

Homer, Alaska, USA

The 'Cosmic Hamlet by the Sea' at the end of the road — Homer dishes up world-class halibut fishing, sea otter sightings off the Spit docks, and floatplane flights to bear country.

Pier or tender (ship-size dependent)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

USD

English

Bear-viewing hub

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:

Arrive:

All aboard:

Excursion:

Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Deep Water Dock (mid-size ships); larger ships anchor & tender to Small Boat Harbor

Best For: Halibut fishing, bear-viewing flights, kayaking Kachemak Bay, local art galleries

Walk to Town: Spit shops 10-15 min walk from dock; downtown Homer ~4.5 miles (shuttle/taxi needed)

Don't Miss: Salty Dawg Saloon, sea otters at the boat harbor, Bishop's Beach tide pools

Getting around: **Taxi** \$15–\$25 one-way (estimated)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Bear Viewing Floatplane to Katmai or Lake Clark** — Homer's signature bucket-list experience: a floatplane hop to Katmai or Lake Clark National Park to watch massive brown bears fishing for salmon.
- Halibut Fishing Charter** — Homer is the Halibut Fishing Capital of the World.
- Water Taxi to Halibut Cove** — Cross Kachemak Bay to Halibut Cove, a tiny artist enclave built on pilings over the water, reachable only by boat.
- Kayaking Kachemak Bay State Park** — Take a water taxi across the bay and paddle through protected coves and kelp forests.
- Homer Spit Boardwalk & Art Galleries** — The Spit's colorful boardwalks are lined with local artists' galleries, charter offices, and quirky boutiques.

BEST WALKS

- Homer Spit Stroll** ~1.5 miles one-way | Flat & paved | 30-45 min — Walk the length of the Spit from the dock area toward the Seafarer's Memorial and back.
- Bishop's Beach Tide Pool Walk** ~1 mile | Easy | Low tide best | Shuttle to downtown — Take the trolley or taxi to downtown and walk down to Bishop's Beach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		47°	32°	13d
Jun		60°	47°	13d
Aug		63°	49°	15d
Sep		57°	44°	17d
Oct		48°	35°	18d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:49AM–9:24PM · Jun 4:46AM–11:27PM · Aug 6:23AM–9:55PM · Sep 7:36AM–8:24PM · Oct 8:46AM–6:55PM

Representative sunrise/sunset — 2025, 15th of each month; local civil time including DST (America/Anchorage). Source: Astral; not a forecast or climate average.

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- The Spit is a wind tunnel. Temperatures in town may be 60°F, but the exposed dock end feels 15 degrees colder with wind chill. Always bring a windbreaker and layers.
- No Uber here. Use the seasonal Homer Hop-On Hop-Off Trolley or call a local taxi for the 4.5-mile trip to downtown. Book a taxi ahead during peak season.
- Book fishing charters well in advance. Demand for halibut charters far exceeds boat capacity on port days. Secure your spot before sailing.
- Homer has extreme tides — up to 28 feet of fluctuation in 6 hours. If you walk out on Bishop's Beach at low tide, keep an eye on the incoming water and don't linger.
- Free wildlife is everywhere. Sea otters float just off the Small Boat Harbor docks. Bald eagles perch on Spit lampposts. No excursion needed — just walk the Spit.
- Cash helps on the Spit. Most shops and smaller eateries accept cards, but some charter operators and market stalls prefer cash. A few ATMs are available near the harbor.

Homer, 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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| 1 Bishop's Beach | A sandy beach perfect for tide pooling and walking. | 2 Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center (Islands and Ocean) | Learn about Alaska's marine wildlife and remote islands here. |
| 3 Ptarmigan Arts | A cooperative gallery showcasing local Alaskan artists' works. | 4 Karen Hornaday Park | A community park with playgrounds, picnic areas, and views. |
| 5 Viewpoint Skyline Dr | A scenic viewpoint offering panoramic views of Kachemak Bay. | 6 Wynn Nature Center - Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies | Explore coastal trails and learn about local ecology here. |
| 7 Seafarer's Memorial | A memorial honoring those lost at sea from Homer. | P Cruise port / terminal | |