

Anchorage, Alaska, USA

Alaska's biggest city sits between the Chugach Mountains and Cook Inlet, giving cruise passengers direct access to glaciers, wildlife sanctuaries, and Alaska Native heritage — all on an easy shore day.

Docked — Port of Anchorage

Typical call: 8-10 hrs (often embark/debark day)

USD

English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:

Arrive:

All aboard:

Excursion:

Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Port of Anchorage (cargo/passenger berths); many itineraries use bus transfer from Seward or Whittier

Best For: Glacier day trips, Alaska Native culture, wildlife viewing, scenic hikes

Walk to center: ~1 mile from port to downtown Ship Creek area; free shuttle sometimes provided

Don't Miss: Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center (Portage Valley) and Tony Knowles Coastal Trail

🚗 Getting around: 🚖 **Taxi** ✅ \$10–\$20 · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Portage Glacier Cruise** — Board the MV Ptarmigan at Portage Lake for a close-up look at Portage Glacier — one of Alaska's most accessible glaciers, calving into Portage Lake...
- Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center** — Drive-through sanctuary in Portage Valley with resident brown bears, moose, caribou, musk ox, bison, and lynx — rescued animals in natural habitats.
- Matanuska Glacier Hike** — Guided hike on the surface of Matanuska Glacier — Alaska's largest road-accessible glacier in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley, about 100 miles from...
- Alaska Native Heritage Center** — Immersive cultural center in Anchorage featuring authentic Alaska Native village replicas, traditional dance performances, storytelling, and hands-on...
- Flightseeing over Denali or Knik Glacier** — Small-plane or helicopter tours departing from Anchorage's Lake Hood Seaplane Base — the world's busiest floatplane base — with options to fly over...

BEST WALKS

- Tony Knowles Coastal Trail** 11 miles one-way | Paved | Easy to moderate | Bike or walk — A paved multi-use trail hugging the Cook Inlet shoreline from downtown Anchorage to Kincaid Park.
- Downtown Anchorage Loop** 1-2 miles | Flat | Easy | 45-60 min — Walk from the Ship Creek overlook along 4th Avenue to the Anchorage Museum, through Town Square Park, and back via the Delaney Park Strip.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		45°	28°	8d
Jun		64°	50°	11d
Aug		64°	52°	16d
Sep		55°	44°	17d
Oct		43°	33°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:37AM–9:23PM · Aug 6:09AM–9:56PM · Sep 7:27AM–8:19PM · Oct 8:43AM–6:45PM

