

Explore the Heart of Alaska's Inside Passage

Alaska's Rainforest Islands stretch out through the pristine, blue-green waters of the heart of the Inside Passage. Step off the ferry into a wholly original world; ramble, bike, or drive our backcountry roads and trails; wander among our countless islands.

Alaska's Rainforest Islands offer the best of Alaska in one place. You'll find ancient "fairy-tale" forests,

awe-inspiring glaciers and mountains, bears and whales, cultures modern and ancient, as well as great fishing and seafood. You can easily and affordably navigate this world, tailoring your trip to personal desires. At the end of the day, stay in a tent on an empty beach, or a wilderness lodge, or in one of our friendly towns, where you can plot in comfort an even more remarkable way to spend the following day. Come get to know us and the special place we live!



Traditional Haida Ceremony, Prince of Wales Island



*so much to see,
so much to share...*
www.AlaskaRainforestIslands.com

Exploration Made Easy

Getting to Alaska's Rainforest

Islands in Central Southeast has never been easier, thanks especially to Southeast Alaska's new Interisland Ferry route, scheduled to start regular

low-cost, convenient runs to hub communities like Wrangell, Petersburg and Coffman Cove.

Once you've arrived in Alaska's Rainforest Islands, walking, hiking and biking maps, local tour guides, car rentals and other friendly businesses are ready to further point you toward the best activities and amenities to make your trip memorable. Check specific community websites (listed inside this brochure) for trip planning resources, or visit www.AlaskaRainforestIslands.com.

Get away from the crowds and into the heart of the Inside Passage!

Alaska's Marine Highway System
1-800-642-0066
www.FerryAlaska.com



Alaska Airlines
1-800-252-7522
www.AlaskaAir.com



Interisland Ferry Authority
1-866-308-4848
www.InterislandFerry.com



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Petersburg Wrangell Prince of Wales Island

A Collection of Unique Communities



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Bear viewing, Anan Wildlife Observatory, photo by Ivan Simonek

Wrangell

Vacation of a Lifetime

Whether you are looking for an unforgettable Alaska outdoor experience or want to learn more about our

history and Native culture, the friendly frontier community of Wrangell offers something for everyone. Explore one of Alaska's oldest communities and visit Wrangell's new award winning Museum and Visitor Center. Gateway to the Stikine River, Wrangell offers thrilling excursions that take you up close to glaciers, help you catch the fish of a lifetime, or find the wildlife for which you have been searching. Anan Wildlife Observatory is a favorite spot to view Alaska brown and black bears up close as they feast on salmon. For more information, contact the Wrangell Convention and Visitors Bureau.



Chief Shakes house, Greg Martin

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Petersburg

The Alaska You Dream of

Discover this jewel nestled in the heart of the Inside Passage. Wildlife, abundant fishing, and breathtaking panoramic views

are a way of life here. The town reminds you of a friendly Nordic village filled with warmth and charm. Petersburg stands out among other Alaska communities for its deep felt Norwegian heritage. The



Breaching humpback whale, Frederick Sound, photo by Dennis Rogers

mild climate of Alaska's Rainforest Islands is welcoming to a variety of activities. Travel to Leconte Glacier, the southernmost active tidewater glacier in North America. Visit Frederick Sound, one of the best places in the world for observing humpback whales. Sport fishing opportunities for salmon and halibut abound. For more information, contact our Visitor Center.

Website: www.petersburg.org

Telephone: 866-484-4700 (toll free)

E-mail: visitorinfo@petersburg.org

Prince of Wales Island

Welcome to America's Third Largest Island

Alaska's best-kept secret is Prince of Wales Island. At 2,231 square miles, it is the third largest Island in the United States after Kodiak Island of Alaska and the Big Island of Hawaii. There are eleven different communities on the island, ranging in size from 35 to 1,400 people, with an island-wide population of about 4,500. World class fishing rivers, spectacular wildlife viewing, from whales to black bears, and karst caves that show the geology of Southeast Alaska, are just a few of the attractions on the Island. With nearly 1,000 miles of road on Prince of Wales, you have ample access to camping, biking, hiking, or canoeing. And, you can still find a secluded lake, stream, or beach and have it virtually to yourselves. For more information contact our Chamber of Commerce.

Website: www.princeofwalescoc.org

Telephone: 907-755-2626

E-mail: info@princeofwalescoc.org



Wrangell Narrows, photo by www.seaprintsphotography.com



Beaver Falls, Prince of Wales Island



El Capitan Caves, Prince of Wales Island

Discover the Best of Alaska in One Place!

Alaska's Rainforest Islands offer a wealth of spectacular experiences. Within the space of a few days, you can enjoy a lifetime of activities and create a store of memories other trips just can't match. Come look around!

- By Water** – Alaska's Marine Highway System is a relaxing way to get to Alaska's Rainforest Islands from points north and south. The ferry stops in Wrangell, Petersburg, Ketchikan, and Kake, a small village on Kupreanof Island. The Inter-Island Ferry runs between Wrangell, Petersburg, and Prince of Wales Island, and also between Prince of Wales Island and Ketchikan. Or, cruise these waters and visit these ports in your own boat or yacht, on your own schedule.
- By Car** – Rental cars are available in Wrangell, Petersburg, Ketchikan, and Craig on Prince of Wales Island. Call specific community information numbers at left for more rental car information. Or bring your own vehicle on the Inter-Island Ferry and Alaska's Marine Highway System.
- By Air** – Scheduled jet service is available to Ketchikan, Wrangell, and Petersburg. Scheduled small plane service is available between nearly all the communities of Alaska's Rainforest Islands. Flying is a dependable and quick way to travel within the region. Call the community information number on the facing page for more information regarding charter and scheduled flights.
- Places to Stay** – A variety of lodging is available, including cozy B&Bs, full-service hotels, wilderness lodges, and U.S. Forest Service cabins. Check with the community contacts at left.
- Meet the People** – The people of Alaska's Rainforest Islands are proud of their history. The rich heritage of the Alaska Native people thrives throughout the region today. The influences of Norwegian, Russian, and early American settlement are also evident. Along the working waterfronts, people are still making a living in commercial fishing, timber, and mining endeavors, as they have for generations.

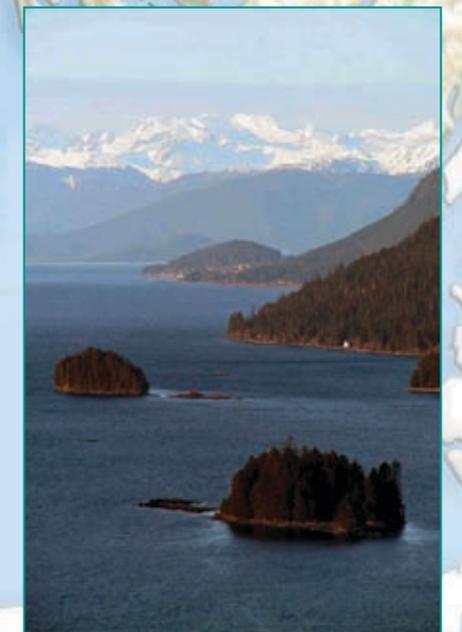


New Service!

The Inter-Island Ferry route connects Wrangell, Petersburg and Prince of Wales Island, starting in 2006.

Getting Here!

The Alaska Marine Highway System and Alaska Airlines provide connections with Inter-Island Ferry routes at Ketchikan, Wrangell, and Petersburg.



Nemo Point and beyond, photo by Ivan Simonek