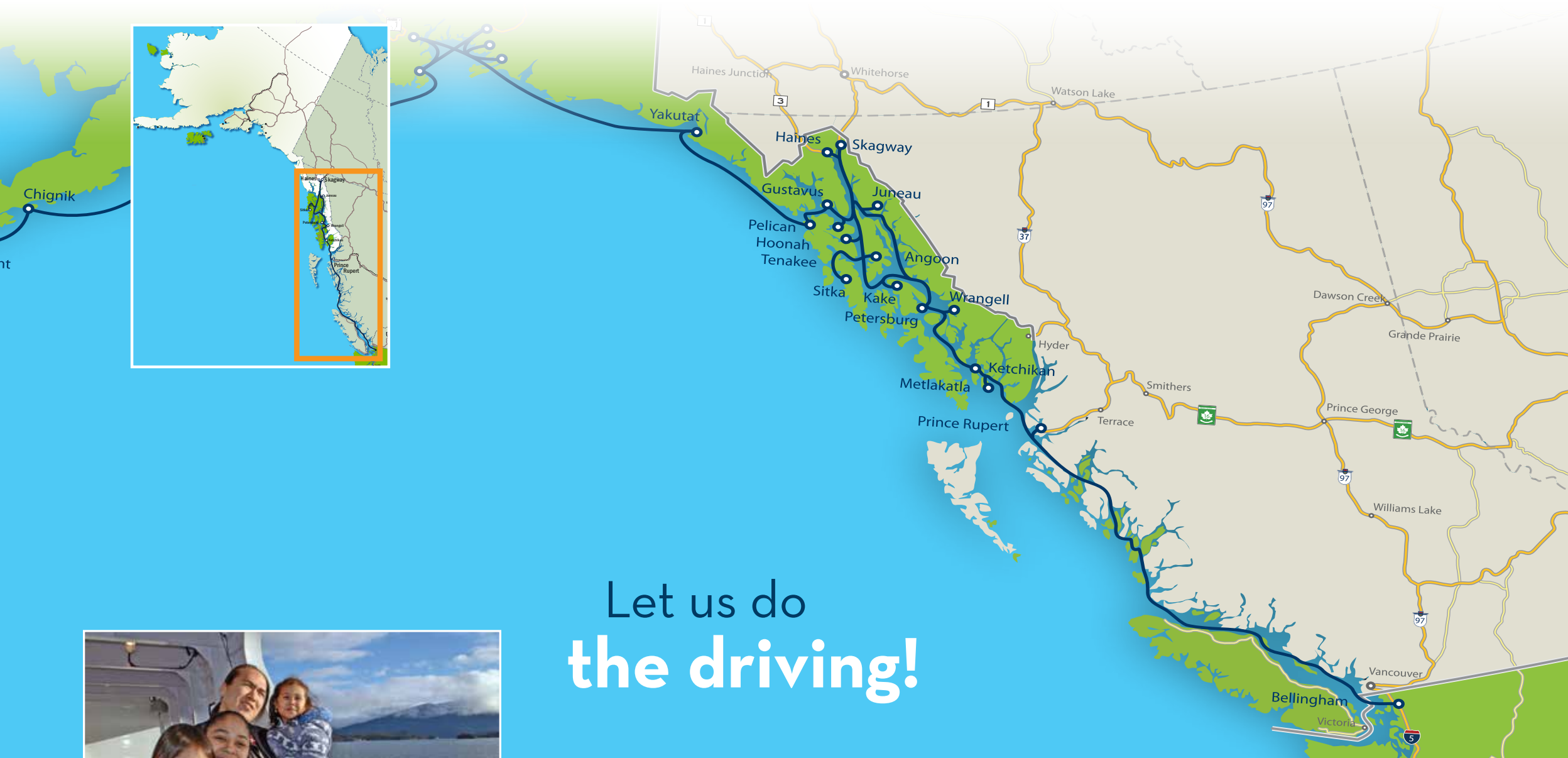
Follow in the footsteps of the gold rush pioneers on the Golden Circle Route!

