

JUNEAU

Port Guide



JUNEAU AT A GLANCE

Founded: Juneau was founded as a gold-mining camp in 1880. It became the Alaska territorial capital in 1900, home of the Legislature in 1912 and Alaska state capital in 1959 upon statehood.

Region: Juneau is located in the panhandle of southeast Alaska, 900 air miles north of Seattle and 600 air miles southeast of Anchorage. It is approximately 3,081 square miles and the only state capital in the U.S. with no road access.

Population: 32,660 (est. 2013)

Climate: Juneau's weather is probably not as cold as you think. Average summer days are in the 60s, with many days reaching into the high 70s and low 80s. Average annual precipitation is 86.1 inches.

Language: English

Currency: U.S. Dollar



Mendenhall Glacier helicopter tour

THE BEST OF JUNEAU

Don't miss out on the top Points of Interest in this port —
 Book a Princess Excursion and experience them for yourself!

① Mendenhall Glacier

This amazing glacier is 12 miles long, a half-mile wide and from 300 to 1,800 feet deep. Stretching from the Juneau Icefield to Mendenhall Lake, it has been slowly retreating since the mid 1700s.

② Outdoor Adventures

Enjoy what is truly an outdoorsman's paradise, with activities you won't find anywhere else. Go for a ride on a dog sled, whale watching, hiking, nature watching, flightseeing, ziplining and more.

③ Whale Watching

You're virtually ensured a whale sighting from April to November when hundreds of humpbacks feed and frolic in the waters of the northern Inside Passage. Orcas are also common sightings in Juneau.

④ Glacier Flightseeing

Fly over the massive Juneau Icefield and get a front-row seat to awe-inspiring glaciers, spectacular icefalls and majestic rock formations — accessible only from the air.

⑤ Macaulay Salmon Hatchery

Discover the life cycle of the Pacific salmon species. Witness their amazing development from tiny fish (year round) to returning adult salmon fighting their way up a 450-ft fish ladder (late-June to October). Indoor aquarium displays showcase local marine life in a natural setting.

⑥ Glacier Gardens

This 50-acre garden features species native to this temperate rainforest. Guided tours provide insight into a self-sustaining ecosystem and lookout points on Thunder Mountain are spectacular.

⑦ Dog Sledding

Meet professional mushers and their amazing canine companions in an introduction to Alaska's state sport. Take a flight to a glacier to experience flying over the snow, or visit the summertime training grounds for a ride in a wheeled sled.

⑧ Mount Roberts Tramway

For a bird's-eye view, take a five-minute tram ride to the top of Mt. Roberts for a panoramic vantage point 1,800 feet above the city. Mountaintop attractions include trails, shops and nature displays.

Explore Juneau with a Princess Shore
 Excursion. Visit the Tour Office for more
 information.

JUNEAU

State capital offers wondrous wildlife, scenery and unique history

Accessible only by air or by water, Juneau has retained the charm of the era when prospectors arrived more than 130 years ago. The center of Alaska's government, Juneau juxtaposes its colorful past and dramatic scenery with stylish art galleries, fine dining and fascinating museums.

The birth of Alaska's capital

Tlingit Natives first populated the area thousands of years ago after discovering abundant salmon in the waters of the Gastineau Channel. Modern settlements did not develop until the late 19th century.

All was peaceful until gold rush fever swept the nation and an enterprising mining engineer named George Pilz offered a reward to any Native who could produce gold. Auk Tlingit Chief Kowee presented a sizeable nugget found in the Gastineau Channel area, all the incentive that Pilz and his grubstaked prospectors Richard Harris and Joseph Juneau needed.

Richard Harris initially named the mineral-rich area Harrisburg, but the locals changed the name to reflect their allegiance to co-founder Joe Juneau. Established as Alaska's capital in 1906, Juneau is the largest state capital by land area, and the only one that borders a foreign country. Experience the city's lively history as you stroll through town.

Native culture

The Native art that adorns much of Juneau is truly representative of the tribes' respect for the natural world. For thousands of years, southeast Alaska has been home to the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian people. The totem poles, baskets, canoes and ceremonial objects you will see throughout Juneau are expressions of pride in their history and culture. Ride the thrilling Mt. Roberts Tramway up 1,800 feet to the Mountain House, which displays many fine crafts and artifacts in a magnificent setting. Watch the movie entitled, "Seeing Daylight."

Experience the Ice Age

For different, but equally spectacular views, visit Mendenhall Glacier, Juneau's most popular natural attraction. Nicknamed "the drive-up glacier," it is conveniently located in the Mendenhall Valley, only 14 miles from the city center. Mendenhall Glacier flows 12 miles from its source and has a half-mile-wide face. Formed during the "Little Ice Age," which began about 3,000 years ago, the glacier is fed from an ice field high above Juneau.

Sustained by the geography and unique climate of the area, Mendenhall Glacier has been able to survive much longer than other glaciers in North America. There are many ways to enjoy

this breathtaking natural landmark. Canoeing brings you up close to icebergs, river rafting tours float through dramatic valleys and thrilling helicopter tours make glacier landings.



Whale sightings

Call of the wild

In addition to its majestic scenery, Juneau boasts some of the most spectacular wildlife viewing opportunities in the world. Travel by float plane into the Alaska wilderness and find yourself right in the middle of brown bear territory!

If you are in search of marine mammals, the Inside Passage region is known to attract humpback whales each summer. About 60 humpbacks frequent the Juneau area and are so commonly viewed that many tour operators offer a guaranteed sighting.

