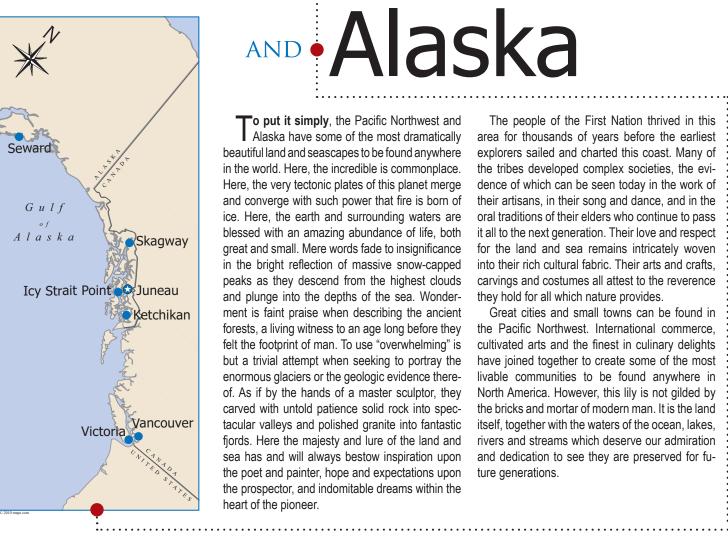
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**To put it simply**, the Pacific Northwest and Alaska have some of the most dramatically beautiful land and seascapes to be found anywhere in the world. Here, the incredible is commonplace. Here, the very tectonic plates of this planet merge and converge with such power that fire is born of ice. Here, the earth and surrounding waters are oral traditions of their elders who continue to pass blessed with an amazing abundance of life, both great and small. Mere words fade to insignificance for the land and sea remains intricately woven in the bright reflection of massive snow-capped peaks as they descend from the highest clouds and plunge into the depths of the sea. Wonderment is faint praise when describing the ancient forests, a living witness to an age long before they felt the footprint of man. To use "overwhelming" is cultivated arts and the finest in culinary delights but a trivial attempt when seeking to portray the enormous alaciers or the aeologic evidence thereof. As if by the hands of a master sculptor, they carved with untold patience solid rock into spectacular valleys and polished granite into fantastic fjords. Here the majesty and lure of the land and sea has and will always bestow inspiration upon the poet and painter, hope and expectations upon the prospector, and indomitable dreams within the heart of the pioneer.

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# Pacific Northwest









## AND Alaska

The people of the First Nation thrived in this area for thousands of years before the earliest explorers sailed and charted this coast. Many of the tribes developed complex societies, the evidence of which can be seen today in the work of their artisans, in their song and dance, and in the it all to the next generation. Their love and respect into their rich cultural fabric. Their arts and crafts, carvings and costumes all attest to the reverence they hold for all which nature provides.

Great cities and small towns can be found in the Pacific Northwest. International commerce. have joined together to create some of the most livable communities to be found anywhere in North America. However, this lily is not gilded by the bricks and mortar of modern man. It is the land itself, together with the waters of the ocean, lakes, rivers and streams which deserve our admiration and dedication to see they are preserved for future generations.



## • THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR outdoor adventure







oday visitors from all corners of the earth come to the Pacific Coast of Alaska and Canada. Some visitors may wish to glide across the mirror of a mountain-rimmed bay in a kayak or canoe. Others may choose a sightseeing boat which makes its way along coastal waters where the abundance of animals. birds and sea life is nothing short of amazing. Some visitors will take the opportunity to ride one of the famous dogsleds as in the early days when it was more than great fun; it was survival. Some visitors may decide to hike the forest and mountain trails, to climb upon a glacier and marvel at its size and beauty. Others will seek observation points from which they can watch Bald Eagles and Grizzly Bears in their natural environment. And finally there will be visitors who, though they have come by sea, will choose to view this vast country from the air. By helicopter and airplane they will experience this remarkable wilderness and inspiring wonderland from a perspective the likes of which the ancient Natives, later explorers, pioneers and prospectors could never have dreamed.

But that's the point; this is all "beyond your dreams...yet within your reach".











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PORT · OF · CALL

LOCAL POINTS OF INTEREST

woodwork and stained glass windows.

from around the world.



6 A Post Office is located downtown at 706 Yates Street

**7** A Tourism Victoria Office is located at 812 Wharf Street, near the harbor, north of the Fairmont Empress Hotel

**Beyond Victoria** 

Butchart Gardens was created on the site of an old quarry over a century ago. It has been in the same family ever since. This is one of the most popular attractions for visitors coming to Victoria. The site has served daily and continues to be popular with visitors ponds, streams and fountains which grace the English, Japanese and Italian style gardens.

 ${\bf 3}$  The Victoria Ale Trail is a select group of English and Canadian style pubs and microbreweries. Scattered throughout downtown these establishments brew and serve some wonderful local beers and ales.