Travelers have opportunities to enjoy heritage and historical sites, scenic beauty, countless hiking trails and wildlife viewing.

Bike, kayak, hike and explore the communities over a few days. Whatever you choose to do, make sure to bring your camera and your passport!

A spectacularly scenic route that includes five communities in two countries:

- ▶ From Whitehorse, Yukon drive to Skagway, Alaska
- ▶ Board an Alaska Marine Highway ferry for the trip to Juneau, Alaska's capital city, or go directly to Haines
- ▶ Drive the Haines Highway, an Alaska Scenic Byway, to the junction with the Alaska Highway



Let us do the driving!



Drive aboard the Alaska Marine Highway in our southern ports of Bellingham, Washington or Prince Rupert, British Columbia.

Sit back and relax as we do the driving to Alaska. Travelers will enjoy the scenic route north and experience the communities of the Inside Passage, many of which are not accessible by the road system.

Plus, the ferry ride saves you 700-1,700 miles of driving.

- ▶ Drive on in Bellingham or Prince Rupert
- ▶ Ferry north to Ketchikan, Alaska's first city
- ▶ Explore the towns along the route to Juneau, the state capital
- ▶ Ride the ferry to the gold rush towns of Skagway or Haines
- ▶ Drive the Haines Highway to continue your Alaska adventure or disembark in Skagway to head south to the Lower 48



Highlights of the South Central Route

Spectacular scenery awaits you in South Central and Interior Alaska. Drive aboard the ferry in Whittier and ride to Valdez, where you can connect with scenic roadways to Fairbanks.



Reasons to Visit:

- Glacier tours
- Kayaking/rafting
- Wildlife tours
- Flightseeing
- Pioneer history
- Hiking
- Fishing
- Biking
- Gold panning
- Dog mushing



State & National Parklands

- Chugach State Park
- Chugach National Forest
- Denali National Park & Preserve, home to Mount McKinley
- Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve

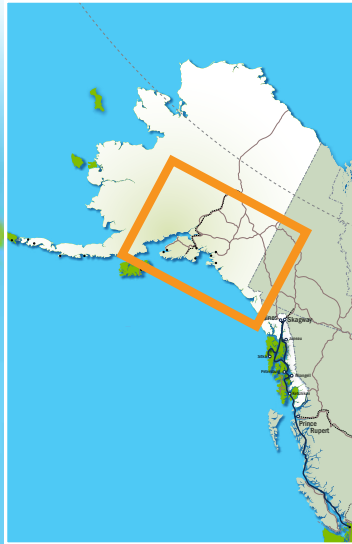


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Area Attractions

- Alaska's largest city - Anchorage
- Prince William Sound
- Alaska Railroad
- Trans-Alaska Pipeline - Valdez
- Columbia Glacier - Valdez
- Valdez Museum
- Keystone Canyon - Valdez
- Mat-Su Valley
- Fairbanks, Alaska's "Golden Heart City"
- Prince William Sound Museum - Whittier
- Whittier Tunnel
- Mt. Eyak Ski Area - Cordova
- Cordova Historical Museum
- Ilanka Cultural Center - Cordova
- Prince William Sound Science Center - Cordova



- Ferry
- Train
- Vehicle
- Shuttle

Travel into Alaska's Heartland



See Alaska on this week-long adventure through Prince William Sound, South Central Alaska and beyond. Enjoy the heart of Alaska by ferry, rail and car.

