

Dutch Harbor (Unalaska), Aleutian Islands, USA

The edge of America — Dutch Harbor is a rugged, windswept fishing port where WWII bunkers crown volcanic hills, bald eagles outnumber tourists, and the crab boats from Deadliest Catch tie up at the dock.

Docked (commercial fishing pier)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

USD

English

Weather: cool, windy, wet year-round

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Commercial fishing piers (UniSea or Kloosterboer dock); shuttle buses usually run to town

Best For: WWII history, wildlife, fishing culture, off-the-beaten-path adventure

Walk to center: 2–3 miles from pier — shuttle or taxi needed

Don't Miss: Fort Schwatka bunkers on Mt. Ballyhoo and the Church of the Holy Ascension

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ \$5–\$10 to town · 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available · 🚏 **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Fort Schwatka & WWII Bunkers on Mt. Ballyhoo** — Dutch Harbor was bombed by Japan in June 1942, and the nearby Aleutian islands of Attu and Kiska became the only U.S.
- **Museum of the Aleutians** — This small but excellent museum covers 9,000 years of Unangan (Aleut) culture alongside WWII artifacts.
- **Wildlife & Seabird Boat Tour** — The waters around Unalaska Island teem with bald eagles, puffins, auklets, sea lions, harbor seals, and sea otters.
- **Deadliest Catch Dock Walk** — The Bering Sea crab fleet — yes, the boats from the TV show — ties up right here.
- **Church of the Holy Ascension** — A beautifully preserved Russian Orthodox cathedral; the current building was completed in 1896 on a site that has had churches since 1808, and it is...

BEST WALKS

- **Downtown Unalaska Heritage Walk** 1-2 hrs · Easy · Culture & History — From the town center, walk to the Church of the Holy Ascension, stroll past the Museum of the Aleutians, and take in views of the harbor packed with fishing vessels.
- **Bunker Hill Loop** 2-3 hrs · Moderate · WWII & Views — A short but steep hike above town leads to WWII-era gun emplacements and panoramic views over Dutch Harbor, the Aleutian peaks, and the Bering Sea.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		40°	34°	17d
Jun		50°	44°	14d
Aug		56°	50°	15d
Sep		53°	46°	16d
Oct		47°	40°	20d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 8:04AM–10:08PM · Jun 6:34AM–11:39PM · Aug 7:45AM–10:34PM
· Sep 8:40AM–9:20PM · Oct 9:35AM–8:07PM

USD

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Layer up, waterproof everything. Dutch Harbor averages rain or fog most days, even in summer. Wind chill can make 50°F feel like 35°F. Pack a good waterproof jacket and sturdy shoes.
- Confirm the shuttle before you need it. Not all cruise lines organize transport from the pier. Ask at the purser's desk before arrival — without a shuttle, you're facing a long walk through an industrial zone.
- Eat the crab. This is ground zero for Alaskan king crab and Bering Sea pollock. Local spots like the Unisea Sports Bar serve remarkably fresh and affordable seafood — don't miss it.
- Bring a telephoto lens. Bald eagles are so numerous they're almost mundane here. Puffins, sea lions, and otters are also regularly spotted from shore.
- Bring cash. ATMs exist in town but card acceptance is inconsistent at smaller vendors and local tour operators.
- This is a genuine working port. There are no duty-free shops, no jewelry stores, no tourist trinket stalls. That's the point — embrace the authenticity.

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



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| 1 Museum of the Aleutians | Tells the region's Unangan and WWII history. | 2 Church of the Holy Ascension, Unalaska | Oldest Russian Orthodox cathedral in North America, built 1825. |
| 3 Mount Ballyhoo, Unalaska | WWII bunker ruins atop a peak with sweeping harbor views. | 4 Bunker Hill, Dutch Harbor | Short hike to WWII gun emplacements overlooking Dutch Harbor. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |