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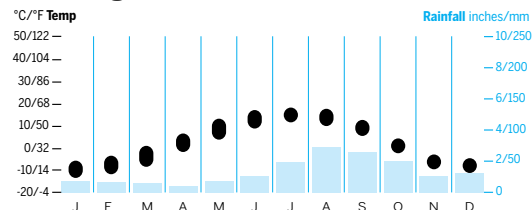
Why Go?

Pure, raw, unforgiving and humongous in scale, Alaska is a place that arouses basic instincts and ignites what Jack London termed the 'call of the wild.' Yet, unlike London and his gutsy, gold-rush companions, visitors today will have a far easier time penetrating the region's vast, feral wilderness. Indeed, one of the beauties of the 49th state is its accessibility. Nowhere else in North America is it realistically possible to climb an unclimbed mountain, walk where – quite conceivably – no human foot has trodden before, or sally forth into a national park that gets fewer annual visitors than the International Space Station.

With scant phone coverage and a dearth of hipster-friendly coffee bars to plug in your iPad, Alaska is a region for 'doing' rather than observing. Whether you go it alone with bear spray and a backpack, or place yourself in the hands of an experienced 'sourdough' (Alaskan old-timer), the rewards are immeasurable.

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 peaks.

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

