

Alaska Tour Guide Books

Guilt mingles with relief, leaving Drizzt uniquely vulnerable to the persuasions of his newest companion--Dahlia, a darkly alluring elf and the only other member of their party to survive the cataclysm at Mount Hotenow. But traveling with Dahlia is challenging in more ways than one. As the two companions seek revenge on the one responsible for leveling Neverwinter--and nearly Luskan as well--Drizzt finds his usual moral certainty swept away by her unconventional views. Forced to see the dark deeds that the common man may be driven to by circumstance, Drizzt begins to find himself on the wrong side of the law in an effort to protect those the law has failed. Making new enemies, as his old enemies acquire deadly allies, Drizzt and Dahlia quickly find themselves embroiled in battle--a state he's coming to enjoy a little too much. "Alaska, Yukon, British Columbia, Alberta, Northwest Territories"--Cover.

Features camping options, campground lists, suggested sights, and easy to follow maps.

So, How Long Have You Been Native? is Alexis C. Bunten's firsthand account of what it is like to work in the Alaska cultural tourism industry. An Alaska Native and anthropologist, she spent two seasons working for a tribally owned tourism business that markets the Tlingit culture in Sitka. Bunten's narrative takes readers through the summer tour season as she is hired and trained and eventually becomes a guide. A multibillion-dollar worldwide industry, cultural tourism provides one of the most ubiquitous face-to-face interactions between peoples of different cultures and is arguably one of the primary means by which knowledge about other cultures is disseminated. Bunten goes beyond debates about who owns Native culture and has the right to "sell" it to tourists. Through a series of anecdotes, she examines issues such as how and why Natives choose to sell their culture, the cutthroat politics of business in a small town, how the cruise industry maintains its bottom line, the impact of colonization on contemporary Native peoples, the ways that traditional cultural values play a role in everyday life for contemporary Alaska Natives, and how Indigenous peoples are engaging in global enterprises on their own terms. Bunten's bottom-up approach provides a fascinating and informative look at the cultural tourism industry in Alaska.

DIVFalcon Pocket Guide: Birds of the Rocky Mountains is a field guide to more than 250 of the most common and sought-after bird species in the region. Anatomically correct illustrations and detailed descriptions about each bird's prominent physical attributes and natural habitat make it easy to identify birds in your backyard, favorite parks, and wildlife areas. Informative and beautiful to peruse, this is the essential resource when you're out in the field. /div

The rich tapestry of Alaska is threaded together by 365,000 miles of waterways, from cascading mountain streams to meandering valley rivers, from the meltwaters of glaciers to broad rivers that empty into the sea. This guide profiles a wide variety of rivers from all over Alaska, concentrating on trips for intermediate boaters, and including a few major expeditions for the experienced river-runner. A section on gear outlines what to take into the backcountry.

From the Arctic to Bristol Bay, this book covers all the fabulous fishing opportunities throughout Alaska. With this resource, anglers can fly into Anchorage, rent a camper, and be catching trophy salmon and trout within hours of arrival. Includes 109 detailed river and lake maps--a big book for a big state.

"Portions of this book appear in Fodor's Alaska."

Learn how to travel your way to happy! This memoir explores the lighter side of travel with doses of humor, adventure, and

personal transformation. Vacations need not be exclusive to the wealthy; regular people go on adventures too. Travel Light proves that travel and new experiences will make you laugh and provide increased levels of happiness. For overworked people around the world, tag along on this quest to achieve balance in life, work, and play. For many, life and relationships have become a dull routine. The book describes dealing with fears, fitting in travel with work schedules, experiencing the unexpected, learning to laugh, and immersing in the moment.

* Guidebook details 80 climbing routes throughout Alaska * Includes photos, many with route overlays, topo route maps, climbing difficulty and time information, ratings, and more Alaska mountain guides Mike Wood and Colby Coombs have teamed up to write this definitive climbing guidebook targeting the more experienced climber. This is the ultimate guidebook for every climber intending to scale the mountains of one of the nation's last best wild places. Alaska: A Climbing Guide offers climbers a range of routes in the Chugach Range, the Alaska Range, the Fairweather Range, and more. Each of the routes has been climbed, documented, checked, and double-checked by the authors to ensure accuracy and safety. Interesting personal experiences are included as are accounts of first ascents from Fred Beckey, John Krakauer, and David Roberts.