▲ Craigdarroch Castle is a restored Edwardian

era mansion which gives visitors a glimpse into

the lifestyle of fabulously wealthy business tycoons

in ages past. The castle is famous for its amazing

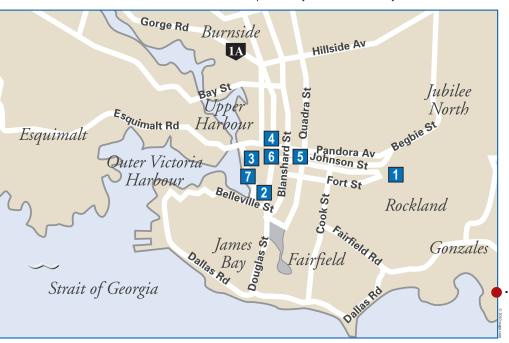
 $2\,$  The Fairmont Empress Hotel is the Grand Dame of Victoria. Elegant, sophisticated and dig-

nified, this century old hotel has played hostess to

Royalty and celebrities. Traditional afternoon tea is

 $4 \begin{array}{c} \text{Chinatown} \text{ is the second oldest in North America.} \\ \text{ica. The 1858 gold rush and the building of the} \end{array}$ Canadian Pacific Railway prompted a great number of Chinese to immigrate to Victoria. Today the Gate of Harmonious Interest welcomes visitors to the historic area filled with the colors, architecture, and foods of a people who contributed much to the growth of this beautiful city.

5 Antique Row is Victoria's wonderful collection of antique shops. This is a great place to stroll and browse.



On the southern tip of Vancouver Island, British Columbia and accessible from the Pacific Ocean thru the Strait of Juan de Fuca, visitors will find the elegant and exciting port city of Victoria.



The indigenous Songhees People lived in this coastal region for millennia prior to the arrival of Spanish and English explorers in the late 1700s. In 1843 James Douglas, a British fur trader with the Hudson's Bay Company built the original fort and trading post named for Queen Victoria and around which the city grew. And growth came quickly, some would even say over night. During what would become known as the Frasier Canyon Gold Rush in 1858, Victoria turned from a relatively guiet trading post into a bustling port and gateway into the Canadian interior of British Columbia. Victoria has rarely looked back since.

Today Victoria, having come from such humble beginnings, has earned the reputation of being one of the most beautifully livable cities in all of Canada.

Butterfly Gardens allows visitors the opportunity to enjoy a tropical setting with over 3,000 colorful butterflies from all over the world. The park also includes exotic flowers, many tropical birds and ponds filled with brilliant Japanese Koi.

Fort Rodd Hill is Victoria's coastal battery. Constructed in the late 1800s, today visitors can explore the various buildings, trenches, bastions and gun emplacements. The fortification has been designated a National Historic Site.

Hatley Castle was constructed in the early 1900s as the home of a prominent family. In the 1940s the castle became part of the Royal Canadian Naval College at Roval Roads. Spectacular inside and out. today the castle is a National Historic Site and functions as part of Royal Roads University.

### ADVENTURES IN VICTORIA

- Visit the world-famous Butchart Gardens or the lush and exotic Butterfly Gardens and see how Victoria earned the nickname "The City of Gardens."
- Explore Victoria's history on a Grand City Drive. Visit the aweinspiring Craigdarroch Castle with its 39 rooms and five stories of stained glass and end the day with high tea at the world-famous Fairmont Empress Hotel.
- Join an adventure that takes in Victoria's Inner Harbour and surrounding coastline in search of a variety of wildlife such as the Orca whales that make their home in these waters.
- Tour a few of the local pubs and microbreweries along the Victoria Ale Trail or maybe some wine tasting at one of the area's award-winning vineyards.
- Enjoy an afternoon of sightseeing on a tour of exclusive residential districts, historic Chinatown, and Antique Row, one of the many shopping districts.
- · Victoria is a great culinary hotspot. In addition to the abundance of fresh seafood, its mild climate lends itself to a variety of locally grown produce. For a complete culinary experience, be sure to try a glass of wine from one of Victoria's award-winning wineries.





### LOCAL POINTS OF INTEREST

The White Pass & Yukon Railroad was built in 1808 during the King the 1898 during the Klondike gold rush. The railway is now open to visitors and travels along a stunningly scenic route up into the mountains.

**7** The Skagway Museum is home to a wonder-L ful collection of photographs and artifacts which date back to the late 1800s. At this time the town was a bustling port of entry and gateway to the famous goldfields of Alaska. The museum also displays an interesting assortment of historic arts and crafts which exemplify the rich cultural heritage of Native Alaskans.

**7** Jewell Gardens is filled of organic flowers and **J** vegetables. The beautiful garden also has its own glassblowing studio.

- 4 The Visitor's Information Center is located at 245 Broadway.
- ${\bf 5}$  The local Post Office is located at 641 Broadway.



**Beyond Skagway** 

flowers and edible berries.

geous mountain scenery.

the Yukon River to the gold fields.

