

Petersburg, Alaska, USA

One of Southeast Alaska's most genuine ports, Petersburg is a working Norwegian-American fishing town with zero cruise-ship gloss — just real Alaska, LeConte Glacier boat tours, and world-class halibut fishing.

Docked (small ships only)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

USD

English

Working fishing town

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Port Dock or City Dock — small ships only; large cruise ships cannot navigate Wrangell Narrows

Best For: Authentic Alaska, LeConte Glacier tours, whale watching, local seafood

Walk to center: 2–5 min from dock to Nordic Drive

Don't Miss: Hammer Slough, Clausen Memorial Museum, Petersburg shrimp

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ Low (short distances) · 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **LeConte Glacier Jetboat Tour** — The southernmost active tidewater glacier in North America is just 25 miles from town.
- **Whale Watching in Frederick Sound** — Frederick Sound is one of the best humpback whale feeding grounds in Alaska.
- **Charter Fishing** — Petersburg is home to one of Alaska's most productive fishing fleets.
- **Clausen Memorial Museum** — Small but packed with local history — includes the world's largest registered king salmon (126.5 lbs), Norwegian...
- **Hammer Slough & Norwegian Heritage Walk** — Historic stilt homes and warehouses over tidal mudflats at Hammer Slough are Petersburg's most photographed scene.

BEST WALKS

- **Downtown & Hammer Slough Loop** 1.5 miles · 45 min · Easy · Free — From the dock, walk Nordic Drive past Norwegian-painted storefronts and the Sons of Norway Hall, then loop around to Hammer Slough for...
- **Sandy Beach & Petroglyphs** 3 miles round-trip · 1.5 hrs · Easy · Free — Walk or cab 1.5 miles north along the paved path to Sandy Beach Recreation Area.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		48°	33°	15d
Jun		61°	46°	15d
Aug		63°	49°	18d
Sep		57°	45°	20d
Oct		50°	40°	23d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:43AM–8:01PM · Jun 3:58AM–9:46PM · Aug 5:20AM–8:30PM · Sep 6:23AM–7:08PM · Oct 7:25AM–5:48PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress for rain. Petersburg sits inside the Tongass National Forest — a temperate rainforest. Waterproof layers and sturdy shoes are essential regardless of the forecast.
- Order the Petersburg shrimp. Tiny, sweet local pink shrimp are the town's culinary signature. Get them at Coastal Cold Storage — part fish processor, part café, all excellent.