Traveling across the great northern expanses from Dawson Creek, British Columbia, to Delta Junction, Alaska, the 1,500-mile Alaska Highway remains one of the greatest driving adventures of all time. Inside you will find details on gas prices, where to camp, how to prepare your vehicle for the journey, and insightful driving tips. Tips scattered through the guide tell you where to spot wildlife, let you in on a few favorite fishing holes, and highlight important destinations. Brimming with full-color photography, Guide to the Alaska Highway is the most stunning, the most complete, and most thoroughly researched book on the market today. This invaluable guide will help travelers tailor a safe, pleasant, and enjoyable drive through some of the most scenic and rugged landscape on Earth. This guide is perfect for the adventure lover.

•*More than 150 stunning images, featuring the "Big Five": caribou, Dall sheep, grizzly, moose, and wolf •*Both an educational overview and a tourist-oriented gift book •*Includes all of Alaska's iconic wildlife species From grizzlies, Dall sheep, and the elusive wolverine to bald eagles and the common ground squirrel, photographer Tom Walker displays birds, mammals, and more from work that spans four decades. This is a "Best of" collection from a celebrated Alaskan writer and photographer. Captions focus on factual natural history interpretation; for example: "An Arctic ground squirrel's body temperature can drop below 32 degrees F without its tissues actually freezing. Hibernating squirrels are the 'coldest mammal alive.' Their heart rates drop from 200 beats-per-minute to 2 bpm with a pulse every 30 seconds." This new gift book is seasonally organized, revealing the wondrous Alaska landscape and the activities and behavior of a variety of species during spring, summer, autumn, and winter. Park visitors, families, classrooms, and readers of all ages will delight in the range of beautiful images and learn what is happening in Alaska's natural world throughout the year.

Adventure awaits on the Last Frontier: make your way through Alaska's mountains, glaciers, and rivers with Moon Anchorage, Denali & the Kenai Peninsula. Inside you'll find: Flexible itineraries including five days in Anchorage, a weekend in Denali National

Park, day cruises, and a two-week adventure covering the whole region Strategic advice for hikers, adventure sports lovers, wildlife enthusiasts, budget travelers, and more Must-see highlights and outdoor experiences: Embark on a cruise to admire stunning fjords and watch brown bears catch wild salmon out of a river. Go snowboarding at a mountain resort or hike through alpine forests. Dine on fresh king crab at the best restaurants in Anchorage or catch your own halibut on a fishing expedition. Take an intrepid "flightseeing" tour to secluded glacier landings in Denali National Park and discover the best spots to watch the northern lights dance across the sky Expert advice from Homer local Don Pitcher on when to go, where to stay, and how to get around Full-color photos and detailed maps throughout Up-to-date information including background on the landscape, wildlife, history, and local culture Helpful resources like emergency services, wilderness safety tips, and advice for visitors with children, seniors, and more Find your adventure in Anchorage, Denali and the Kenai Peninsula with Moon's expert advice and local insight. Expanding your trip? Check out Moon Alaska.

Alaska Climbing includes 30 of Alaska's most classic mountaineering and rock climbs from the West Buttress of Denali to the Cobra Pillar. The book includes a detailed topography for every climb in full colour with detailed logistical route information.

