

## Alaska Travel Information

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Alaska, though the largest state of the United States, is separated from the rest of the US by Canada. Located in the northwest of the North American continent, this glacier state is the 4th least populated among the US states. To the north of Alaska is the Arctic Ocean and to the south and the west is the Pacific Ocean. Alaska covers over 663,268 sq mi and boasts of some breathtaking landscapes. The state is covered with a number of glaciers making it the ideal destination for adventure and nature loving tourists. Much of interior Alaska comprises uninhabited wilderness. Places to visit in the state include the American Indian cultural centers, museums, historical sites, heritage centers and national parks.

### Where is Alaska ?

The state of Alaska is located in the northwest of the North American continent. Find more through [Alaska Location Map](#)

### Alaska Tourist Attractions Map



## Places to Visit in Alaska

Alaska's natural beauty attracts a large number of the visitors to this state. The state has about fifteen national parks, which are its key attractions. The following are the major tourist attractions of the state:

- **Denali National Park:** The Denali National Park is home to the magnificent Mt. McKinley, the highest peak of North America. The snow covered peak attracts thousands of visitors and climbers each year. Claims are that this national park has the best wildlife viewing safari in the continent. The national park is home to a variety of wildlife including the grizzly bear, fox, caribou, moose, and lynx. It is a tourist destination which is open all through the year.
- **Kenai Fjords National Park:** The Kenai Fjords National Park covers a tidewater glacier and the Harding Ice Field - the major attraction for most visitors. Home to a variety of marine wildlife, the park offers many tour boats and great cruise options. The biggest king salmon fish is found in the Kenai River.
- **Glacier Bay National Park:** Home to twelve tidewater glaciers, the Glacier Bay National Park is the largest water area park of United States. It is also one of the highest places for whale watching.
- **Prince William Sound:** Named by George Vancouver, the Prince William Sound is a sound or strait in the Gulf of Alaska. Some of the amazing tidewater glaciers are found in this sound. Some of these glaciers descend from the Chugach Mountains.
- **Anchorage:** Anchorage is the largest city of Alaska and is famous for its museums. Anchorage also offers a number of cultural attractions, fine dining options, and luxurious hotels. This city has the Alaska Native Heritage Center, which is must-visit for visitors. In winter this city also offers great skiing opportunities.
- **Fairbanks:** Located north of the Denali Park, Fairbanks is the second largest city in Alaska and is famous for the occurrence of the Aurora Borealis or the Northern Lights, the astrophysical phenomena. Between the months of April and August, the Northern Lights illuminate the night sky and provide some very picturesque views. During the summer months, Fairbanks receives 22 hours of sunlight. The Ice Museum and Alaska Museum are also the major attractions of the city.

- **Juneau:** Juneau is the capital city of Alaska and is one of the top tourist destinations of the state. Here one can enjoy the pristine scenery and the adventurous activities the city has to offer. Whale watching, hiking, and cultural activities attract most tourists to the city.
- **Chugach State Park:** Chugach State Park is a state park in the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska. It is located in the Chugach Mountains and has an area of 495,204 acres of land, and is the third-largest state park in the country. The park is split into three different zones and has three public campgrounds. The Seward Highway follows part of the park along the Turnagain Arm. The most popular site along the highway is the Beluga Point Mile 110.5, which is named after the Beluga whales that frequent this area. The park has Alaskan information available at the Eagle River Nature Center.
- **Sitka National Historical Park:** Also known as Indian River Park, Sitka National Historical Park is located in Sitka. The park commemorates the Tlingit and Russian experiences in Alaska. It is the state's oldest federally designated cultural and historic park. It is managed by National Park Service and covers 112 acres of land. The park was established as a National Monument on March 23, 1910, and was re-designated a national historic park on October 18, 1972.
- **Sitka National Monument:** Sitka National Monument is located on Sitka Bay. It covers an area of 57 acres and was established as a national monument by presidential proclamation on March 23, 1910. The site includes an ancient village of the Kik-Siti Indians, relics of the aboriginal life of the region, and the 16 totem poles. Witch tree is an interesting feature of the monument. It was here that the natives are believed to have held their trials for witchcraft.

## Major attractions in Alaska

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<p><b>Museums</b></p>	<p>Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum, Aurora Ice Museum, Alaska State Museum, Pratt Museum</p>
<p><b>Historical Places</b></p>	<p>Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall, Ladd Field, Onion Portage Archeological District, Stika National Historical Park.</p>
<p><b>Other Places</b></p>	<p>Sitka National Monument, Totem Heritage Center, Iditarod National Historic Trail, Denali National Park.</p>