

Inside Passage, Southeast Alaska, USA

A thousand miles of protected waterway threading through ancient rainforest, tidewater glaciers, and some of the richest wildlife habitat on earth — no port stop required.

🚢 Scenic Cruising Day (no port stop)

🕒 Full day at sea — 8-12 hrs of scenery

🏠 USD (no going ashore)

🗣️ English

🦋 World-class wildlife viewing

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Scenic cruising — no port call, ship sails through
Best For: Wildlife, glaciers, dramatic fjord scenery

Route Length: ~1,000 miles, Vancouver Island to Skagway
Don't Miss: Whale spouts at dawn; misty fjords at dusk

🚗 Getting around:

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Whale & Wildlife Watch from Deck** — Humpback whales, orca, Dall's porpoise, Steller sea lions, and harbor seals are regularly spotted from the ship's open decks.
- **Glacier & Fjord Scenery** — Many Inside Passage itineraries include a slow pass through Tracy Arm Fjord or Endicott Arm, where sheer granite walls rise 3,000 feet and small...
- **Onboard Naturalist Program** — National Park Service rangers and ship naturalists give lectures on Southeast Alaska ecology, Tlingit culture, glacier science, and wildlife behavior...
- **Tongass National Forest Backdrop** — The world's largest temperate rainforest lines both sides of the passage.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		43°	34°	18d
Jun		60°	49°	19d
Aug		63°	53°	20d
Sep		57°	47°	21d
Oct		47°	38°	21d

🇺🇸 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY

Apr 5:44AM–8:11PM · Jun 3:51AM–10:05PM · Aug 5:21AM–8:41PM · Sep 6:28AM–7:15PM · Oct 7:34AM–5:50PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Layer up, even in summer. Wind chill on a moving ship in the passage can feel 20°F colder than the air temperature. Fleece + waterproof shell is the minimum; add a beanie.
- Bring binoculars — your phone won't cut it. 8×42 or 10×42 optics turn a distant black dot into a grizzly bear. This is the single most-recommended upgrade for an Alaska cruise.
- No cell service for most of the day. Download offline Google Maps of Southeast Alaska before departing so your GPS still works for orientation while offline.
- Mist and overcast is normal — and beautiful. Low cloud hanging over forested peaks is the defining atmosphere of the Inside Passage. Don't wait for blue skies to come out on deck.
- Keep a lens cloth handy. Sea spray and misty rain will coat your camera. A microfiber cloth in your pocket saves countless shots.
- Both sides of the ship have scenery. Captains often rotate for major sightings. Don't fixate on one side — walk the full promenade periodically.

Inside Passage, Southeast 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 Alaska State Capitol

Juneau's seat of state government, an understated 1931 Art Deco building open for free public tours.

3 Alaska State Museum

State museum in Juneau covering Alaska's Native cultures, Russian era, and natural history.

2 Mount Roberts Tramway

Aerial tramway climbing 1,800 feet above the Juneau cruise dock for alpine trails and panoramic Gastineau Channel views.

P Cruise port / terminal