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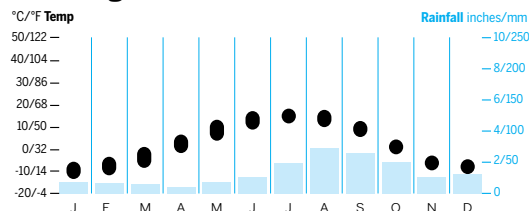
Big, beautiful and wildly bountiful. Far away, rurally isolated and very expensive. Alaska is a traveler's dilemma.

There are few places in the world with such grandeur and breathtaking beauty. Mt McKinley, the highest peak in North America, is a stunning sight when you catch its alpenglow in Wonder Lake. Forty bald eagles perched on a single tree is something seen in Haines, not Iowa.

Alaska is also a remote and costly destination for anybody tripping through the rest of the country, a place where accommodations are expensive and transportation options meager. But, from the Northwest, a slice of Alaska can be an affordable side trip, whether it's a few days cruising Southeast Alaska on the state ferry or a 2½-hour flight to Anchorage for the weekend. Once there you'll marvel at the grandeur of the land and begin plotting your ultimate adventure, a summer in Alaska. This chapter focuses on Southeast Alaska and Anchorage.

When to Go

Anchorage



Jun Enjoy summer solstice festivals and 20-hour days. Stay up and play outdoors.

Jul Salmon runs, with millions of spawning fish choking streams, hit their peak.

Late Sep The mystical northern lights begin to appear in the night skies.

