

Valdez, Alaska, USA

The "Little Switzerland of Alaska" sits at the head of a deep fjord in Prince William Sound, ringed by glaciated peaks and roaring waterfalls. It's a working Alaskan town with minimal crowds and maximum scenery.

Pier (docked)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

USD

English

Glaciers & wildlife

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Kelsey Dock (downtown) or Container Terminal (~1.5 mi from center)

Best For: Glacier cruises, kayaking, earthquake history, wildlife

Walk to center: Steps from Kelsey Dock; ~30 min walk or shuttle from Container Terminal

Don't Miss: Columbia Glacier boat tour — one of North America's great tidewater glaciers

Getting around: Taxi — in town

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Columbia Glacier Marine Cruise** — One of North America's largest and fastest-retreating tidewater glaciers.
 - Sea Kayaking in Prince William Sound** — Valdez is a world-class kayaking destination.
 - Keystone Canyon & Waterfalls** — A dramatic canyon just outside town with towering walls and spectacular falls —
- Bridal Veil Falls and Horsetail Falls.

 - Valdez Museum & Earthquake History** — The 9.2-magnitude 1964 Good Friday Earthquake leveled the original Valdez and triggered a massive tsunami.
 - Solomon Gulch Hatchery & Wildlife Viewing** — Millions of pink and coho salmon return here in July–August, drawing bald eagles, sea lions, harbor seals, and black...

BEST WALKS

- Downtown Harbor Loop** ~1 mile | Easy | 30 min — From Kelsey Dock, stroll along the small boat harbor to the Valdez Museum on Egan Drive, then continue to the Maxine & Jesse Whitney...
- Dock Point Trail** 1-mile loop | Easy | 45 min — A beautiful loop trail at the edge of the harbor offering views of the bay, salt marshes, and wildflower meadows.
- Old Valdez Town Site** ~4 miles from dock | Moderate (requires taxi/tour) | 1 hr — The haunting foundations of original Valdez, destroyed by the 1964 earthquake.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		44°	31°	d
Jun		59°	46°	d
Aug		61°	48°	d
Sep		53°	42°	d
Oct		44°	34°	d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:23AM–9:08PM · Aug 5:55AM–9:41PM · Sep 7:13AM–8:05PM · Oct 8:29AM–6:31PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Layer up and bring rain gear. Valdez averages 300+ inches of snow a year — summer days can swing from 70°F and sunny to 50°F and rainy in hours. A waterproof jacket is

Valdez, 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 Shoup Bay Trail Park A scenic trail leading to a glacier and wildlife viewing.

2 Valdez Glacier Lake A lake at the foot of Valdez Glacier, accessible by boat.

P Cruise port / terminal