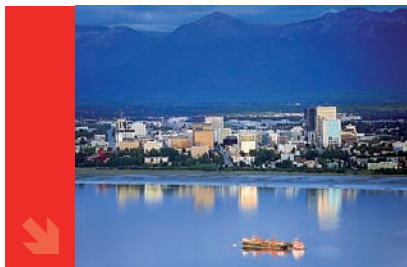




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Anchorage & Around (p51) Boutiques and bistros meld with urban moose and hiking trails in the state's largest city.



Juneau & Southeast Alaska (p79) A foggy emerald maze of fishing towns and ferry routes, plus the state's capital.



Prince William Sound (p137) A kayaker's delight, the Sound abounds with islands, glaciers and hidden coves.



Kenai Peninsula, Katmai & Kodiak Island (p159) Enjoy an accessible wilderness playground on the Kenai Peninsula or watch bears in Katmai National Park.



Denali & the Interior (p201) It's not just the tallest mountain in North America, but also the backcountry surrounding it.



Fairbanks & the Bush (p233) Chug along the Chena River, soak in hot springs, or spot your first polar bear.

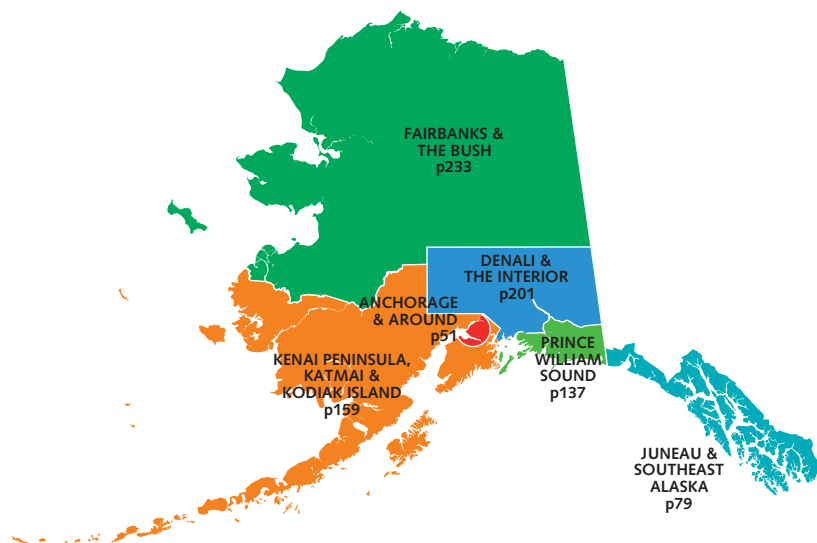
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BARROW p258

Icy, intriguing and utterly unlike any part of the USA you've ever visited

NOME p251

An atavistic berg on the Bering Sea with wildlife aplenty and three great road trips

DENALI NATIONAL PARK p212

Great wildlife watching, hiking and backpacking, plus North America's highest peak

KATMAI NATIONAL PARK p199

Watch giant brown bears snag salmon in midair at Brooks Fall

KODIAK ISLAND p192

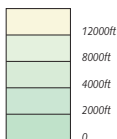
Brown bears don't come any bigger (1500lb) than here



GATES OF THE ARCTIC NATIONAL PARK p257

Adventure into the rugged and imposing Brooks Range for portraits of nature in the raw

ELEVATION



LEGEND

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- Secondary (thin yellow line)
- Tertiary (dashed yellow line)
- Unsealed (dotted yellow line)



WRANGELL-ST ELIAS NATIONAL PARK p228

Visit the true 'wild' in this roadless, trailless, vast and wondrous national park

Northwest Territories

CANADA

Yukon Territory

GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE p125

Glaciers calving, seals swimming and humpback whales breaching

JUNEAU p116

From mountain peaks to glaciers, the best day-hiking in Alaska

ANCHORAGE p51

Urban moose, downtown fishing and excellent dining

SITKA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK p111

See 18 totems in a rainforest setting along the park's Totem Trail

MISTY FIORDS NATIONAL MONUMENT p96

Kayak beneath the towering granite walls and leaping waterfalls of this magnificent fjord

PACIFIC OCEAN

THIS IS ALASKA



Alaska is where human beings stand on an equal footing with nature. Nowhere else in the USA is there such an undeveloped, unpopulated and untrampled place. There are mountains, glaciers and rivers in other parts of North America, but few are on the same scale as those in Alaska.

This state has 17 of the country's 20 highest peaks, and 5000 glaciers, including one larger than Switzerland. In Alaska, there are king crabs that measure 3ft from claw to claw, brown bears that stand more than 12ft tall, farmers who grow 125lb cabbages and glaciers that discharge icebergs the size of small houses.

Because of its size – Alaska is more than twice the size of the next-largest state, Texas – it's better to pick one or two regions to visit on a shorter vacation than try to fly around the entire state in two weeks. In the Interior, you'll find massive glacial rivers and North America's highest mountain, while in Southeast Alaska things feel a bit



more snug. Here, the US's largest national forest, the Tongass, cradles fishing towns and stretches across islands and fjords, with the Alaska Marine Highway weaving through it all. Anchorage provides museums, excellent restaurants and good local hiking, while the Kenai Peninsula and Prince William Sound offer kayaking and opportunities to spot both marine and land animals. In the Bush and the Southwest you'll learn what 'wide open spaces' really means, as the mostly roadless regions are impossibly remote and wild.

Alaska offers more outdoor activities than most people can do in a lifetime, from climbing mountains to rafting rivers. And if spotting a grizzly bear, catching a wild salmon, kayaking a fjord, walking on a glacier, or simply spinning down a scenic highway is your thing, you've chosen the right destination.

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