

Ketchikan, Alaska, USA

Alaska's 'First City' and totem-pole capital — a rainy rainforest port where Creek Street's historic boardwalk, floatplane wilderness, world-class salmon fishing, and Tlingit heritage all sit minutes from the dock.

Docked (4 downtown berths + Ward Cove)

Typical call: 7–10 hrs

US Dollar (USD)

Rainforest climate — waterproof everything

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Up to 5 berths (4 downtown, 1 at Ward Cove)

Walk to center: 0–10 min (downtown berths); free shuttle from Ward Cove

Best For: Totems · Flightseeing · Salmon fishing

Don't Miss: Creek Street boardwalk & Misty Fjords flightseeing

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ .50 drop + ~/mile · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Misty Fjords Flightseeing** — A floatplane soars over 3,000-ft granite cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and the volcanic spire of New Eddystone Rock before landing on a remote...
- Saxman Village & Totem Bight** — Saxman is a living Tlingit village 2 miles south of town — two dozen totem poles, an active carving shed, and clan house dances.
- Misty Fjords Catamaran Cruise** — A high-speed catamaran threads the same fjord at water level — glacially carved cliffs towering overhead, naturalists spotting eagles, seals, and...
- Salmon & Halibut Fishing Charter** — Ketchikan earns its 'Salmon Capital of the World' title.
- Herring Cove Bear Viewing** — Late July through September, black bears crowd the Herring Cove creek mouth to intercept spawning salmon.

BEST WALKS

- Creek Street Boardwalk** ~1 km · 30–45 min · easy · free — The iconic stilted walkway built over Ketchikan Creek — former red-light district, now galleries, shops, and the Dolly's House Museum.
- Downtown Totem & History Loop** ~2 km · 1–1.5 hrs · easy — Start at the Ketchikan Visitor Center, detour to the Tongass Historical Museum, continue to the Totem Heritage Center (admission ~\$6) housing 19th-century unrestored...
- Deer Mountain Trail** ~8 km out-and-back · 4–5 hrs · strenuous — Switchbacks climb from near City Park through old-growth spruce into alpine terrain with sweeping views over Tongass Narrows and the surrounding islands.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		49°	37°	20d
Jun		61°	50°	17d
Aug		65°	55°	18d
Sep		59°	50°	19d
Oct		51°	43°	20d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:41AM–7:52PM · Jun 4:04AM–9:29PM · Aug 5:21AM–8:19PM · Sep 6:20AM–7:01PM · Oct 7:18AM–5:45PM

US Dollar (USD)

