

Endicott Arm Fjord, Alaska, USA

A 30-mile deep-water fjord ending at the thundering face of Dawes Glacier — no town, no pier, just raw Alaska wilderness. This is a scenic cruising day, and one of the most dramatic on any Alaska itinerary.

 Scenic cruising (no landing)

 Typical call: 4-6 hrs in fjord

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 Tidewater glacier + icebergs

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: No pier — scenic cruising only; ship navigates fjord & rotates at glacier

Walk to center: No shore access — experience entirely from ship decks

Best For: Glacier viewing, wildlife spotting, iceberg photography, calving events

Don't Miss: Catamaran glacier excursion to approach Dawes Glacier through the ice

 Getting around:

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Glacier Explorer Catamaran** — Board a high-speed catamaran directly from your cruise ship while underway inside the fjord.
 - **Wildlife Watching from Deck** — Bring binoculars and stake out a spot on the open decks.
- **Kayaking & Wilderness Paddling** — Expedition-style cruises and some specialty operators offer sea kayaking among the icebergs in Endicott Arm.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress for glacier cold. The fjord is significantly colder than Juneau or Ketchikan. The glacier blows freezing katabatic winds down-fjord — bring a waterproof windproof shell, fleece, gloves, and a hat even in July.
- Binoculars are essential. Mountain goats on the cliffs, bears on the shoreline, and seals on distant icebergs are all easier to spot with glass. This is the most important Alaska day to have them.
- Overexpose your glacier shots. Camera meters are tricked by bright white ice and blue sky. Dial in +0.7 to +1.0 exposure compensation to keep whites bright and stop the glacier looking grey.
- Balcony cabin tip. If you have a balcony, order room service breakfast and watch the fjord entry from your cabin — you won't miss a moment and won't have to fight for deck space.
- Check for deck food service. Many ships (especially Holland America) set up hot chocolate, split pea soup, and Irish coffees on the open decks during glacier viewing. It's a tradition worth finding.
- Ice conditions vary. In some years heavy ice limits how far into the fjord ships can go. The captain always has the final call on approach depth. This is a wilderness area, not a guaranteed attraction — factor it in.

Endicott Arm Fjord, 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.



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Dawes Glacier,
Endicott Arm

Tidewater glacier at the head of the fjord that
regularly calves ice into the water.

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Cruise port / terminal