

Haines, Alaska, USA

A quieter, less-touristed stop at the head of Lynn Canal — come for bald eagles by the hundred, a historic Army fort turned arts village, and mountain scenery with almost no crowds.

Docks (small pier at Lutak Inlet / Port Chilkoot)

Typical call: 5–7 hrs

US Dollar (USD)

English

World's largest bald eagle concentration

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Small dock (Lutak Inlet) — ~2 mi from town center; shuttle or walk

Best For: Bald eagles · Hiking · History · Small-ship vibe

Don't Miss: Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve

Currency: US Dollar — card accepted most places

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ Meter/negotiated

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Tour** — Guided van or float trip into the Chilkat River valley, home to the world's largest concentration of bald eagles — up to 3,000 gather in late fall...
- Fort William H. Seward Walking Tour** — Stroll the grounds of the first permanent U.S.
- Rafting the Chilkat River** — Float gentle Class I–II sections of the Chilkat River through braided channels flanked by cottonwoods and mountains.
- Mount Riley or Battery Point Hike** — Mount Riley (1,760 ft) offers panoramic views over Lynn Canal and the Chilkat Range on a well-marked trail from town.
- Sheldon Museum & Alaska Indian Arts** — The Sheldon Museum on Main Street covers Haines and Tlingit history with artifacts and photographs.

BEST WALKS

- Fort Seward & Main Street Loop** 1.5 miles · Easy · 30–45 min — Walk from the dock area down to Fort Seward's parade ground, past the totem poles and the Alaska Indian Arts building, then continue to Main Street for the Sheldon...
- Battery Point Trail** 4 miles round-trip · Easy · 1.5–2 hrs — A level trail along the shore of Lynn Canal with views of the water and surrounding peaks.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	42°	33°	17d
Jun	61°	51°	17d
Aug	64°	54°	20d
Sep	57°	47°	20d
Oct	45°	37°	21d

DAYLIGHT & 🏦 MONEY

Apr 5:46AM–8:18PM · Jun 3:46AM–10:18PM · Aug 5:21AM–8:49PM · Sep 6:31AM–7:20PM · Oct 7:41AM–5:52PM

US Dollar (USD)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bald eagles are the headline act. Even outside peak season (Oct–Dec), expect to see dozens along the Chilkat River — book a guide tour for the best viewing spots.
- Rent a car if you can. Haines is one of the few Inside Passage ports with road access — the Haines Highway into the Chilkat Valley is spectacular and easily self-driven.
- Pack rain gear. Southeast Alaska is wet; even sunny mornings can turn. Waterproof layers are essential for hiking or river activities.
- Very small town. Haines has a handful of restaurants and shops. Credit cards accepted in most places, but bring some cash for small vendors and tip jars.
- Skip the cruise-ship crowds entirely. Haines sees far fewer ships than Juneau or Skagway — enjoy the uncrowded trails and genuine local vibe while it lasts.

Haines, 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 American Bald Eagle Foundation** It's a raptor center with live bald eagles and exhibits.
- 3 Hammer Museum** It's a unique museum showcasing thousands of hammers.

- 2 Port Chilkoot Distillery** It's a distillery offering tours and tastings of Alaskan spirits.
- P Cruise port / terminal**