

Alaska Destination Guide



Travel

Cash

The currency of Alaska is the US Dollar.

If visiting from another country -

You can find current exchange rates by visiting www.xe.com.

Credit and ATMs

MasterCards and Visas are widely accepted in Alaska, with several accepting AMEX and Discover. Only some smaller establishments will demand that you pay in cash.

Make sure that the credit card companies of the cards you plan to use in Alaska know you are traveling. Otherwise, they may stop your transaction from going through.

There are ATMs all throughout Alaska, especially at major banks, hotels, and shopping centers.

In Case of Emergency

Local Anchorage Number
(emergency and non-emergency) 1 (907) 551-7230

Statewide Emergency Number:
1 (800) 478-9300



Getting There

Getting to Anchorage is simple. Take a plane, climb aboard a ship, or hit the road, but keep the camera close at hand as the journey itself can be breathtaking. With rail, road, and air connections to the rest of the state, Anchorage is an easy choice for Alaska adventure. More than 240 flights arrive daily to the Anchorage airport.

Cruises and the state ferry system connect the Pacific Northwest with Alaska. One-way cruises depart Vancouver, British Columbia, travel the Inside Passage in Southeast Alaska, and into Southcentral Alaska and the Anchorage area.

The ferries of the Alaska Marine Highway System provide regular service between Bellingham, Wash. and Whittier, Alaska, 60-miles south of Anchorage. The Alaska Highway runs more than 1,300-miles between British Columbia, Canada, and Alaska. The trip to Anchorage via Canada varies by departure point, but you'll want to plan on several days of travel time.



In Alaska, the power plugs and sockets are of type A and B. The standard voltage is 120-V, and the standard frequency is 60-Hz

Cell Service in Alaska is inconsistent and has widespread areas of no service. Be prepared to only communicate via cell from your accommodations.



Getting Around

While driving can be breathtaking, most travel within the state is by small plane or rail. If you plan to do a multi-destination trip, be sure to review the air restrictions for each method of transportation.



Language

Although English is the most spoken, the state also recognizes 20 official Native Languages. The majority of the Alaskan population speaks English as their primary language. The next largest language is Spanish.



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