The Milepost 2020 Alaska Travel Planner

Lonely Planet: The world's leading travel guide publisher Lonely Planet Alaska is your passport to the most relevant, up-to-date advice on what to see and skip, and what hidden discoveries await you. Wonder at epic glaciers, spot bears the size of bison, or catch the midnight sun in the Arctic Circle all with your trusted travel companion. Get to the heart of Alaska and begin your journey now! Inside Lonely Planet Alaska Travel Guide: Full-color maps and images throughout Highlights and itineraries help you tailor your trip to your personal needs and interests Insider tips to save time and money and get around like a local, avoiding crowds and trouble spots Essential info at your fingertips - hours of operation, phone numbers, websites, transit tips, prices Honest reviews for all budgets - eating, sleeping, sight-seeing, going out, shopping, hidden gems that most guidebooks miss Cultural insights give you a richer, more rewarding travel experience - history, wildlife, Alaska Natives, Alaska Natives' art, Alaska Natives' culture, landscapes, literature, politics, economy, environmental issues, exploration, regional identity, lifestyle, sports, cinema, music, tv, arts, crafts, climate Free, convenient pull-out Alaska map (included in print version), plus over 60 color maps Covers Juneau, the Southeast, Anchorage, Prince William Sound, Kenai Peninsula, Denali, the Interior, Kodiak, Katmai, Southwest Alaska, The Bush and more eBook Features: (Best viewed on tablet devices and smartphones) Downloadable PDF and offline maps prevent roaming and data charges Effortlessly navigate and jump between maps and reviews Add notes to personalise your guidebook experience Seamlessly flip between pages Bookmarks and speedy search capabilities get you to key pages in a flash Embedded links to recommendations' websites Zoom-in maps and images Inbuilt dictionary for quick referencing The Perfect Choice: Lonely Planet Alaska, our most comprehensive guide to Alaska, is perfect for both exploring top sights and taking roads less traveled. Looking for more extensive coverage? Check out Lonely Planet USA guide About Lonely Planet: Lonely Planet is a leading travel media company and the world's number one travel guidebook brand, providing both inspiring and trustworthy information for every

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Describes points of interest and itineraries for each region of Alaska, and recommends the best outdoor activities, cultural events, restaurants, accommodations, and shopping centers.

For a limited time, receive a free Fodor's Guide to Safe and Healthy Travel e-book with the purchase of this guidebook! Go to fodors.com for details. Written by locals, Fodor's Alaska is the perfect guidebook for those looking for insider tips to make the most out their visit. Complete with detailed maps and concise descriptions, this Alaska travel guide will help you plan your trip with ease. There's no denying that Alaska is a trip of a lifetime. Nowhere else can you kayak to glaciers; fly over the highest peak in North America; wonder at the Aurora Borealis; stay out all night celebrating the midnight sun; visit quirky towns; spot bears, eagles, moose, and whales; and learn the true meaning of the word "remote"—all in the same trip. Fodor's Alaska makes it easy to create a perfect trip from start to finish. Fodor's Alaska includes:

- UP-TO-DATE COVERAGE: Fully updated information on new openings and developments; including restaurants, hotels, and outdoor activities, for all of Alaska's top destinations and undiscovered gems, from cities such as Juneau and Ketchikan to Denali National Park and the Kenai Peninsula.
- ULTIMATE EXPERIENCES GUIDE: A spectacular color photo guide highlights the ultimate unmissable experiences and attractions throughout Alaska to inspire you.
- DETAILED MAPS: Full-color and full-size street maps throughout will help you plan efficiently and get around confidently.
- GORGEOUS PHOTOS AND ILLUSTRATED FEATURES: Rich full-color features invite you to experience the best of Alaska, from what to eat and drink to which cruise route to take. Other magazine-style features help you understand everything that Alaska has to offer, from whale watching and bear sighting to shopping for Alaskan native crafts and learning about the Klondike Gold Rush.
- HELPFUL ITINERARIES AND TOP RECOMMENDATIONS: Day-by-day itineraries help you plan and make the most of your time, including carefully chosen recommendations for the best sights, stores, restaurants, hotels, nightspots, and activities. "Fodor's Choice" designates our best picks in every category.
- INDISPENSABLE TRIP PLANNING TOOLS: Each region has a convenient overview with highlights and practical advice for getting around. Best Bets lists ensure you find the right spot for your needs.
- COVERS: Juneau, Denali National Park, Anchorage, Fairbanks, the Kenai Peninsula, Skagway, Ketchikan, Glacier Bay, Haines, Homer, Kodiak Island, the Yukon, and more.

ABOUT FODOR'S AUTHORS: Each Fodor's Travel Guide is researched and written by local experts. Fodor's travel guides have been offering expert advice for all tastes and budgets for over 80 years. Looking for a guide about Alaska cruising? Check out Fodor's Complete Guide to Alaska Cruises.

