

Dutch Harbor, Unalaska, Alaska, USA

America's busiest fishing port sits under skies thick with bald eagles and WWII ghosts. Dutch Harbor and Unalaska offer raw Aleutian beauty, world-class history, and zero tourist kitsch.

Pier (industrial dock)

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

USD

English

Wildlife destination

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier (UniSea or Kloosterboer industrial dock; shuttle to town required)

Best For: WWII history, bald eagle watching, Deadliest Catch boats, Unangan culture

Walk to Center: Not walkable from dock — free/paid shuttle ~2–3 miles to town

Don't Miss: Holy Ascension Cathedral, Museum of the Aleutians, Bunker Hill hike

Getting around: Taxi \$5–\$10 · Rideshare not available · Hop-on hop-off Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- WWII Aleutian History Tour** — Van tour of Dutch Harbor's extraordinary WWII sites: Fort Schwatka (the highest coastal defense battery built in the US during the war), gun...
 - Bunker Hill Hike** — A moderate 1.5-mile gravel road hike to the top of Bunker Hill rewards you with WWII concrete bunkers and sweeping 360° views of the harbor, fishing...
 - Museum of the Aleutians** — One of Alaska's best small museums, covering 9,000 years of Unangan (Aleut) culture, the Russian fur-trade
- era, and the WWII internment of Unangan...

 - Bald Eagle & Wildlife Walk** — Dutch Harbor may have the highest density of bald eagles of any US port — they perch on telephone poles, shipping containers, and dumpsters like...
 - Deadliest Catch Fleet Walk** — Walk the Spit dock area to spot famous crab boats from the Discovery Channel show — vessels like the Northwestern and Wizard are often in port...

BEST WALKS

- Bridge Walk: Grand Aleutian to Museum of the Aleutians** 1.2 miles one-way · 25 min · Flat · Stunning harbor views — Walk across the bridge connecting Dutch Harbor (Amaknak Island) to Unalaska Island.
- Bunker Hill Road Hike** 1.5 miles · 45–60 min · Moderate uphill · WWII ruins at top — Follow the gravel road up Bunker Hill from the Unalaska town side.

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

- Dress for anything. Dutch Harbor is called the "Birthplace of the Winds." Fog, rain, cold, and gusts can arrive in minutes — pack a windproof and waterproof outer layer even if it looks clear.
- Eagles will steal your lunch. Bald eagles here are bold and numerous. Don't walk around with food in hand — they will swoop. Keep snacks in a bag and admire from a safe distance.
- Cell service is poor. Major US carriers (Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile) may have no data or roam to expensive rates. Local carrier GCI dominates. Download offline maps before arriving.
- No rideshares; taxis are scarce. There is no Uber or Lyft. Taxis exist but are few and expensive. Book excursions through your ship for any site outside walking distance.
- Don't skip the museum. The Museum of the Aleutians (~\$10) is genuinely world-class for its size. Unangan culture and WWII history here are extraordinary and rarely covered elsewhere.
- Try the seafood. This is the #1 fishing port in the US by volume. The Grand Aleutian Hotel serves excellent crab and halibut. Amaknak Fish Shek does great beer-battered halibut and chips.

Dutch Harbor, Unalaska, 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 Museum of the Aleutians** Museum covering Unangax (Aleut) heritage and the WWII Aleutian Islands Campaign history.
- 3 Bunker Hill WWII Memorial Site** Hilltop WWII gun emplacement ruins overlooking the harbor, part of the Aleutian WWII National Historic Area.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Church of the Holy Ascension** National Historic Landmark Russian Orthodox cathedral, one of the oldest in the United States.
- 4 Mount Ballyhoo** Prominent peak on Amaknak Island with WWII bunkers and sweeping views over Dutch Harbor.