



Alyeska Resort – Your Alaskan Summer Base Camp

Close proximity to three national parks and world-class fishing, kayaking and sight-seeing makes Alyeska Resort an ideal choice

Alyeska Resort is centrally located in Southcentral Alaska, and a short 40 miles from Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. Whether you are traveling to Alaska via cruise, tour group or own your own, Alyeska Resort makes perfect sense. Staying at Alyeska ensures a quality experience with a newly renovated hotel, full-service amenities, fine and casual dining, surrounding by the best nature has to offer.

National Parks

Denali National Park and Preserve is north of Anchorage. The home of the highest peak in North America, the crowning jewel is the awe-inspiring 20,320 foot Mount McKinley. Denali is well-known for its diversity of wildlife. There are 39 species of mammals, 167 species of birds, 10 species of fish, and one species of amphibian known in Denali. Not to be outdone, more than 650 species of flowering plants as well as many species of mosses, lichens, fungi, algae, and others grace the slopes and valleys of Denali.

Kenai Fjords National Park lies to the southeast of Anchorage on the Kenai Peninsula. This is a land where the ice age still lingers, and creatures such as ice worms, bears, sea otters, and whales make their home here. Exit Glacier is the most assessable feature of the park, and the Harding Icefield is the most dominant. Visitors are encouraged to take a cruise or flight to experience the park, ample hiking and kayaking opportunities are also available.

Wrangell-St. Elias is northwest of Anchorage and the largest national park in the United States. Here, the Alaska, Chugach and Wrangell-Saint Elias ranges converge and are known as the "mountain kingdom of North America." This park includes the continent's largest mass of glaciers, and greatest collection of peaks above 16,000 feet, including Mount St. Elias at 18,008', the second highest peak in the United States. In 1978, in combination with its Yukon neighbor Kluane National Park, the United Nations recognized Wrangell-St. Elias National Monument as an international World Heritage site.

The national park season in Alaska typically runs from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. Each of the three national parks offers a unique wilderness experience featuring interpretative visitor information and guided outings to help acquaint you with the history, flora and fauna of the park. Visit www.nps.gov for more information.

Distances from Alyeska

- 90 miles to Kenai Fjords National Park
- 300 miles to Denali National Park and Preserve
- 260 miles to Wrangell-St. Elias Park and Preserve



Beyond the Parks

Alyeska Resort is also centrally located to many Alaskan highlights outside of the national parks. Alaska is known for its dramatic landscapes; however, many visitors arrive in the state with their eye on other prizes such as king salmon, halibut, multi-day kayaks, brown bear viewings and more.

Within close proximity of Alyeska, the following locations are also key highlights in the Southcentral region:

- Seward – Two hours from Alyeska, Seward is a charming coastal community and the gateway to Kenai Fjords National Park and the Resurrection Bay. Bustling in the summer, Seward’s historic downtown is walkable and filled with unique shops and restaurants. The Alaska Sealife Center (www.alaskasealife.org) is a must-visit. Alaska’s only public aquarium and ocean wildlife rescue center, the Sealife Center allows visitors close encounters with puffins, octopus, sea lions and other sealife. National park boat tours and cruises depart from Seward.
- Homer – A year-round fishing community, Homer has been described as a coastal hamlet. Many artists and writers have made a home here, giving the town a cultural flair. Kachemak Bay surrounds Homer and is renowned for its halibut fishing and recreational opportunities. Homer is about four hours from Alyeska.
- Whittier/Prince William Sound – Just 25 miles from Alyeska and separated by a 2.5 mile one-way tunnel, Whittier is the gateway to Prince William Sound. Once a popular port of call, and a former military facility, glacier and wildlife cruises and kayaking tours depart from Whittier daily in the summer season. The Alaska Railroad (www.alaskarailroad.com) also makes a stop in Whittier.

Wintertime

Winter access to the national parks is limited and varies greatly between parks. Alyeska Resort turns into a winter playground starting around Thanksgiving through the end of April, and is home to Alaska’s largest alpine resort.

About Alyeska Resort (www.alyeskaresort.com)

Alyeska Resort is Alaska’s premier year-round destination featuring The Hotel Alyeska, an award-winning 304 room full-service property. Located just 40 miles from Anchorage and Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, Alyeska Resort is your base camp for summer and winter excursions. The resort is within close proximity of three national parks and the Kenai Peninsula, and is home to the northernmost coastal temperate rainforest, part of the Chugach Mountain Range. Alyeska Resort stands out during ski season with 650” of average snowfall annually and the longest-continuous double black diamond ski run in North America. Learn more about the resort and plan your Alaskan adventure at www.alyeskaresort.com or 800.880.3880.

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