

Highlights of Juneau

Favorite Restaurants

- **Chan's Thai Kitchen:** 11806 Glacier Highway; 789-9777. Great Authentic Thai Food. Our favorites include the Chicken Satay, Cashew Chicken, Masaman Curry and Taa-Po.
- **Hangar at the Wharf:** 2 Marine Way; 586-5018. Great views overlooking the docks downtown where floatplanes take off and land. Try the halibut taco. Great selection of micro brews.
- **Island Pub:** 1102 2nd Street; 364-1595. Located across the bridge on Douglas Island. Great gourmet pizzas and salads.
- **Twisted Fish:** 550 S. Franklin; 463-5033. Some of the best seafood in town. Favorites include Crab & Prawn Angel Hair Pasta and Halibut Tacos. Great selection of micro brews.

Favorite Attractions

- **Mendenhall Glacier:** The only drive-up, road accessible glacier in the United States. A 15 minutes drive from downtown Juneau, the glacier is located across iceberg-dotted Mendenhall Lake.
- **Mt Roberts Tramway:** Take a 6 minute tram ride to Mt. Roberts for exquisite views of Juneau.
- **Glacier Gardens Rainforest Adventure:** Perfect for nature lovers. Beautiful waterfalls and hanging gardens in upside-down trees. Tours include a ride in a golf cart to the top of the mountain with great glacier views.
- **Alaska State Museum:** This museum's historical collection of 1,700 objects includes both the Russian colonial era and the American period (1867 to present). Alaska Native material dominates the collection and includes objects from Alaskan Eskimo, Athabascan, Aleut, and Northwest Coast groups.
- **DIPAC Macaulay Salmon Hatchery:** DIPAC's saltwater aquariums feature over 150 different species of local marine life. One of its main attractions is its large 5,000 gallon tank. Visitors get an up close view of adult salmon, multitudes of crab species, various sea stars and other amazing Juneau sea life. There are also 13 smaller 50-100 gallon saltwater aquariums where other unique marine life reside. DIPAC also has a fish ladder with an underwater window that lets you watch salmon returning home to spawn.
- **Alaskan Brewing Company:** A 10 minute drive from downtown, the Alaska Brewing Company offers a popular free tour and tasting of award-winning beers.
- **Shrine of St. Therese:** The 30 minute drive from downtown is worth a visit to this beautiful stone chapel located on a serene and tiny island accessible only by foot trail. Incredible views of Lynn Canal, and marine mammals if you're lucky!
- **Hiking:** There are numerous hiking trails in Juneau. Some favorites:
 - **Perseverance/Granite Creek Trail; Approximately 2-3 Hours; Difficulty Level - Easy to Moderate:** Perseverance Trail is the former road/trail taken by miners working the Silverbow Basin Gold mine and is very picturesque, with numerous science viewpoints along the trail.
 - **East Glacier Trail Loop; Approximately 2-3 hours; Difficulty Level - Moderate to Intermediate:** This is one of Juneau's most popular trails and starts at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitors Center. Most of the trail is a gently rising path, with a few switchbacks toward the end. It offers great views of

Mendenhall Glacier. Approximately two-thirds of the way up is scenic AJ Falls. The top of the trail overlooks Mendenhall Glacier and Nugget Falls.

- **Taku Glacier Flightseeing and Wilderness Lodge Salmon Bake:** One of the best attractions in Juneau. Fly in a floatplane over five glaciers to an authentic wilderness lodge for a king salmon feast. Bear viewings regularly!
- **Alaska Zipline Adventures/Alaska Canopy Adventures:** For the adventurous, Juneau has two equally fantastic zipline adventures. Zip through Tongass National Forest and over streams for unique panoramic views of the mountains and Juneau from the treetops.
- **Whale Watching:** Numerous companies offer whale watching tours where you can see these majestic mammals in their breathtaking natural habitat.
- **Glacier Tours:** Many companies offer trips to see glaciers up close. Travel by helicopter and land on a glacier to explore the glacier's surface with experienced guides. Above & Beyond Alaska offers excellent guided hikes to the Mendenhall Glacier, where you can, with the use of crampons, enjoy trekking on moderate glacial terrain overlooking Mendenhall Lake. For the more adventurous, they also offer a short introduction to ice climbing. With the use of ice axes on a beginner slope, guides teach you the basic techniques of climbing up and down on an ice wall. This trip features close-up views of ice caves, streams, crevasses and other unique glacial formations.

Favorite Shopping:

- **Shoefly:** Shoes! Shoes! Shoes! What more need be said?
- **Heritage Coffee:** For coffee lovers, Heritage offers a wide variety of specialty roasts.
- **Alaskan Brewing Company:** Its new downtown store has great unique gifts to bring home. Grill apron with oven mitt, cooler pocket and retractable bottle opener? Check.
- **Alaskan Fudge Company:** Their fudge is made fresh every day and they make it on site to prove it! Try the Mendenhall Mudd fudge (chocolate, marshmallow and pecan).
- **Fred Meyer:** A 10 minute drive from downtown, Fred Meyer department store offers clothes, toys, groceries, and household and sporting goods as well as a good range of souvenirs. Less expensive than downtown stores.
- **Alaska Shirt Company:** Lots and lots of shirts. Decent prices for souvenirs of all types, such as postcards, travel videos, jewelry, keychains, magnets, etc...
- **Taku Smokeries:** Watch workers fillet, smoke and pack salmon through large windows, then send some home!
- **Annie Kaill's Fine Crafts:** Distinctive pottery, jewelry, ornaments and Alaskan fine art.
- **Juneau's Imagination Station:** Toy store featuring Alaskan toys, games and dolls as well as a great variety of other playthings.
- **William Spear Design:** Unique brightly colored enamel zipper pulls and pins.
- **Hearthside Books:** This locally owned bookstore has a good collection of Alaskan books and maps.