Fully updated and revised, this guide is the perfect introduction to hiking the great state of Alaska, with millions of acres of wilderness waiting to be explored. It features one hundred hikes in Alaska's national parks, wildlife refuges, national forests,

wilderness areas, and state parks. Also included are hikes for all ages and abilities as well as maps for each hike and full-color photos.

This international bestseller is completely updated with new information on hiking and land travel. With coverage of ports from Seattle to Anchorage and the Bering Sea, this book is the benchmark of cruise guides to Alaska. Includes new itineraries, port attractions, history, wildlife, and native culture. Full-color photos & maps.

Moon Travel Guides: Make Your Escape! Remote, wild, and all-around otherworldly, Alaska promises unforgettable adventure. Discover the heart of "The Last Frontier" with Moon Alaska. What you'll find in Moon Alaska: Strategic itineraries for every budget and timeline, whether you have a week to hit the top sights or a month to explore the whole state Full-color photos and detailed maps throughout, plus a full-color foldout map Curated advice for outdoor adventurers, history buffs, culture mavens, road-trippers, wildlife enthusiasts, and more Must-see attractions and off-beat ideas for making the most of your trip: Embark on a guided active glacier hike, explore ice caves, or take an intrepid "flightseeing" tour to secluded glacier landings in Denali National Park.

Experience the thrill of spotting wild bears, moose, or even walrus, or catch a glimpse of sea otters and humpback whales on a boat tour of the spectacular Kenai Fjords. Hike through lush wilderness or along pristine beaches, kayak on tranquil sounds or secluded lakes, or camp under the crystal-clear stars. Learn about Alaska's native cultures and quirky small towns, savor a freshly-caught seafood dinner, and discover the best spots to witness the enchanting northern lights Honest advice from Anchorage local and outdoor aficionado Lisa Maloney on when to go, what to pack, and where to stay, from campsites and hostels to B&Bs and resort fishing lodges How to get there and get around by plane, train, ferry, cruise ship, or guided tour Recommendations for families, LGBTQ+ travelers, seniors, international visitors, and travelers with disabilities Thorough background on the culture, weather, wildlife, local laws, history, and health and safety With Moon Alaska's local insight, myriad activities, and expert advice, you can plan your trip your way. Full list of coverage: Juneau and Southeast Alaska, Anchorage and Southcentral Alaska, Denali, Fairbanks, and the Interior, Kodiak and Southwest Alaska, the Arctic Can't get enough of Alaska? Try Moon Anchorage, Denali & the Kenai Peninsula. Headed to Canada? Try Moon Vancouver & Canadian Rockies Road Trip or Moon Banff National Park.

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This journal is the perfect traveling companion for anyone visiting Cancun. Plan and record all details of your trip, includes lined and blank pages for writing your diary and sketching, with handy information tailored for travelers. Lists to help you pack, plan and set budgets are included in this journal.

This is the largest species of sea pen encountered by divers in the northern Pacific. the short, slender branches of the stalk are white, as are the polyps.

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Color illustrations and maps on endpapers.

The 49th state is home to magnificent mountains, immense glaciers, and massive stretches of wilderness. Alaska is a unique place where people live in close proximity to the natural world, and where humans and wildlife coexist, albeit very carefully. In *100 Things to Do in Alaska Before You Die*, readers will find inspiration for experiences that will draw you to the Last Frontier. Watch a glacier calve thunderously into the sea in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. Spy moose in Denali National Park and Preserve, or trek on sand dunes in Kobuk Valley National Park. Whether your activity of choice is paddling through the quiet, riding a dogsled on top of a glacier, reeling in a trophy halibut, snorkeling, or yoga with reindeer, Alaska is always ready for the adventurous in heart and spirit. Local travel enthusiasts Fran Golden and Midgi Moore consider this their love letter to Alaska. Come along with them for inspiration for dining, imbibing, and otherwise having a good time in their favorite state.

