

KETCHIKAN SHORE EXCURSIONS

Ketchikan is Alaska's Gateway City and is perhaps most famous for its reputation as the Salmon Fishing Capital of the World. It is also home to a large population of Alaska's Native people. The surrounding wilderness is blessed with lush rainforest, dramatic fjords, abundant salmon and equally abundant bears and eagles which dine on the salmon feast. Select from our unique Ketchikan shore excursions, or let us customize a Ketchikan experience just for you.



BEARS AT ANAN OBSERVATORY

4 HOURS

Anan Creek is an ancient Tlingit native fishing site that has the largest pink salmon run in Southeast Alaska, attracting significant numbers of black bears to feast on the bounty—it's one of only a few places in the world where you can view both. Flying by private floatplane deep into Tongass National Forest, you'll land on serene Anan Bay. From there, your naturalist guide will escort you on a half-mile hike along a boardwalk to a secure bear observatory overlooking a waterfall.

HIGHLIGHTS

Observing black bears from your secure viewing platform, alongside your expert guide

FISHING & WILDERNESS DINING

6 HOURS

This excursion offers a world-class fishing experience with a gourmet campsite lunch in the unspoiled wilderness of Alaska's coastline. Accompanied by knowledgeable guides who will recount tales of Alaska's early days—from the Ice Age geology to native culture, European and Russian explorers, gold seekers, and the early days of fishing and logging—you'll glide into the wilderness on an open-air, 20-foot skiff. After fishing, you'll head ashore, where a gourmet camp meal of your own freshly caught fish awaits!

HIGHLIGHTS

Fishing for rockfish, red snapper, lingcod, or halibut

Enjoy a gourmet meal, all part of what Food and Wine magazine called "The best camp meal ever".



ORCAS COVE BOAT & SEA KAYAK ADVENTURE

3 HOURS

Kayaks were invented by Alaska's native people, and there is still no better way to explore than by means of these sleek and maneuverable crafts! This tour starts with a 20-minute powerboat ride from town to a remote location in the offshore islands. There, you meet your guides and kayaks in a protected cove and, after an orientation, paddle through a chain of islands. Look out for seals, sea lions, Dall's porpoise, orcas, humpbacks, and the occasional minke whale.

HIGHLIGHTS

Observing Alaskan wildlife from the best vantage point – the sea! Watch for seals, whales, bald eagles and bears strolling along the shoreline

MISTY FJORDS MONUMENT ADVENTURE

1.5 HOURS

The Misty Fjords National Monument has been carved to impressive perfection by millions of years of glacial activity. On this popular flightseeing tour, it will take you only a blink of an eye to appreciate nature's handiwork. In fact, floatplane is really the only way to take in the majesty of this 2.3-million acre patch of pristine wilderness. You'll soar above cliffs, sawtooth ridges blanketed in mist, sky-blue lakes, endless waterfalls, icy saltwater fjords, and miles of glacier-carved gorges.

HIGHLIGHTS

Marveling at the dramatic Misty Fjords National Monument from the air via floatplane



'WHERE THE EAGLE WALKS' NATIVE TOUR

3 HOURS

Today you will have the unique opportunity to meet local guide and Tlingit elder, Mr. Joe Williams, the former Mayor of Ketchikan and the Tlingit settlement of Saxman Village. Through his stories, you will learn about the Tlingit people and their traditions. Visit historic Creek Street, take a tram to Cape Fox Lodge, and stop at Saxman Village where you'll visit a totem-carving shed.

HIGHLIGHTS

Learning the traditional Tlingit customs and traditions

Enjoying a delicious Tlingit-style snack of Indian fried bread, smoked salmon, reindeer sausage, and blueberry jam

Visiting Totem Row and the Saxman Village Tribal House

ORCAS COVE KAYAKING / MISTY FJORDS FLIGHTSEE

5.25 HOURS

This is the ultimate Ketchikan adventure—this trip combines paddling Orcas Cove with flightseeing over the Misty Fjords National Monument. The first part of your excursion will see you kayaking among spectacular wilderness scenery and wildlife. When you've had your fill of kayaking, board the M/V Sea Spree for a smoked salmon picnic—then watch as a seaplane lands, taxis, and takes you on a flightseeing tour of Misty Fjord's most dramatic scenery.

HIGHLIGHTS

Kayaking the magnificent Orcas Cove, spotting wildlife in the sea and along the shore

Flightseeing tour over the dramatic Misty Fjords National Monument



ALASKAN FISHING

6 HOURS

It takes special skill to catch Alaskan salmon, halibut, and bottom fish. As fishing conditions change with the seasons and the weather, an Alaskan fishing expedition allows you to head out during any of the summer months with confidence that you will see good action. After a day of trolling and jigging, and you'll know the difference between a spoon and a hoochie, as well as the best way to catch a king, coho, or pink salmon, or a halibut. Best of all, whatever you catch is yours to keep (along with some of the best seafood recipes).

HIGHLIGHTS

Fishing alongside some of Alaska's most experienced fishing guides

A comprehensive and educational day of fishing, customized to your interests and appetite!

CRABBING BY CABIN CRUISER

6 HOURS

Your fishing adventure begins at Bostwick Bay, which is home to thousands of Dungeness crab. Learn how to bait and set crab pots with your experienced Ketchikan guide. While your pot "soaks", head out on an adventure of your choosing. Your cabin cruiser is outfitted for salmon fishing, halibut fishing, or pulling up to the beach for beachcombing and exploring. After retrieving your crab pots, return to the marina and enjoy a meal with your catch of the day at the local Fish House.

HIGHLIGHTS

An exclusive tour of Ketchikan's world-renowned waters.

Whether your bucket list contains fishing for Pacific halibut, or your kids want to explore tide pools and beach crabs – this is a trip of a lifetime!

We Look Forward to Welcoming You **On Shore**



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