

Admiralty Island, Southeast Alaska, USA

Called Kootznoowoo — 'Fortress of the Bears' — by the Tlingit people, Admiralty Island has one of the highest brown bear densities on Earth — roughly one bear per square mile, the highest in North America. Small expedition ships anchor off Angoon, the island's only village, for a rare day of wilderness and living Tlingit culture.

Tender port (anchor off Angoon)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

USD

English / Tlingit

Small/expedition ships only

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender from anchorage off Angoon; no large-ship pier
Best For: Brown bear viewing, wildlife, Tlingit culture, kayaking

Walk to Center: Short tender ride to Angoon village dock
Don't Miss: Pack Creek Bear Viewing Area (permit required); Danger Point Trail

Getting around: Taxi Call for rates · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Pack Creek Brown Bear Viewing** — One of Alaska's premier bear-viewing experiences: coastal brown bears feed on the tidal flats and fish for salmon at Stan Price State Wildlife...
 - Danger Point Trail Hike** — A 2.5-mile round-trip trail through old-growth Sitka spruce and hemlock forest north of Angoon, ending at sweeping views of Chatham Strait.
- Kayaking & Canoe Route** — Angoon is the launching point for the legendary 32-mile Cross Admiralty Canoe Route, linking seven mountain lakes via trails and portages.
 - Angoon Tlingit Village Walk** — Angoon is a living Tlingit community.
 - Skiff Wildlife Cruise** — Expedition ship operators run their own Zodiac or skiff tours around the island's bays and inlets, scanning for brown bears on shorelines, bald...

BEST WALKS

- Angoon Village Stroll** 1 mile · Easy · 30-45 min — A relaxed walk through the village from the dock, passing the tribal community houses with their distinctive painted fronts, the local store, and out to the beach for...
- Danger Point Trail** 2.5 miles round-trip · Moderate · 2-3 hrs — Head north from Angoon on the Danger Point Trail through dense old-growth forest.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		47°	35°	19d
Jun		60°	48°	16d
Aug		63°	53°	18d
Sep		57°	47°	19d
Oct		49°	40°	19d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:47AM–8:10PM · Jun 3:59AM–9:58PM · Aug 5:25AM–8:38PM · Sep 6:30AM–7:15PM · Oct 7:33AM–5:52PM

USD

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pack Creek permits sell out fast. If your ship offers a Pack Creek excursion, it's pre-arranged — but independent visitors must book through the US Forest Service months in advance for peak season (July 5 – Aug 25).
- Bear awareness is essential. Admiralty Island has one of the highest brown bear densities on Earth. Stay with your guide and follow all wildlife protocols — this isn't a zoo.
- Dress for Southeast Alaska rain. Waterproof layers, rubber boots, and a warm mid-layer are essential year-round. The temperate rainforest gets over 60 inches of rain annually.
- Angoon has minimal services. There's a small general store but no ATM, no restaurants in the tourist sense, and no cell service for most carriers. Bring cash and download offline maps.
- This is remote wilderness. Admiralty Island is designated a National Monument and Wilderness Area. Leave no trace — pack out everything you bring ashore.
- Only expedition ships call here. If you're on a large mainstream cruise, Pack Creek bear viewing is offered as a floatplane day-trip from Juneau — a completely different experience.

Admiralty Island, Southeast Alaska, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Angoon Small Tlingit community, the island's only settlement.

P Cruise port / terminal