Travel writer and nature photographer Don Pitcher covers the best of Alaska, from fine dining in Anchorage to backpacking in Denali National Park. Pitcher also includes various travel strategies such as *The Best of Alaska* and *Along the AlCan*. Complete with details on where to view wildlife at the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge and the best spots to kayak in Prince William Sound, Moon Alaska gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

****The National Bestseller**** From the acclaimed, bestselling author of *Turn Right at Machu Picchu*, a fascinating, wild, and wonder-filled journey into Alaska, America's last frontier In 1899, railroad magnate Edward H. Harriman organized a most unusual summer voyage to the wilds of Alaska: He converted a steamship into a luxury "floating university," populated by some of America's best and brightest scientists and writers, including the anti-capitalist eco-prophet John Muir. Those aboard encountered a land of immeasurable beauty and impending environmental calamity. More than a hundred years later, Alaska is still America's most sublime wilderness, both the lure that draws one million tourists annually on Inside Passage cruises and as a natural resources larder waiting to be raided. As ever, it remains a magnet for weirdos and dreamers. Armed with Dramamine and an industrial-strength mosquito net, Mark Adams sets out to retrace the 1899 expedition. Traveling town to town by water, Adams ventures three thousand miles north through Wrangell, Juneau, and Glacier Bay, then continues

west into the colder and stranger regions of the Aleutians and the Arctic Circle. Along the way, he encounters dozens of unusual characters (and a couple of very hungry bears) and investigates how lessons learned in 1899 might relate to Alaska's current struggles in adapting to the pressures of a changing climate and world.

See a yellow bird and don't know what it is? No problem! This remarkable field guide features 150 bird species (only Alaska birds!) organized by color. Full-page photos, detailed descriptions, Stan's Notes and range maps help to ensure correct I.D.

Your journey starts here. Featuring DK's much-loved maps and illustrations, walks and information, plus all new, full-color photography, this 100% updated e-guide to Alaska brings you the best of this scenic state in a brand-new, lightweight format. What's inside? - full-color photography, hand-drawn illustrations, and maps throughout - easy-to-follow walks, drives, and itineraries - our pick of Alaska's must-sees, top experiences, and hidden gems - insider tips and information: when to visit, how to avoid the crowds, where to capture the perfect photo, and more - the best spots to eat, drink, shop, and stay - an area-by-area guide covering each corner of Alaska, from Anchorage to the Arctic - expert advice: get ready, get around, and stay safe Travelling around the USA? Try our DK Eyewitness Travel Guide USA. DK Eyewitness is the bronze award-winning travel guidebook series as voted by the Wanderlust Reader Travel Awards 2019.

Insight Guides Alaska Travel made easy. Ask local experts. Comprehensive travel guide packed with inspirational photography and fascinating cultural insights. From deciding when to go, to choosing what to see when you arrive, this guide to Alaska is all you need to plan your perfect trip, with insider information on must-see, top attractions like Glacier Bay National Park, Chena Hot Springs and Kodiak Island, and gems like the Alaska Railroad (used by locals to reach remote cabins), the sight of bears feeding on spawning salmon at Brooks River and Camp, and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, home to polar bears and the greatest biodiversity of any protected area in the Arctic. Features of this travel guide to Alaska: - Inspirational colour photography: discover the best destinations, sights and excursions, and be inspired by stunning imagery - Historical and cultural insights: immerse yourself in Alaska's rich history and culture, and learn all about its people, art and traditions - Practical full-colour maps: with every major sight and listing highlighted, the full-colour maps make on-the-ground navigation easy - Editor's Choice: uncover the best of Alaska with our pick of the region's top destinations - Key tips and essential information: packed full of important travel information, from transport and tipping to etiquette and hours of operation - The ultimate travel tool: download the free app to access this and bonus content from your phone or tablet - Covers: Southeast Panhandle. Southeast Alaska: Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Sitka, Juneau, Haines, Skagway, Southcentral and Interior Alaska, Downtown Anchorage, Around Anchorage, Kenai Peninsula, Matanuska-Susitna Valley and Palmer, Denali National Park and Preserve, Fairbanks, The Far North, Southwest Alaska and Kodiak Looking for a specific guide to the US's western national parks? Check out US National Parks West for a detailed and entertaining look at all the city has to offer. About Insight Guides: Insight Guides is a pioneer of full-colour guide books, with almost 50 years' experience of publishing high-quality, visual travel guides with user-friendly, modern design. We produce around 400 full-colour print guide books and maps, as well as phrase books, picture-packed eBooks and apps to meet different travellers' needs. Insight Guides' unique combination of beautiful travel photography and focus on history and culture create a unique visual reference and planning tool to inspire your next adventure.