- ▶ Fly into Anchorage and take the train or rent a car and drive to Denali National Park
- ▶ Ride the shuttle into the park to see North America's largest peak
- ▶ Continue north on the train or by car to

Fairbanks, Alaska's Golden Heart City

- ▶ After spending a day exploring the land of the midnight sun, drive the Richardson Highway to Valdez
- ▶ From Valdez, enjoy the spectacular scenery of Prince William Sound aboard a ferry to Whittier
- ▶ Drive through the famous Whittier Tunnel on your way back to Anchorage





Journey Across the Gulf



Set sail from Alaska's capital city to the South Central port of Whittier, where you can connect to the main Alaska road system and explore Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. The Alaska Marine Highway offers service between Juneau and Whittier twice per month in the summer, so be sure to make reservations well in advance.

- ▶ Fly or ferry to Juneau and board the ferry to Whittier
- ▶ En route, get off for a quick one-hour exploration of Yakutat

- ▶ Arrive in Whittier and take in the views of Prince William Sound
- ▶ Drive or take the train through North America's longest railroad-vehicle combined tunnel to connect with the Seward Highway
- ▶ Travel 90 minutes north to Anchorage
- ▶ Explore Anchorage and beyond
- ▶ Return to Juneau by highway and ferry or by plane



Highlights of the **Southwest Route**

From wildlife to wilderness, find a place of beauty and rich culture in the communities of the Aleutian Islands. Most travelers exploring the Aleutians ride the ferry from Homer to Dutch Harbor and then return to Anchorage via plane.



Reasons to Visit:

- Halibut capital of the world
- Home to TV's "Deadliest Catch"
- Unparalleled birding
- Rich Alaska Native culture
- Russian explorer influence
- World War II history
- See volcanoes
- Whale watching
- Bear viewing



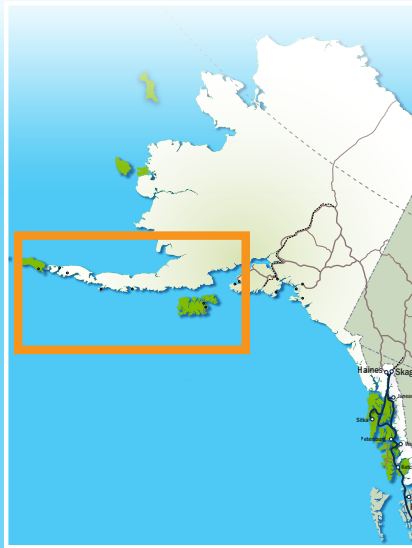
State & National Parklands

- Aleutian World War II National Historic Area
- Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge
- Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge
- Izembek National Wildlife Refuge
- Fort Abercrombie State Historical Park
- Kachemak Bay State Park & State Wilderness Park



Area Attractions

- Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center
- Holy Resurrection Russian Orthodox Cathedral - Kodiak
- Baranov, Alutiiq and Maritime Museums - Kodiak
- The St. Nicholas Chapel - Sand Point
- Museum of the Aleutians - Dutch Harbor/Unalaska
- Cathedral of the Holy Ascention of Christ - Dutch Harbor/Unalaska
- Three Saints Russian Orthodox Church - Old Harbor
- St. Herman's Chapel - Ouzinkie



Aleutian Islands Adventure

Take the ferry southwest to its last stop on the Aleutian Chain. Explore the Aleutians on the way to Dutch Harbor, home to World War II history, great birding and TV's Deadliest Catch.

- ▶ From Anchorage, fly or drive to Homer then board the ferry to Kodiak
- ▶ Spend a couple of days exploring Kodiak, Alaska's emerald isle
- ▶ Step on board for a three-day ferry ride down the Aleutian Chain to Dutch Harbor
- ▶ Enjoy the day in Dutch Harbor, visiting a World War II museum, hiking or fishing
- ▶ Return to Homer by ferry or stop off in Kodiak for a couple days of exploring
- ▶ Return to Anchorage by plane if you would like to spend a few days in Dutch Harbor



Visit Alaska's Emerald Isle

Make a getaway to the green and lush island of Kodiak.

Travelers will enjoy a scenic drive on the Kenai Peninsula before connecting with the ferry for beautiful views of the Aleutian Range and the Gulf of Alaska.