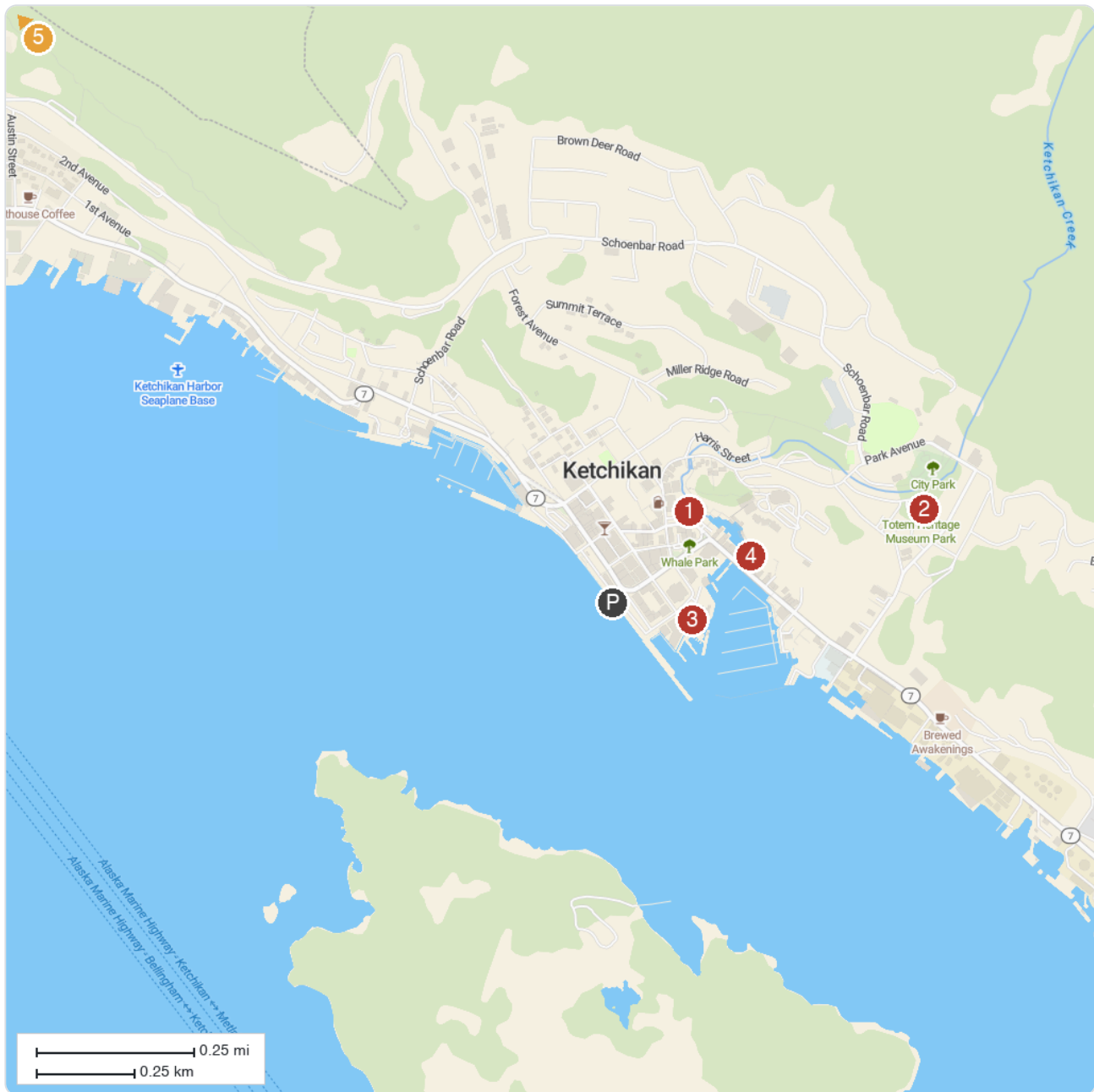
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Waterproof everything. Ketchikan averages 150+ inches of rain per year. Pack a waterproof shell, waterproof shoes, and a compact umbrella regardless of what the sky looks like when you wake up.
- Know your berth the night before. Downtown berths are steps from Creek Street; Ward Cove (7 mi north) means a free shuttle — allow 20 min each way and leave an extra 45 min before all-aboard for the return queue.
- Book flightseeing refundable. Misty Fjords trips cancel in low cloud, which happens often. Have a backup plan (Creek Street, lumberjack show, Discovery Center) ready before you board the bus to the seaplane dock.
- Bear viewing is July–September. Herring Cove is one of Alaska's easiest bear-watching spots — black bears fishing the creek mouth, viewable from a platform just a short drive from downtown.
- Salmon in the creek is free. From late June through September, spawning salmon pack Ketchikan Creek under Creek Street — visible from the boardwalk boards above, one of the most purely Alaskan sights you can have for nothing.
- Southeast Alaska Discovery Center is free. The U.S. Forest Service museum on the Tongass rainforest, wildlife, and Tlingit culture costs nothing and is 5 minutes from downtown berths — a rainy-day gem worth an hour.

Ketchikan, 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 Tongass Historical Museum | Museum showcasing Ketchikan's history and Native Alaskan culture. | 2 Totem Heritage Center | Preserves and displays ancient, authentic Native Alaskan totem poles. |
| 3 Great Alaskan Lumberjack Show | Live outdoor show featuring competitive Alaskan lumberjack sports. | 4 Dolly's House | Historic former brothel, now a museum about Ketchikan's past. |
| 5 Totem Bight State Historical Park | Outdoor park displaying restored and recreated Native Alaskan totem poles. | P Cruise port / terminal | |