

Anchorage, AK

Description:

- Experience the Big Wild Life™. Anchorage is a unique, year-round destination with once-in-a-lifetime experiences. www.Anchorage.net
- Tap into your sense of adventure and step foot on a frozen marvel. Alaska has the nation's greatest concentration of glaciers; approximately 100,000 covering nearly 30,000 square miles and those located in South-central Alaska are the most accessible.
- From your hotel room, view the result of thousands of years of immense geologic forces. Six of Earth's most magnificent mountain ranges are visible from downtown Anchorage, one of which includes our nation's highest peak, Mt. McKinley
- Stand at the starting point of the Iditarod Trail, an 1100-mile race of skill, endurance and courage
- Photograph a Bald Eagle in flight, a playful whale, or an overabundance of other wild life, as you cruise in comfort through the fjords of Prince William Sound.
- Named by Kiplinger as the most tax friendly city in the U.S.
- The average temperature in July is 58.4 F and 56.3 F in August.
- Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport is serviced by 15 domestic and international passenger airlines.
- Four hotels can host the AIBD convention with half dozen or more other lodging options for guests. The most desirable one being the Hotel Captain Cook: <http://captaincook.com/>.
- Anchorage has four golf courses and play goes until about 10:45 pm in the summer.

Architectural and construction interests:

- Begin with a glimpse of true sustainable design and construction the Alaskan Native Heritage Center.
- Visit the historic Anchorage City Hall, constructed in 1936.
- Historic Pioneer Schoolhouse, established in 1915.
- The Trans-Alaskan Pipeline.
- Visit homes featured in Alaska Home magazine, like this one featuring a "glass bridge" – designed by CPBD, David Seymour.
- Learn about permafrost foundation design, as well as other extreme climate issues related to building design.

Other points of interest:

- Engaging year round natural history talks, kids' activities and guided summer nature walks.
- See firsthand where the most powerful earthquake ever recorded in North America caused huge tracts of land to slide into Cook Inlet.
- Hear tales from the Iditarod Trail and relive the serum run to Nome during the 1925 diphtheria epidemic when 20 handy mushers and their dogs persevered through the conditions to save untold lives.
- See the northern lights during summer! "Aurora: Alaska's Great Northern Lights" a stunning digital presentation set to incredible original music scores.
- The Alaskan Railroad.
- Denali National Park and Tundra Wilderness Tours.
- Mountain hiking, four-wheeling, kayaking, cruises, and more.