Drive the island's 100 miles of road. See the White Sands Beach and WWII sites. And watch for wildlife - from eagles to bears - along the way. Or, leave the car behind and explore the many museums in the downtown area.

- ▶ From Anchorage, drive south five hours to Homer
- ▶ Drive or walk on the ferry to Kodiak
- ▶ Explore the Emerald Isle
- ▶ Ride the ferry back to Homer

Scenic Byways

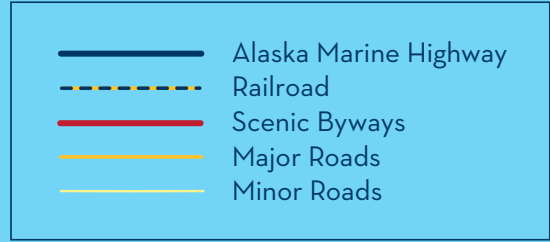


**Explore the many Scenic Byways
along our routes.**

The Alaska Marine Highway travels a route so special it's been designated a National Scenic Byway and an All-American Road.



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Alaska's Scenic Byways

The Marine Highway encompasses a route so spectacular it has been named an All-American Road, the nation's highest honor. The U.S. Department of Transportation gives the designation of All-American Roads based on their cultural, historical, archeological, scenic, recreational and natural characteristics. This highway just happens to be the only one on water!



All-American Road

- A Alaska Marine Highway Route
- B Seward Highway

National Scenic Byways

- C Glenn Highway
- D George Parks Highway
- E Haines Highway - Valley of the Eagles



Alaska Scenic Byways

- F Alaska Railroad
- G Copper River Highway
- H Dalton Highway
- I Kachemak Bay Route
- J Prince of Wales Island Road System
- K Richardson Highway: northern segment
- L Richardson Highway: southern segment
- M Steese Highway
- N Sterling Highway: Wye to Skilak Lake
- O Sterling Highway: Anchor Point to Homer
- P Taylor and "Top of the World" highways
- Q Walden Point Road

Wildlife



The Marine Highway is a great way to see wildlife.

- Watch for wildlife from the deck of the ferry
- Book a wildlife viewing trip in one of our port communities