Juneau also shares its breathtaking surroundings with nearly 300 species of birds, including 10,000 bald eagles. No wonder the eagle is the country's national symbol! A visit to the Mendenhall Wildlife Refuge provides some of the best bird watching in Juneau, and a guided tour through Glacier Gardens is an opportunity to learn about the local flora and fauna... don't forget your binoculars!

And Juneau offers a myriad of thrilling ways to explore the vast wilderness. From ziplining adventures through a dense forest, river rafting and wildlife viewing excursions, to exhilarating dog sledding excursions atop a glacier that introduces you to professional mushers and their canine companions, there are an abundance of options to experience the Alaska wilds.

Vast and lush, carved by nature and teeming with wildlife, Juneau is a small city that's bound to leave a big impression.



DID YOU KNOW?

Local cuisine

Juneau is home to Heritage Coffee, an international award-winning roaster, and the Alaskan Brewing Company, one of America's most decorated craft breweries. Both go perfectly with a traditional Alaska salmon bake.

Juneau's most famous canine

"The Official Greeter of Juneau, Alaska" is a charming sculpture of "Patsy Ann" an English bull terrier that arrived in Juneau in 1929. The pooch quickly became a fixture in town. Born deaf, Patsy Ann had an uncanny ability to "hear" the steamships approaching Gastineau Channel and never failed to greet them with a friendly hello on the dock. Visitors to Juneau are encouraged to pat Patsy Ann, located at the downtown dock boardwalk near the library, to ensure that they carry the blessings of friendship throughout life's journey.

Red Dog Saloon

Stop by the famed Red Dog Saloon for a local microbrew. Sit at the bar and wet your whistle with the local ale while taking in the historic artifacts that adorn this historic establishment. Look carefully and you will see Wyatt Earp's gun hanging right over the bar. Legend has it that the outlaw lost it in a poker

game. It was checked into the Marshall's office in Juneau on June 27, 1900, and was never claimed.

Sunrise... sunset

Ever wonder how many hours of daylight they really have in Alaska? Well, on June 21st, the longest day of the year, the sun shines on Juneau for 18 hours and 18 minutes. Now that's a lot of sunscreen! And what about the shortest day? Well, that's on December 21st, when there are only 6 hours and 21 minutes of daylight.

Pelicans in Alaska?

In front of the Juneau Federal Building you'll find a dramatic fountain with a bronze statue of pelicans. Why pelicans? These birds are certainly not indigenous to the state of Alaska, but the proper artwork (a majestic eagle) was delivered to Florida by mistake!

Glacier viewing

Don't worry if you awake to clouds, glacier viewing is often best on overcast days. Glaciers emit a magical blue glow caused by the ice's absorption and reflection of light, and this phenomenon is even more obvious when the sun is obscured.



Ziplining

Discover some of the best places to shop, as well as terrific deals in the Princess Port Shopping Guide delivered to your stateroom. Complete with a map and handy tips, it's a great way to make the most of your time in port.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Shore Excursions: Passengers will meet at a specific location for each shore excursion departure. Please refer to your shore excursion ticket for the correct place and time. Your Shore Excursion staff will be at that location to assist you.

Docking/Anchorage: Your Princess ship docks or anchors at AJ Dock, Franklin Dock, Cruise Ship Terminal Dock or Alaska Steamship Dock & Marine Park Float. The Berths are within walking distance of downtown Juneau.

Proper Attire: During the spring, summer, and fall, dressing in layers is the key to being comfortable. A light shirt, short or long sleeved, makes an excellent first layer. Over that, a sweatshirt, sweater, or fleece pullover will provide warmth. The ideal outer layer is a light waterproof jacket. Layers should be easy to remove depending on weather changes and your activity.

Transportation: Taxis are located pierside and throughout the city. Confirm your fare with driver before leaving.

If your ship is at the AJ Dock a shuttle will run one mile between the ship and the Mount Roberts Tramway approximately every 10-15 minutes. The shuttle fare is \$5 for an all day pass or, if you happen to finish one of your tours in town, the return shuttle ride from the tram downtown is FREE.

Shopping: You'll find plenty of souvenirs in local gift shops.

For the chocolate aficionados, locally made fudge shouldn't be missed. And you can't leave town without a taste of the area's incredible smoked salmon. Local providers will prepare and pack your selection (ice and all) so you can take it with you or have it shipped directly back home.

Art collectors will have much to choose from, too. Juneau's stunning natural landscape has inspired many artists, whose works are displayed throughout the city. Sculptures and carved totem poles are also popular art pieces. Take a walk in the downtown district to find something that strikes your fancy.

Tipping: 15% to 18% is customary. 20% if you had a great meal and outstanding service.

Banks: Wells Fargo bank is located at 123 Seward Street.

Key Bank is located at 234 Seward Street.

First National Bank is located at 238 Front Street.

Post Office: The nearest post office is located at 145 South Franklin Street. Generally open Monday through Friday 9:00am to 7:00pm and Saturday and Sunday 10:00am to 6:00pm.

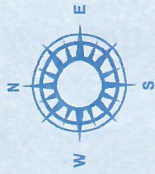
Visitor Information Centers: Two locations are on the pier:

Cruise Ship Terminal Visitor Information Center
470 South Franklin Street

Marine Park Kiosk
292 Marine Way

Princess Cruises Port Agent: In case of an emergency while you are ashore, please contact:

Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska
1330 Eastaugh Way #4
Juneau, AK 99802
Tel: 907-586-1282



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*Throughout the Juneau area.

