

Haines, Alaska Pre Departure Travel Information

Thank you for your participation in an Alaska Mountain Guides trip. The following information is included to help you with trip planning and travel arrangements.

The easiest way to get to Haines is from Juneau, the state capital. Alaska Airlines has daily flights from Seattle with flight time being about 1.5 hours. From Juneau, a 35 minute local commuter flight will bring you to Haines. Alaska Seaplanes and Wings of Alaska have multiple flights per day. We can also arrange for a scenic chartered flight if you would like to see more of the Lynn Canal or beyond on your way to Haines.

Another option for travel between Juneau and Haines is the Alaska Marine Highway System. Sailings are about 4 hours and are frequent, but less regular than flights.

Please forward along your travel itinerary as soon as possible so we can make the appropriate pick-up/drop-off arrangements.

We ask that you arrive the evening before your trip starts, and it's often easiest to stay in Haines the day your course ends as well. If you are unable to schedule your travel to arrive the evening before, please contact us and we will be happy to make other arrangements.

We will meet at our office for a pre-trip meeting at 6:00 pm (unless otherwise noted) the night before your trip starts. Bring your backpack and gear as we will go over equipment, the itinerary and answer any pre-trip questions you may have. The office is located at 371 Sawmill Road. Our hours are from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, 7 days a week.

The next morning we will meet at 9:00 am (unless otherwise noted) to begin our trip. You should plan on eating breakfast before the meeting. Extra luggage that you do not need in the field can be stored at a secure location at our warehouse for the duration of your trip.

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

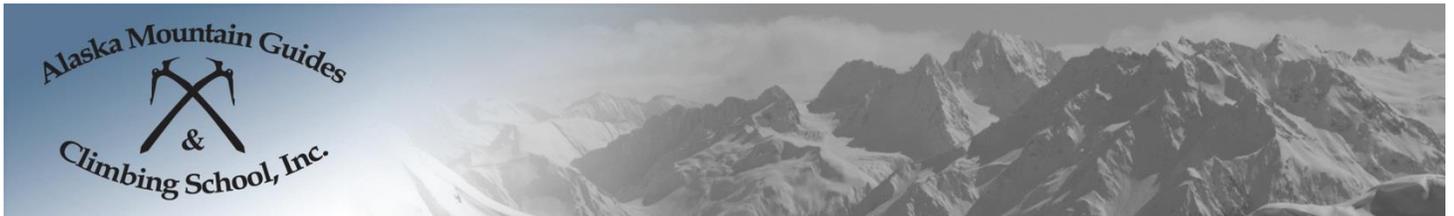
The Travel Connection Travel Agency: Customized tour planning to coordinate your trip to Haines and the rest of Alaska, (907) 766-2681 or (800) 572-8006.

Ferry Service: The Alaska Marine Highway operates daily ferries from Juneau, Haines, Skagway and other ports including Bellingham, Washington. Service to Gustavus runs weekly through May and bi-weekly beginning in June, (800) 526-6731, Haines port (907) 766-2111, (<http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/index.shtml>)

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Air Service: Alaska Airlines (800) 252-7522 serves Juneau, 76 miles south of Haines.

From Juneau it's a 35 minute scenic flight to Haines, contact:

Wings of Alaska:

(800) 789-9464

<http://www.wingsofalaska.com/>

Alaska Seaplanes:

(907) 789.3331

<http://www.flyalaskaseaplanes.com>

Highway Travel: The Haines Highway connects with Alaska Highway at Haines Junction, 160 miles. Allow 3 ½ hours driving time. The highway is fully paved and there are several campgrounds and lodges along the way.

HOTELS

Hotel Halsingland: Historic Fort Seward buildings, view of Lynn Canal, 40 rooms, TV, phones, private baths, and restaurant/bar, (800) 542-6363 or (907) 766-2000, hotelhalsingland.com.

Captains Choice Motel: Downtown, View of Lynn Canal, 40 rooms, 800-478-2345, <http://www.capchoice.com/>.

Aspen Suites Hotel: Newly opened in June of 2015. Located near Downtown Haines. Offers one or two queen beds, kitchenette in each room, (866) 483-7848, <http://www.aspenhotelsak.com/haines/>.

BED & BREAKFASTS

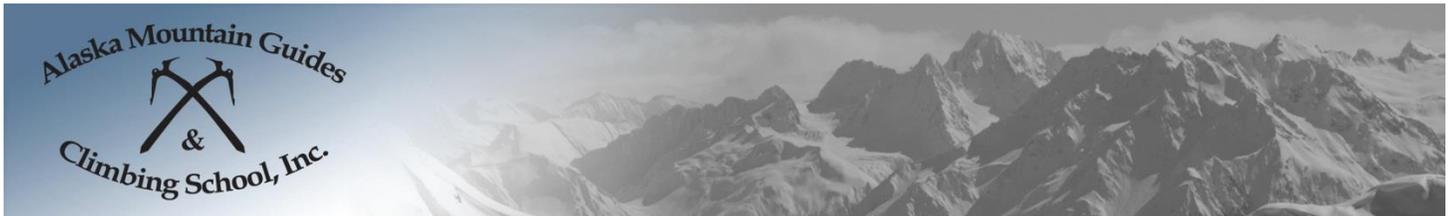
Chilkat Eagle B&B: Historic building in Fort Seward near Chilkat Center for the Arts. (907) 766-2763

Officers' Inn B&B: (800) 478-2525 or (907) 766-2445

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PRIVATE CAMPGROUNDS

Port Chilkoot Campground & Camper Park: (800) 542-6363 or (907) 766-2000

Portage Cove: ¾ miles from town on Beach Road. Camping is for backpackers and bicyclists only, no overnight parking. This is a very scenic location on the beach.

For a comprehensive list of all the accommodations in Haines check out their website at www.hainesak.com and click on trip planning then where to stay.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend travel insurance. In many case travel insurance will cover medical expenses, evacuation costs, lost baggage, travel delays, and other costs in the event you need to cancel your trip. We have worked with almost every provider of travel insurance and feel strongly that the Adventure Travel Protection Plan from AIG/Travel Guard is the best one available. It is one of the only plans that covers high altitude climbing and has significant benefits if purchased within 15 days of making your trip deposit. Details can be found on our website at http://alaskamountainguides.com/?page_id=226

Please contact us if you have any questions, or, if you would like any additional information.

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