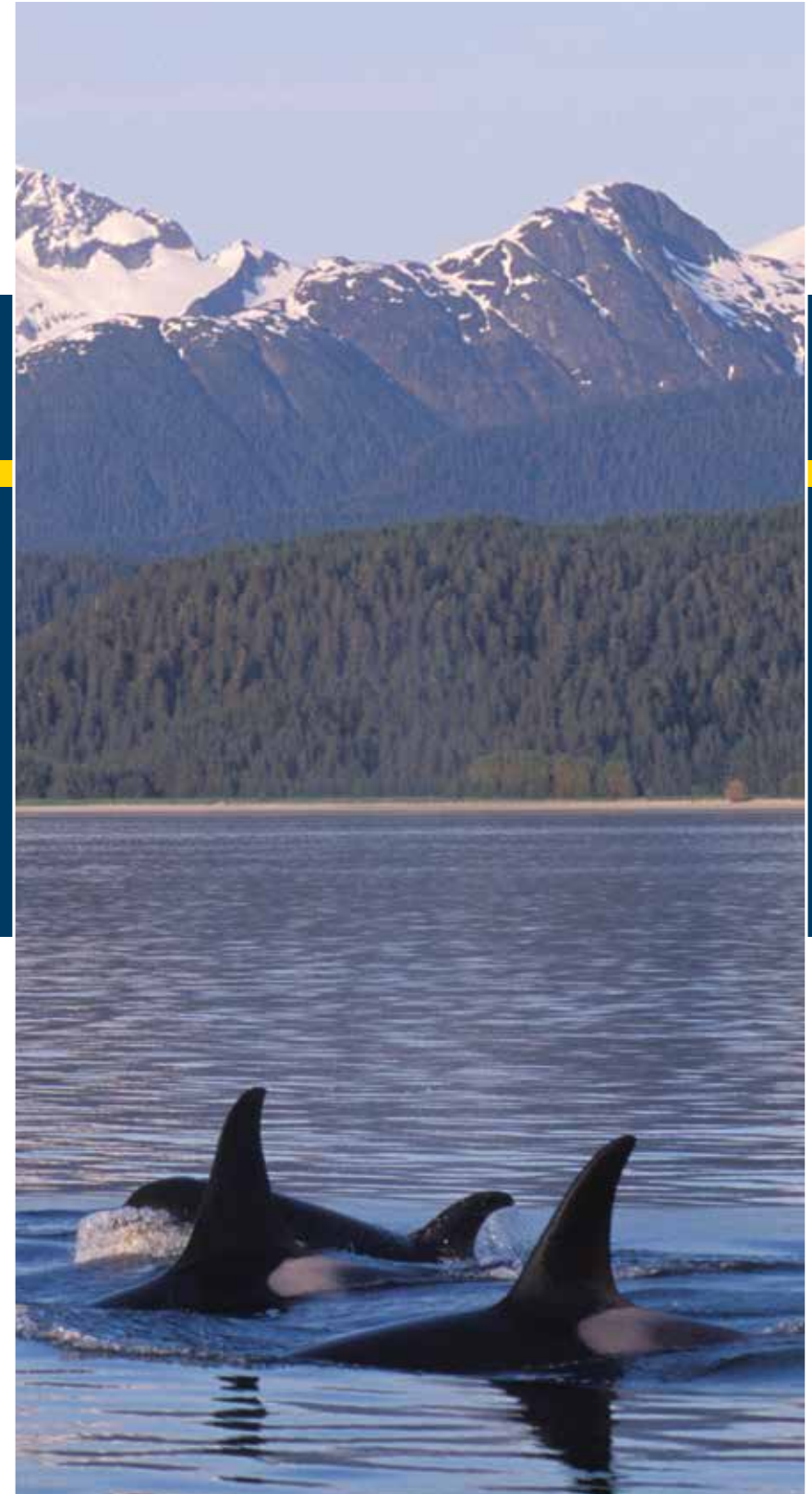




Playful sea otters are always curious to have a look.



Hundreds of bird species are viewable in Alaska.



Look for multiple species of whales, including pods of orcas.



Brown bears live along Alaska's southern coast.



With a route that stretches 3,500 miles, whales are often spotted by Alaska ferry travelers. Whales that can be found in Alaska's waters include:

- ▶ Beluga
- ▶ Bowhead
- ▶ Humpback
- ▶ Gray
- ▶ Killer (Orcas)
- ▶ Minke
- ▶ Sperm

The **top 5** areas for viewing

▶ **Sitka**

Humpbacks can be seen year-round in the rich feeding waters surrounding Sitka. Sitka WhaleFest is held annually in November, with educational events and activities.

Best Time: Spring and Autumn

▶ **Juneau**

Orcas treat the water of the Inside Passage as their playground. Juneau boasts one of the largest concentrations of humpbacks found anywhere on the planet.

Best Time: April to November

▶ **Cordova, Whittier & Valdez**

In Prince William Sound, you can see gray whales in spring and humpback, minke and gray whales in summer.

Best Time: April to October

▶ **Seldovia & Homer**

The belugas of Cook Inlet can be seen from our ports in Seldovia and Homer, all the way up to Alaska's largest city, Anchorage.

Best Time: Spring and Autumn

▶ **Kodiak**

Kodiak celebrates the return of the gray whale every April with Whale Fest Kodiak. You can also see humpbacks in the Barren Islands between Kodiak and Homer.

Best Time: June and July





Alaska is a  birder's paradise!



The Alaska Marine Highway gives you an exciting, bird's-eye view of nearly 500 species of birds.

