

Klawock, Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, USA

One of Alaska's newest cruise destinations, Klawock sits on Prince of Wales Island where an Indigenous-owned floating pier welcomes small ships to a world of authentic totem poles, old-growth rainforest, and world-class sportfishing — with no jewelry chains in sight.

Docked (floating pier)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

USD

English / Tlingit heritage

Tongass rainforest

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:

Arrive:

All aboard:

Excursion:

Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Floating pontoon pier, Klawock Island — walk off the ship, no tender

Best For: Tlingit culture, totem poles, sport fishing, wildlife, authentic Alaska

Walk to Totem Park: Free shuttle (5 min) or 1.3-mile walk across the bridge to town

Don't Miss: Klawock Totem Park — 21 restored poles overlooking the harbor

Getting around: Taxi + (Craig to pier) · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Klawock Totem Park** — Twenty-one beautifully restored Tlingit totem poles stand on a hillside overlooking Klawock harbor — replicated from 19th-century originals from the...
 - Tlingit Carving Shed** — Near the Totem Park, master Tlingit carvers work on totems and canoes in an open shed.
 - Klawock River Hatchery & Salmon Run** — Just outside of town, the Klawock River Salmon Hatchery is a top spot to watch thousands of
- salmon fighting upstream (best July–August).

 - Sport Fishing Charter** — Prince of Wales Island is legendary for halibut and salmon.
 - Kayak & Skiff Eco-Tour** — Guided water tours around the sheltered islands of Klawock Harbor offer excellent chances to spot sea otters, harbor seals, humpback whales, and...

BEST WALKS

- Pier to Klawock Totem Park** 1.3 miles | 25-30 min | Easy — Walk from the Port Klawock terminal across the bridge onto Prince of Wales Island and uphill to the Totem Park.
- Totem Park to Carving Shed Loop** 0.5 miles | 15-20 min | Easy — From the Totem Park, walk down to the Klawock Carving Shed where Tlingit artists work on poles and canoes, then back through downtown Klawock past the small harbor.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		48°	37°	21d
Jun		58°	48°	18d
Aug		62°	53°	18d
Sep		59°	49°	20d
Oct		51°	43°	20d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:46AM–7:58PM · Jun 4:09AM–9:37PM · Aug 5:26AM–8:25PM · Sep 6:25AM–7:07PM · Oct 7:24AM–5:50PM

USD

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Gear up for rain. Klawock is in the Tongass National Forest — a temperate rainforest. Bring a quality rain jacket and waterproof shoes regardless of the forecast.
- Skip the 'Town Transfer' excursion. The port provides a complimentary shuttle to the Totem Park and Craig. No need to pay ship prices just to reach town.
- Carry some cash. Cards are accepted at the port terminal, but local artisans at the Carving Shed and roadside stands may prefer cash.
- Black bears are common near the river during salmon runs (July–August). Keep distance, don't carry open food near the water, and never approach wildlife.
- Respect the totems. These are sacred cultural items of living Tlingit culture. Don't touch the poles unless invited, and ask permission before photographing Elders.
- Book fishing charters early. Prince of Wales is world-famous for halibut and salmon — independent charter boats fill up months in advance for peak season.

Klawock, Prince of Wales Island, 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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Klawock Totem Park

A hillside park displaying 21 restored and replicated Tlingit totem poles, one of the largest such collections in Alaska.
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Klawock Presbyterian Church

A historic church at the heart of the village, reflecting Klawock's role as one of Alaska's oldest Tlingit communities.
- P

Cruise port / terminal