

# Ketchikan, Alaska

Ketchikan originated as an Indian fish saltery, but the town's major growth began when it became a supply base and entry port for miners during the 1898 Gold Rush to the Klondike. Much of the town's colorful past is still in evidence, especially in the nearby Indian villages, where you'll see colorfully carved totem poles and hear the fascinating legends that surround them.



## The One Thing You Don't Want to Miss

While fishing is by far the most popular sport in Ketchikan, there are a lot of other activities for people to take part in. In fact, one of the best ways to see the area and enjoy the scenery is simply to take a walk through town and to the Totem Heritage Center. There, you can explore the history of totem poles and see some terrific examples.

## Other Fun Things to Do

- Experience the sheer granite cliffs, plunging 1,000-foot waterfalls, crystalline lakes and low-hanging mists of Misty Fjords from the air on a seaplane.
- Fill your senses with excitement and adventure as you take the wheel of a four-wheel-drive vehicle and wend your way through a lush rain forest.

## Sporting Adventures

- Take a memorable kayaking trip to the beautiful Tatoosh Island. Keep a lookout for bald eagles, seals, and sea lions.
- Search for the Alaskan black bear on an exciting wildlife air/land adventure. It's one adventure not to be missed by the nature-lover or photographer.
- Explore the famous Inside Passage on a guided mountain-bike tour. Bring your sense of adventure, curiosity, and a camera. You'll want to share the beauty of Alaska with your friends and family.
- Take a Jeep® safari deep into the backcountry to a pristine alpine lake, where you'll go for a scenic canoe ride.
- Five varieties of North Pacific salmon thrive in the cold waters off Ketchikan. Our experienced guides will take you out fishing in a well-equipped fishing boat and, if you'd like, we can even arrange to have your catch sent home for you.

## Get a Taste of Local Flavor

Ketchikan is the "Salmon Capital of the World," and as you'd expect, the salmon are plentiful and fresh.

## Local Currency

The official currency of the United States is the U.S. Dollar (USD).

## Weather in Ketchikan, Alaska

Month	June	Go
<b>Temperature</b>	Fahrenheit	Celsius
Average High	61.8°	16.56°
Average Low	46.2°	7.89°
Mean Temperature	54°	12.22°
Record High	89°	31.67°
Record Low	23°	-5°

**Precipitation**

Inches

Centimeters

Average Precip.

7.3 in

18.54 cm