- ▶ Bald Eagle
- ▶ Eiders
- ▶ Loons
- ▶ Raven
- ▶ Snowy Owl
- ▶ Surf Scoter
- ▶ Swans
- ▶ Willow Ptarmigan
- ▶ Aleutian Tern
- ▶ Arctic Warbler

Great Birding destinations along the route

▶ Glacier Bay National Park - Gustavus

Some 274 species have been spotted here, each with their own seasonal patterns.

Best Time: May 1 to mid-September

▶ Copper River Delta - Cordova

Witness the largest gathering of shorebirds in the western hemisphere as some 12 million shorebirds make their mid-migration stop. The Copper River Delta Shorebird Festival is celebrated in Cordova in mid-May.

Best Time: Late April - May, Fall

▶ Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge - Homer

40 million seabirds nest in this region's seashore lands. The Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival is held in Homer every May.

Best Time: May - August

▶ Aleutian Islands

Serious birders head to the Aleutians to view birds on their life lists. Visit the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge in Cold Bay for a chance to see the Aleutian Tern and continue on to Unalaska/Dutch Harbor for a glimpse of the Whiskered Auklet.

Best Time: May - September

▶ Chilkat Valley - Haines

The Chilkat Valley is home to 260 species of birds at different times of the year. Haines is known as "The Valley of Eagles" with as many as 3,500 in late fall. The Bald Eagle Festival is held each November.

Best Time: October - December





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While bears can be seen in the wilderness throughout the state, the ferry can bring you to some awesome viewing areas. Visitors are not guaranteed to see bears but can better their chances by setting up a guided tour in remote viewing areas. Most locations are only accessible by floatplane or charter boat with advanced permitting required.

Bears of Alaska:

- ▶ Black
- ▶ Grizzly
- ▶ Brown
- ▶ Polar

Come See the bears!

► Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge

The 3,500 brown bears on Kodiak Island are a subspecies of the brown or grizzly bear and are the largest bears in the world, reaching up to 10 feet when standing. The 1.9 million-acre Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge is only accessible by floatplane or boat.

Best time: Late May - Early October

► Pack Creek Brown Bear Viewing Area - Juneau

30 miles south of Juneau lies the Stan Price State Wildlife Sanctuary, a protected habitat for brown bears. Plan to stay for at least half a day for best bear viewing opportunities.

Best time: July 5 - August 25

► Anan Creek Wildlife Viewing Area - Wrangell

With the largest pink salmon run in Southeast Alaska, Anan Creek is prime feeding grounds for black and brown bears, making it prime viewing as well. Forest Service interpreters are on location to provide you with bear safety information.

Best time: July 5 - August 25

► Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center - Girdwood

The non-profit center cares for injured and orphaned animals year-round. It is the permanent home to five bears. Our port in Whittier is a half-hour drive away.

Best time: May - September

► Katmai National Park - Homer

An estimated 2,200 brown bears live in Katmai National Park. The viewing platforms at Brooks Camp allow a close-up look of bears feeding on salmon.

Best time: June - September



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Best Fishing Times

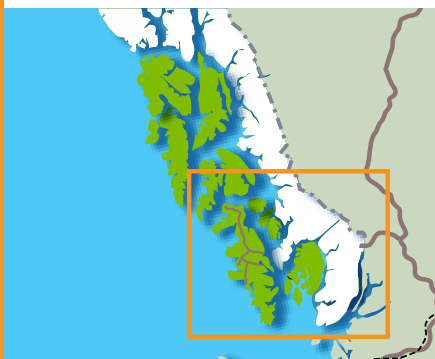


Let's Go Fishing!

