

Pre Departure Travel Information – Haines, Alaska

Welcome to your upcoming trip with Alaska Mountain Guides. The following information is included to help you with trip planning and travel arrangements. Please forward along your travel itinerary as soon as possible so we can make the appropriate pick-up/drop-off arrangements.

By Air:

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. You will want to arrange your flights to Juneau. From Juneau, a 35-minute local commuter flight will bring you to Haines. Alaska Seaplanes 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.

Alaska Airlines - serves Juneau, 76 miles south of Haines.

Phone: (800) 252-7522

Alaska Seaplanes: (Flight service to/from Haines/Juneau)

Phone: (907) 789.3331 **Website:** <http://www.flyalaskaseaplanes.com>

Harris Aircraft Services

Phone: (907) 966-3030 **Website:** <http://harrisaircraftservices.com>

By Water:

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. Further information can be found online at the Alaska Marine Highway website - <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/>

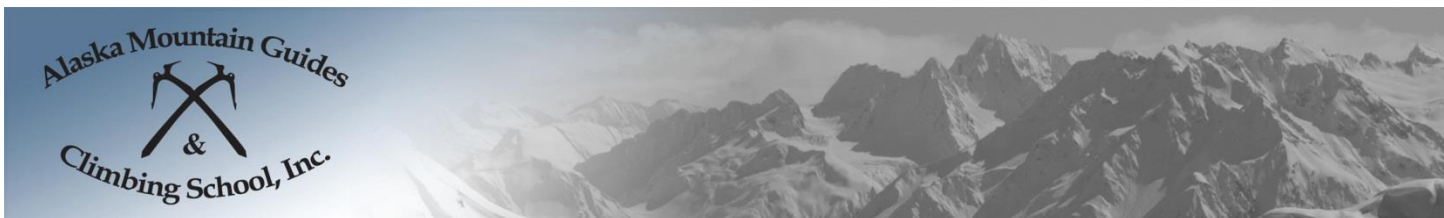
By Road:

For those looking to combine their trip with us as part of a larger vacation, driving the Alaska Highway offers the experience of a lifetime. Haines is connected to the Alaskan Highway at Haines Junction (approx. 160 miles from Haines). All sections of the highway are paved and there are several campgrounds and lodges along the way. Guests coming from the south should plan at least 5- 7 days of travel from the lower 48 to make it to Haines (approx. 2,000 miles from Seattle).

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For Alaskan residents travelling south from Anchorage / Fairbanks area the driving distances are as follows:

Anchorage – 754 miles (approx. 14 – 15 hours of driving)

Fairbanks – 640 miles (approx. 12 hours of driving)

We recommend travelers from the north budget a minimum of 2 days for the drive -- more for winter/spring road conditions.

Pre-Trip Meeting:

We ask that you arrive the evening before your trip is scheduled to start, for a pre-trip meeting with your guide(s). If you are unable to schedule your travel to arrive the day prior to your trip or face unexpected delays while travelling, please contact us and we will be happy to make other arrangements.

The pre-trip meeting is generally scheduled at 6:00pm (unless otherwise noted) the night before your trip starts. Please bring your 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 office is open from 8:00am to 5:00pm, Sept. – May and 7:00am – 7:00pm May - Sept.

The next morning, we will meet as scheduled by your guide at the pre-trip meeting 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.

Accommodations in Town:

The following list outlines several different options for lodging in Haines. If you have any questions about where you should stay, don't hesitate to call or email our office!

HOTELS

Hotel Halsingland: Historic Fort Seward buildings, offering view of Lynn Canal, over 40 rooms available, TV, phones, private baths, and restaurant/bar attached to the main building. (Open Seasonally May-September, call for availability)

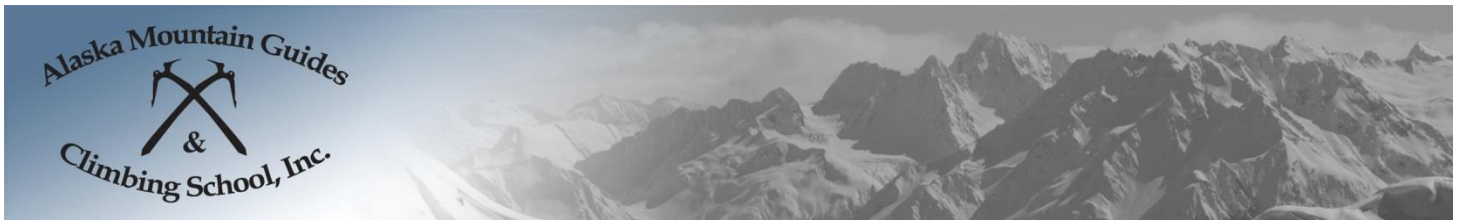
Phone: (800) 542-6363 or (907) 766-2000

Website: hotelhalsingland.com.

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Captains Choice Motel: Located downtown, offers views of Lynn Canal, has over 40 rooms available.

Phone: 800-478-2345 **Website:** <http://www.capchoice.com/>

Aspen Suites Hotel: Newly opened in June of 2015. Located near Downtown Haines. Offers single or double occupancy with queen beds, and kitchenette options.

Phone: (866) 483-7848 **Website:** <http://www.aspenhotelsak.com/haines/>

BED & BREAKFASTS

Chilkat Eagle B&B: Historic building in Fort Seward near Chilkat Center for the Arts.

Phone: (907) 766-2763

Officers' Inn B&B:

Phone: (800) 478-2525 or (907) 766-2445

House No. 1 B&B: Formerly the Fort Seward Bed and Breakfast, it has been renamed under new ownership in 2017. A cozy B&B option located within Fort Seward along Officer's Row.

Phone: (907)-766-2856 **Website:** <https://www.housenumberone.com/>

PRIVATE CAMPGROUNDS

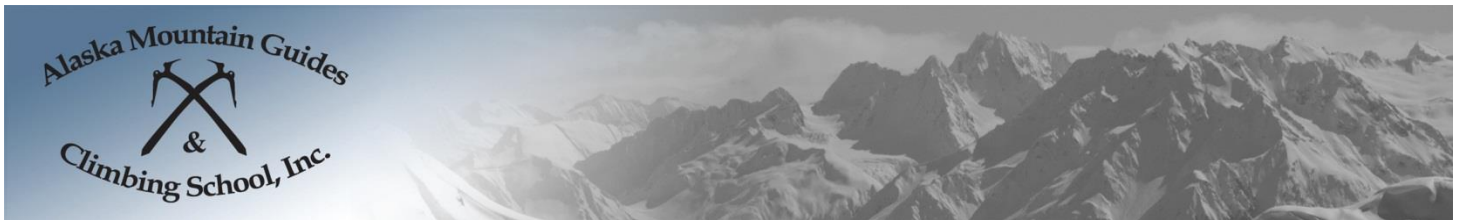
Portage Cove: ¾ miles from town on Beach Road. Camping is for backpackers and bicyclists only, no overnight parking. This is a very scenic location on the beach.

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.

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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 Travel Guard through AIG is the best travel insurance 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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