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Walks, scenic routes and thematic tours

Covers the species known to have occurred in Alaska as of June 25, 1979, organized by families. Gives information on identification, status, distribution and habitat.

Put one of the most knowledgeable motorcycle tour guides in Alaska in your pocket with this witty, fun book that brings to life the best roads and off-beat destinations in the state. The content focuses on the Alaska dirt and paved highways, but also includes the Canadian highways of interest as well as the Alaska Highway from Dawson Creek, British Columbia to Delta Junction, Alaska.

An authoritative guide book to more than 70 of Alaska's most common wild edible plants. Tuck this guide into a backpack, glove compartment, or pocket and use its color photographs and habitat and plant descriptions to help you discover the bounty of the land and its plants around you. The authoritative gathering instructions ensure a healthful harvest. Learn about each plant's nutritional content, and medicinal and culinary uses. Also included are recipes for fresh salads, unusual appetizers, delicious soups, breads and more. The author is an authority on the wild plants of North America and Alaska.

Nearly two million people visit Alaska every year, drawn to its spectacular views and endless activities. But with such size and so many options, it can seem overwhelming when it comes to planning a family vacation to the 49th state. The best place to start? With a local, of course. Journalist and Alaska resident Erin Kirkland knows every corner of the state, and she has crossed thousands of miles with her son. In *Alaska on the Go*, she offers a fresh take on exploring some of the most beautiful land in the world, with tips and tricks that only an insider knows. Serving as the perfect tour guide, Kirkland identifies the best and most kid-friendly destinations in cities across Alaska. She offers practical advice on everything from restaurants to rest stops and from weather surprises to wild animals. Photos, maps, and sample itineraries make it easy for parents to plan a trip that will delight and entertain everyone. The only family travel guide to Alaska written by a current Alaskan, *Alaska on the Go* makes the state more accessible than ever. Whether traveling via car, cruise ship, or dogsled, this practical, portable guide will open up a new world of memorable adventures.

Krakauer's page-turning bestseller explores a famed missing person mystery while unraveling the larger riddles it holds: the profound pull of the American wilderness on our imagination; the allure of high-risk activities to young men of a certain cast of mind; the complex, charged bond between fathers and sons. "Terrifying... Eloquent... A heart-rending drama of human yearning." —New York Times In April 1992 a young man from a well-to-do family hitchhiked to Alaska and walked alone into the wilderness north of Mt. McKinley. He had given \$25,000 in savings to charity, abandoned his car and most of his possessions, burned all the cash in his wallet, and invented a new life for himself. Four months later,

his decomposed body was found by a moose hunter. How Christopher Johnson McCandless came to die is the unforgettable story of *Into the Wild*. Immediately after graduating from college in 1991, McCandless had roamed through the West and Southwest on a vision quest like those made by his heroes Jack London and John Muir. In the Mojave Desert he abandoned his car, stripped it of its license plates, and burned all of his cash. He would give himself a new name, Alexander Supertramp, and, unencumbered by money and belongings, he would be free to wallow in the raw, unfiltered experiences that nature presented. Craving a blank spot on the map, McCandless simply threw the maps away. Leaving behind his desperate parents and sister, he vanished into the wild. Jon Krakauer constructs a clarifying prism through which he reassembles the disquieting facts of McCandless's short life. Admitting an interest that borders on obsession, he searches for the clues to the drives and desires that propelled McCandless. When McCandless's innocent mistakes turn out to be irreversible and fatal, he becomes the stuff of tabloid headlines and is dismissed for his naiveté, pretensions, and hubris. He is said to have had a death wish but wanting to die is a very different thing from being compelled to look over the edge. Krakauer brings McCandless's uncompromising pilgrimage out of the shadows, and the peril, adversity, and renunciation sought by this enigmatic young man are illuminated with a rare understanding--and not an ounce of sentimentality. Mesmerizing, heartbreaking, *Into the Wild* is a tour de force. The power and luminosity of Jon Krakauer's storytelling blaze through every page.

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