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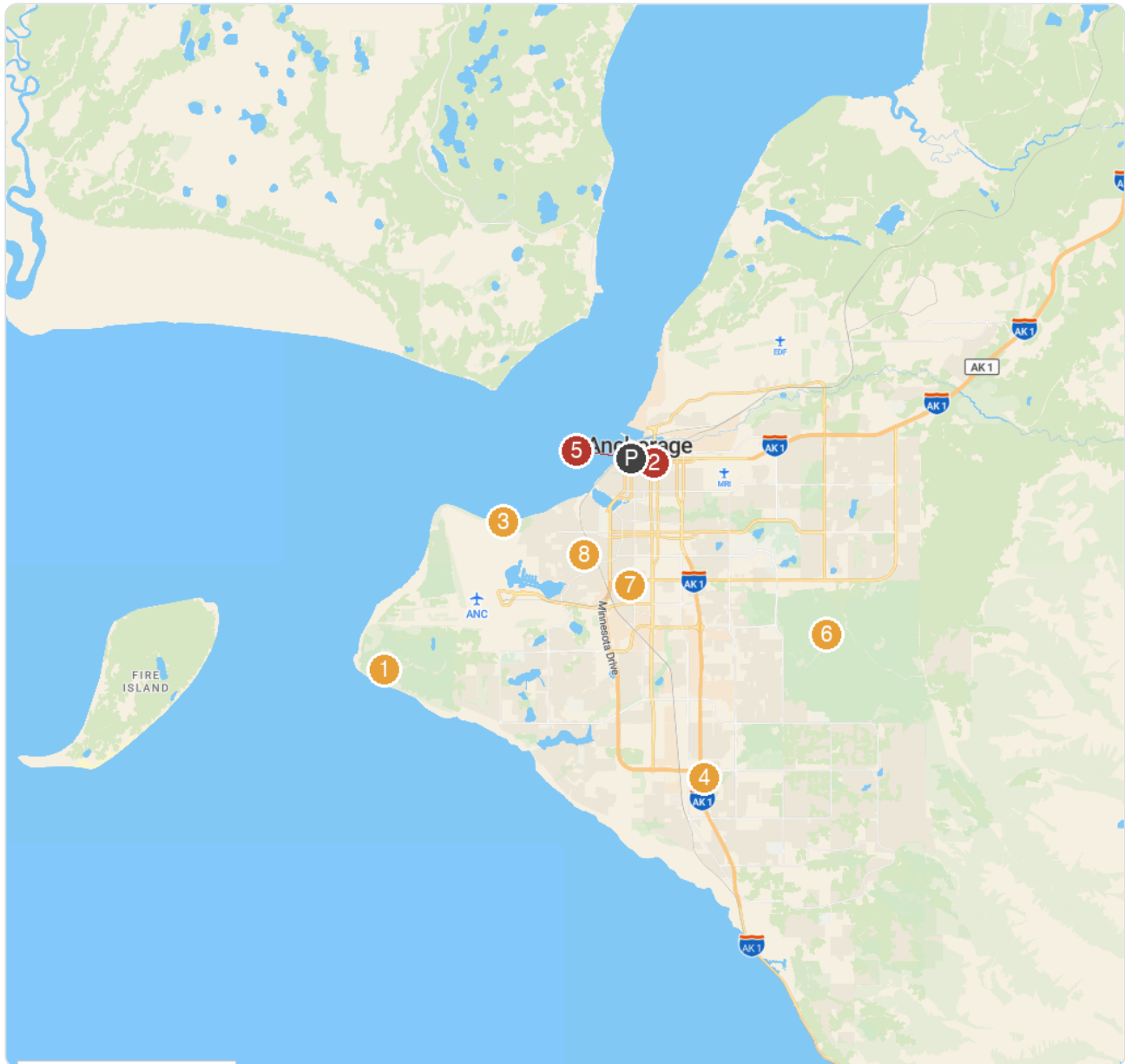
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Know your transfer time. If bussed in from Seward or Whittier, your coach back is non-negotiable. Build in 30 minutes buffer — traffic on the Seward Highway can be slow near Portage.
- Wildlife is roadside. You don't need an expensive tour to see moose — they wander downtown parks and the coastal trail regularly. Eagles are common near Ship Creek during salmon runs.
- Weather changes fast. Anchorage averages 40°F–65°F in summer; pack a waterproof layer even on sunny mornings. Flightseeing and glacier tours may be cancelled or rerouted due to low clouds.
- Cards accepted everywhere. USD only; no currency exchange needed. Downtown has ATMs. Most tour operators accept credit cards, but book in advance — popular glacier tours fill up weeks out.
- Rent a bike. The Tony Knowles Coastal Trail is 11 miles of flat, paved scenery. Bike rental shops are within walking distance of downtown and charge around \$30-40/day.
- Salmon season matters. In July-August, king and silver salmon run up Ship Creek — you can watch (or fish with a license) right in downtown Anchorage. It's surreal and very Alaskan.

Anchorage, 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 Kincaid Park Vast park for trails, wildlife, and coastal views.

3 Earthquake Park See 1964 earthquake devastation and coastal views here.

5 Holy Family Catholic Church Historic Catholic church in downtown Anchorage, built 1915.

7 Pop Carr Memorial Park Small neighborhood park with playground and green space.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Anchorage Museum Explore Alaska's art, history, and science at this museum.

4 H2Oasis Indoor Waterpark Indoor waterpark with slides, waves, and family fun.

6 Campbell Creek Science Center Nature and science education center along Campbell Creek.

8 Woodland Park Local park with playground, sports fields, and paths.