



LeConte Bay

Alaska's Rainforest Islands



Petersburg Prince of Wales Wrangell



In the heart of Alaska's Inside Passage, a place of fairy tale verdant forests, mountains and glaciers, bears and whales, and cultures modern and ancient.

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Petersburg, Alaska

What's your Big Adventure?

Kayaking among icebergs at LeConte Glacier, watching humpback whales, landing a halibut or enjoying locally made Norwegian pastries. Enjoy it all in Petersburg!

A visit to this small fishing town with its unique Norwegian heritage and breathtaking panoramic views will be the highlight of your Alaskan vacation.

For more information: petersburgak.org



Prince of Wales Island

America's third largest island and home to less than 5,000 people.

Prince of Wales Island IS Alaska - very few people, world-class fishing, spectacular wildlife viewing, karst caves... and over two thousand miles of road for ample access to camping, biking, hiking and canoeing. Truly one of Alaska's most spectacular wildernesses.

For more information:
www.princeofwalescoc.org



Wrangell, Alaska

The vacation of a lifetime.

One of Alaska's oldest communities - and the only one to have the flags of three nations fly over it!

Known as the *Gateway to the Stikine River*, Wrangell is home to glorious scenery, thrilling adventures, great sportfishing, and some of the best shorebird and bear viewing in the state!

For more information: wrangell.com



Getting Here

By Air:

Alaska Airlines offers daily flights to Wrangell and Petersburg from Seattle, Anchorage, and Juneau. From Seattle, flight time is approximately 3 hours.

Small plane charter flights from Ketchikan, Wrangell or Petersburg provide air access to Prince of Wales Island.

By Sea:

Alaska Marine Highway ferry systems connects Petersburg and Wrangell with most larger coastal communities in SE Alaska, as well as, Prince Rupert, B.C. and Bellingham, WA. Travel time from Bellingham, WA is approximately 36 hours.

The Inter-Island Ferry system operates between Ketchikan and Prince of Wales Island and small boat charters operate regularly between Petersburg, Wrangell and Prince of Wales Island.

Iconic Alaska Found

Home to wildlife, marine life, birds, and glaciers galore.

Enjoy bear viewing at Anan Creek, see eagles, shorebirds, whales, and other wildlife.

Visit spectacular LeConte and Shakes Glaciers and other natural wonders like El Capitan cave or Chief Shakes hot springs.

Experience the tranquility of traveling in sea kayaks or the thrill of a jet boat ride.

Learn about the Tlingit and Haida culture and traditions at our award-winning museums and heritage centers. And, experience the lifestyle and friendliness of each town and fishing port during your exploration of Alaska's Rainforest Islands.



Annual Events

One of the best ways to enjoy the Rainforest Islands and meet the locals is to visit during one of our signature festivals:

- Stikine Birding Festival in Wrangell (April)
- Little Norway Festival in Petersburg (May)
- BearFest in Wrangell (July)
- By the Sea Arts & Seafood Festival in Coffman Cove (Aug)
- Rainforest Festival in Petersburg (Sept)

Plus sport fishing derbies, great Fourth of July celebrations and other fun family events held every year.

Check the website for more information about these events.



Story Ideas

The Other Inside Passage – Most visitors to the Inside Passage travel via large cruise ship missing the smaller communities and unique attractions in the region. Exploring the Inside Passage's lesser known locales can lead to unique experiences such as kayaking in a floating sculpture garden of icebergs, or exploring one of the nation's largest cave systems, or find yourself the only person casting for salmon in a local stream.

Boater's Paradise - The protected waters of the Rainforest Islands are truly a boater's paradise, which is why Petersburg was named the best yachting towns in the country by *Yachting Magazine*, and Wrangell is the destination for the 2014 Salty Dog Seattle-to-Wrangell power boat rally. Boaters travelling the Rainforest Islands can find wonderful secluded harbors to explore and excellent shorebased services along the way.

Get to know Wrangell Bearfest – A five day festival the third week of July celebrating the Bears of Alaska through fun safety and educational activities. Events include a Bear Symposium with interactive discussions by renowned bear researchers and bear viewing site managers across the country, safety workshops if encountering bears, photo workshops, kid games, live music, and a qualifying marathon. And center stage for the event are trips to Anan Bear and Wildlife Observatory, an hour by boat from Wrangell, that hosts black and brown bears July through August feasting on pink salmon.



Hiking a boardwalk trail, Wrangell



Eagle Totem, Petersburg

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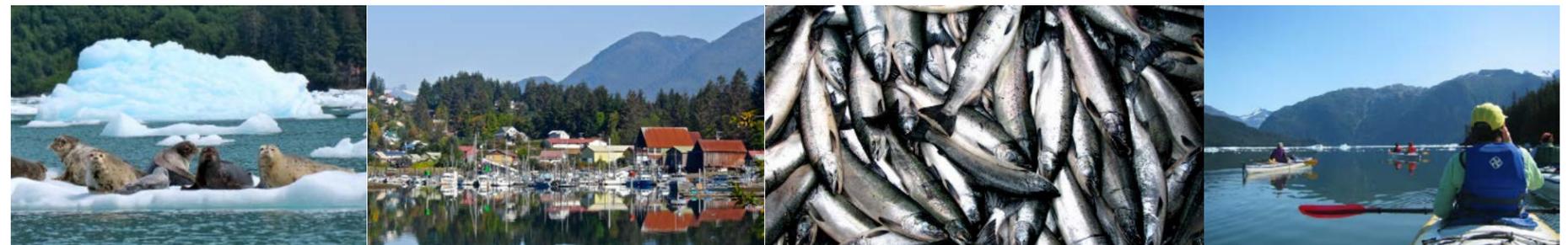
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Jet boat at Shakes Glacier, Stikine River