

Haines

Relocation Guide





OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

OUR MISSION

Alaska Native People working in partnership to provide the best healthcare for our communities.

OUR VISION

Partnering with our communities to promote a healthy balance of mind, body and spirit.

OUR VALUES

Respect
Cultural Identity
Service
Professionalism
Compassion

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WEATHER

Haines and Klukwan's climate are consistent with much of the Southeast Alaska and Pacific Northwest coastal areas. Winters are mild with some snow and temperatures in the 20s and 30s. Summers are cool with light winds.

WHAT TO SEE AND DO

A popular cruise port, Haines is a great place to enjoy the great outdoors with the Yukon wilderness at your doorstep.

Hiking, fishing, kayaking and wildlife viewing are the most popular pastimes for Haines residents. Cross country skiing, snow machining, snowshoeing, ice skating, ice fishing and hunting are outdoor highlights during the winter months. For those concerned about the longer nights during winter, don't be. For perspective, during the shortest day of the year, December 21st, Haines has nearly six hours of daylight.

Just 15 minutes from Haines by air, the Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve is one of the most popular wilderness parks in North America. A common weekend getaway could include exploring spectacular glaciers and alpine scenery, and enjoying intense whale watching. Also enjoy local annual events like the Alaska Bald Eagle Festival and the Annual Freeride World Tour.

Klukwan is a small, Alaska Native village that is rich with history. Known as the mother village of the Tlingit Nation, and the only remaining village of the Chilkat people, the village itself sits on the banks of the Chilkat River in Southeast Alaska and has a population of less than 100 people.

Local Native arts and crafts can be purchased and visitors can use the on-site spotting scopes to locate mountain goats on the peaks behind the village or watch for eagles fishing for salmon in the Chilkat River.

Visitors can also immerse themselves in the heart of the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve and see the area's most prized cultural treasures.

RECREATIONAL AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Haines, featuring year-round fun for the entire family, is located along the edge of North America's longest and deepest fjord, just 68 nautical miles north of Juneau in Southeast Alaska. Rugged mountain peaks tower above a lush coastal rain forest, with temperate seasons for those who like to explore the wilderness. Fill the long daylight hours of summer with a rafting trip, a deep-sea halibut fishing charter, or a hike through an ancient spruce forest. Visit museums dedicated to the Native Tlingit people and the American Bald Eagle. You can also explore the gold rush era at Fort William H. Seward.

Located at the confluence of three rivers, the village of Klukwan has a rich culture and history. For hundreds of years, the Chilkat Tlingit have lived off the bounty of this special place and visitors will gain intimate exposure to the traditional lifestyle of the Chilkat people as they walk through the Traditional Knowledge Camp. This guided walk includes a visit to the traditional Adze Shed and a visit to a traditional smokehouse. The Adze Shed is where a 37-foot dug-out "Heen Yakgaheiyagoo Yaakw" (Water Spirit Canoe) is stored. Then visitors can go to the Tlingit Plank Style Clan House, "Kaaya Haayi Hit," for storytelling and presentation of totemic artworks.

Visitors can also check out the newly opened, state of the art, Heritage Center. The Center provides access to art treasures that have previously not been available to the public. The Whale House collection, uniquely displayed in its place of origin, allows entrance to the Chilkat's distinctive ethnic landscape. As guests tour this world class facility, and hear the stories of these people, they will gain appreciation for both the depth and complexity of Tlingit society.

SCHOOLS

Haines Borough School District	907.766.6700	hbsd.net
Klukwan School	907.767.5551	chathamsd.org

Daycare & Preschool

Space is limited in Southeast Alaska child care facilities. Call ahead of time to get on the waitlist for placements before you move.

Chilkat Valley Preschool 33 Mission St.	907.766.3213	chilkatvalleypreschool.org
Rural Cap Head Start 822 Spruce Grove Rd	907.766.3397	ruralcap.org/client-services/education/ head-start-and-early-head-start

CHURCHES

Chilkat Valley Baptist Church	907.314.2455	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	867.335.5483	churchofjesuschrist.org
Haines Christian Center	907.766.2126	haineschurch.org
Haines Presbyterian Church	907.766.2377	
Klukwan Church	907.767.5544	klukwanchurch.wordpress.com
Port Chilkoot Bible Church	907.766.2629	portchilkootbiblechurch.org
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	907.766.2241	sacredhearthaines.org
Salvation Army	907.766.2470	salvationarmy.org
St. Michael & All Angel's Episcopal Church	907.767.5586	

DINING

33-Mile Roadhouse & Recreation	907.767.5510	33mileroadhouse.com
Alpenglow Restaurant	907.766.3312	alpenglowhaines.com
The Bamboo Room & Pioneer Bar	907.766.3443	bamboopioneer.net
Bear-Rittos Eatery & Bakery	520.289.6198	alaskabearden.com
The Commander's Room Restaurant and Officers' Club Lounge	907.766.2000	hotelhalsingland.com
Fireweed Restaurant	907.766.3838	
Fort Seward Restaurant and Saloon	208.466.2849	fortsewardlodge.com
Lighthouse Restaurant and Harbor Bar	907.766.2442	