Nearly every community along the Alaska Marine Highway's route has a fishing derby or two. From salmon to halibut, you can fish your way through Alaska's coastal communities. The best fishing times vary by community and whether you're fishing in salt or fresh water.




















































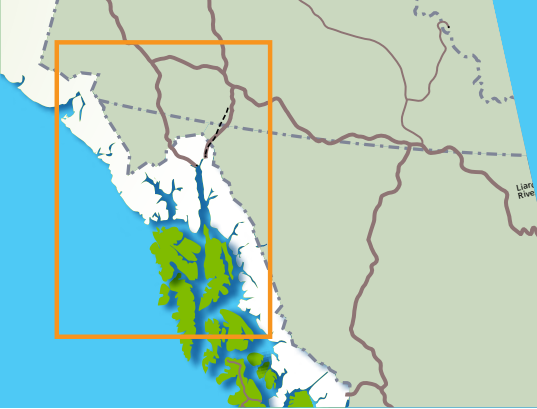
Peak Run Times from Ketchikan to Petersburg



	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Salt Water						
King Salmon						
Coho Salmon						
Sockeye Salmon						
Chum Salmon						
Pink Salmon						
Dolly Varden						
Cutthroat Trout						
Halibut						
Rockfish						
Lingcod						
Fresh Water						
King Salmon						
Coho Salmon						
Sockeye Salmon						
Chum Salmon						
Pink Salmon						
Dolly Varden						
Steelhead Trout						
Rainbow Trout						
Cutthroat Trout						
Brook Trout						
Kokanee						

Peak Run Times from Sitka to Yakutat

	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Salt Water						
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Cutthroat Trout						
Halibut						
Rockfish						
Lingcod						
Fresh Water						
King Salmon						
Coho Salmon						
Sockeye Salmon						
Chum Salmon						
Pink Salmon						
Dolly Varden						
Steelhead Trout						
Rainbow Trout						
Cutthroat Trout						
Brook Trout						
Northern Pike						






























Peak Run Times from Whittier to Cordova



	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Salt Water						
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Pink Salmon						
Dolly Varden						
Steelhead Trout						
Cutthroat Trout						
Halibut						
Rockfish						
Fresh Water						
King Salmon						
Coho Salmon						
Sockeye Salmon						
Dolly Varden						
Steelhead Trout						
Rainbow Trout						
Cutthroat Trout						
Grayling						
Lake Trout						

Peak Run Times in the Anchorage Area

	May	June	July	August	September	October
Fresh Water						
King Salmon						
Coho Salmon						
Sockeye Salmon						
Chum Salmon						
Pink Salmon						
Dolly Varden						
Rainbow Trout						
Lake Trout						
Northern Pike						
Grayling						
















































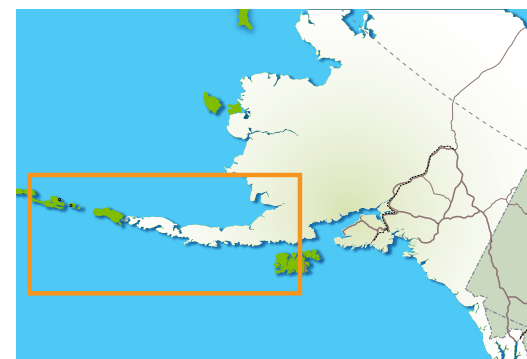


Peak Run Times on the Kenai Peninsula

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Pink Salmon						
Dolly Varden						
Steelhead Trout						
Halibut						
Rockfish						
Fresh Water						
King Salmon						
Coho Salmon						
Sockeye Salmon						
Pink Salmon						
Arctic Char						
Dolly Varden						
Steelhead Trout						
Rainbow Trout						
Lake Trout						
Northern Pike						
Grayling						

Peak Run Times on the Aleutian Islands

	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Salt Water						
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Chum Salmon						
Arctic Char						
Dolly Varden						
Steelhead Trout						
Rainbow Trout						
Lake Trout						
Grayling						



Alaska

in perspective

Alaska is the largest U.S. state consisting of 586,412 square miles of land and 6,604 miles of coastline. If you include Alaska's islands that brings the total to 33,904 miles of shoreline. The Alaska Marine Highway services an extensive 3,500-mile route. That's farther than the drive from Key West, Florida to Seattle, Washington!







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