OTHER SHOPPING

Alaska Rod's	907.766.2352	alaskarods.com
Alaska Wild Bear Photography	907.767.5410	alaskawildbearphotography.com
Bell's Store	907.766.2950	
Caroline's Closet	907.766.3223	
Field2Frame Productions	907.766.3995 or 907.303.8003	
Gillnetter Gear Shed	907.766.3395	
Great Alaska Soap Company	907.766.2352	aksoap.com
Haines Sheldon Museum & Cultural Center	907.766.2366	sheldonmuseum.org
Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Tours	907.767.5485	jilkaatkwaanheritagecenter.org
La Loft	907.303.0031	
Lynn View Mercantile	907.766.2222	
The Moosterious Emporium	907.766.3356	
Northwest Pewter Co.	907.766. 8095	northwestpewter.com
Sea Wolf Gallery	907.766.2558	tresham.com
Second Nature	907.766.2992	
Trading Post	907.766.3195	
The Wild Iris	907.766.2300	

GROCERY STORES

Dejon Delights	800.539.3608	
Howzers IGA	907.766.2040	iga.com
Mountain Market and Café	907.766.3340	mountain-market.com
Oleruds Market Center	907.766.2441	oleruds.com

TRANSPORTATION

Air: Haines is served by two air taxi firms providing multiple daily flights to and from Juneau. From Haines, visitors can drive to Klukwan.

Road: The Haines Highway connects to the Alaska Canada Highway (Alcan) at Haines Junction, Yukon Territory, 150 miles northwest of Haines. Klukwan is located 22 miles north of Haines on the Haines Highway, with connections to Haines, Haines Junction, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Canada and the Continental United States.

Water: Haines is the northern terminus of the Alaska Marine Highway System, which provides year round passenger and vehicle service from Bellingham, Washington, Prince Rupert, B.C. and Juneau, Alaska. Additionally, during the summer season, passenger-only fast ferries operate between Haines and Skagway, and Haines and Juneau.

GAS STATION

Haines Tesoro	907.766.3776
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33 Mile Roadhouse	907.767.5510
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UTILITIES

Chilkat Indian Village	907.767.5505	chilkat-nsn.gov
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City of Haines	907.766.6400	hainesalaska.gov
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GCI Communications	800.800.4800
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Inside Passage Electric Cooperative	907.789.3196	insidepassageelectric.org
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REAL ESTATE AGENT RECOMMENDATION

Pam Long	907.766.2240	hainesrealestate.com
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SHIPPING

Shipping your vehicle, furniture and other belongings.

Alaska Marine Lines

Alaska Marine Lines offers regular service between Seattle and Southeast Alaska, Central Alaska and Hawaii, as well as seasonal service to Western Alaska. For more information, please visit lynden.com or call 800.326.8346.

Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS)

Alaska's footprint is more than 650,000 square miles and much of that has no road access. The primary forms of transportation in areas without roads are by air or sea, so the Alaska Marine Highway is a big part of the "highway system." It is such a unique set of water routes that it has been designated as a National Scenic Byway and an All-American Road, the only marine route with this distinction. Shipping can include vehicles, trailers and pets.

With its southernmost port in Bellingham, Washington, the Alaska Marine Highway System extends more than 3,500 miles to Dutch Harbor, with over 30 stops along the way. Taking a ferry is an excellent way to see a huge swath of Alaska's coastline while visiting unique communities along the way. For reservations, call 800.642.0066, email dot.ask.amhs@alaska.gov or book online at dot.alaska.gov.

PET TRAVEL TO ALASKA

AMHS Pet Policies

Alaska state ferries do allow pets on board all vessels.

- When traveling on the ferry your pet must remain on the car deck in your vehicle for the entire sail.
- If you are traveling on the ferry without a car, your pet must remain in a suitable pet carrier on the car deck during the entire sail.
- Pets are not allowed above the car deck or in passenger cabins. Owners may visit their pets on the car deck only while vessels are in port. Owners are also given the opportunity to attend to pets several times per day during extended sailings. This is done through the purser who will announce on board when the car deck will be open for approximately 15 minutes. During rough weather, at the purser's discretion, car deck calls can be canceled due to safety issues with passengers on the car deck. If this happens, no access to your pet is possible at that time.
- Owners will have the opportunity to disembark and walk their pets while vessels are in port.
- Dogs, cats, and other household pets cost approximately \$50 in or out of Bellingham and \$25 to or from Prince Rupert. Pet travel between any of the other ports is free.
- There is no charge on any route for a certified service animal accompanying a person with a disability. At the time of booking, please notify the reservations agent if you are traveling with a certified service animal and the reservations agent will inform all AMHS terminal and shipboard staff. Only certified service animals are allowed on passenger decks aboard Alaska Marine Highway vessels. Comfort and therapy animals are required to follow the AMHS pet policy and will be restricted to the car deck.

Vaccination Documentation Required

Pets must have a health certificate with proof of current rabies vaccination issued within 30 days of travel. Health records are required for pets entering the state of Alaska, and will need to be shown in Bellingham, Washington, or Prince Rupert, British Columbia before boarding.

A certificate of health is not required for pets when traveling between Alaskan ports. For travel by road through Canada, proof of a rabies vaccination within the last three years is required, but passengers should check directly with Canadian customs for additional information.

Pet Air Travel to Alaska

- Space for pets traveling in the cabin or in the cargo compartment is subject to availability. For travel on Alaska Airlines and Ravn Alaska, please contact Alaska Airlines reservations at 800.252.7522 or alaskaair.com. If your plans include travel on another airline, please contact the carrier directly to reserve space, determine fees and obtain additional information.
- Note: Alaska Airlines does not transfer pets traveling in the baggage compartment to other carriers. Pets must be claimed and rechecked to the connecting carrier.