The Chilkoot Trail is of historic significance be-

cause it served as the main route for miners seeking

to reach the riches of the Klondike. Leading to the

banks of the Taiya River, the Chilkoot winds its way

through a lush forest filled with birds, beautiful wild-

**Dyea** was once a thriving community of 10,000 gold

miners. This historic site includes beautiful valleys,

a rainforest, historic ruins, the Chilkoot trail-head,

coastal tidal flats, spectacular wildflowers and gor-

Bennett is a British Columbia ghost town accessible

only by train. Constructed back during the gold rush

days, Bennett served as a place for men to build or

purchase rafts for the trip across the lake and down

Haines is a Southeast Alaska town with numerous

shops, galleries and restaurants. There are many

outdoor opportunities and adventures available in

Now a beautiful and popular borough located on the Alaska panhandle, Skagway was once little more than a small and lawless settlement. All guickly changed when gold was discovered in the Klondike region of the Yukon Territory. Thousands of dreamers in search of riches soon made their way to the community. From July to October 1897 the area had grown from a disheveled collection of tents into a town with well laid out streets, buildings, stores, saloons, gambling and dance houses, and a population of approximately 20,000. Skagway is the smallest borough in Alaska and is located in a narrow glaciated valley at the head of the Taiya Inlet, the northernmost fjord on Alaska's Inside Passage. Surrounded by snowcapped mountains, glistening glaciers and the beautiful Alaskan sea, Skagway is worth visiting for its breathtaking geography alone.

### ADVENTURES IN SKAGWAY

Shqaqwèi "Where the North Wind Blows"

- Hike through the rain forest along the Chilkoot Trail. Then then raft back down the Taiya River to its estuary at the head of the Dyea fjord. Keep an eye out for eagles, spectacular wildflowers and gorgeous mountain scenery.
- Ride the world-famous White Pass and Yukon Railroad and then visit a historic gold-rush camp, where you can browse through cabins and tents that were once used as a bakery and a saloon.
- · Experience one of Alaska's most breathtaking valleys while horseback-riding through historic Dyea.
- · Cruise to a remote beach at Glacier Point, then get aboard a 31-foot canoe and explore spectacular icebergs.
- Retrace the historic White Pass trail while coasting down from the summit on a mountain bike.
- Take a helicopter to the Valley of the Glaciers, where you'll land and hike across this huge sheet of ice while your quide points out crevasses and other features.
- Try a true Alaskan salmon bake, a dining experience you'll never forget, including Alaskan salmon, roasted red potatoes and hot apple pie.
- · Experience a once in a lifetime opportunity to design and blow your own glass art, complete with real gold in your finished piece.

PORT-OF-CALL • Icy Strait Point



LOCAL POINTS OF INTEREST

thriving fishing industry.

mile long ride is fun.

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▲ The Hoonah Packing Company opened its

doors in 1912. Today, looking much as it did in

the 1930s, the cannery has been converted into a

museum which relates the history of Hoonah's once

• The Native Heritage Center gives visitors the

C opportunity to learn about the culture of the

Tlingit Indians. Having lived, hunted and fished

the surrounding waters for thousands of years, the

intricately dressed Natives of Hoonah are proud

back to sea level. The scenery is as fantastic as the

4 Icy Strait and the surrounding waters are filled with sea life. Boat tours allow visitors the amaz-

ing opportunity to see the Humpback Whales which



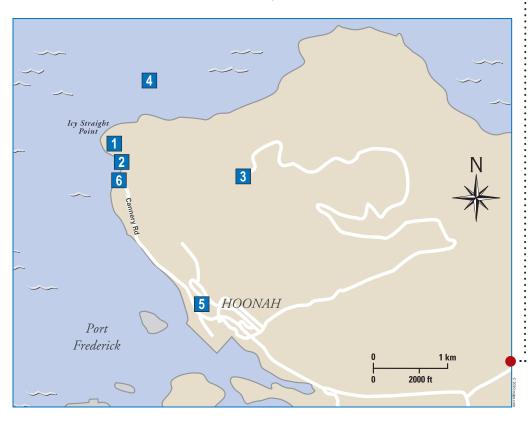
come to this area to feed in the summer months. The waters are teaming with Dall's porpoise, sea lions, seals and the magnificent Orca. The Chilkat Mountains provide a remarkable backdrop for the American Bald Eagle, found here in abundance.

6 A Visitors Center is located near the dock where visitors come ashore.

**Beyond Hoonah** 

to share their ancient history and traditions with • The **Zip-Rider** takes quests on a tree-top ride **J** from the top of a 1.300 foot mountain overlooking Hoonah all the way down to Icy Strait Point and

> Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve is a beautiful marvel of the natural world. This is the ancient homeland of the Hoonah Tlingits. Today visitors have the opportunity to see the park's amazing natural wonders and wilderness from the water and









Icy Strait Point was conceived to provide visitors an opportunity to discover this region of the Alaskan wilderness and learn of the Tlingit tribal history and traditions, while providing economic opportunities and stability for the local community. Hoonah has been a Tlingit fishing village for hundreds of years. In the 19th and 20th century fur trapping, commercial fishing and canning were the backbone of the local economy. Today Icy Strait Point serves as a unique gateway to indigenous cultural heritage and wilderness adventures which make up so much of the Alaska experience.

A Post Office is located at 310 Hill Street. Hoo-

The Spasski River Valley gives visitors the opportunity to see a wide variety of plant and animal life. From safe and protected observation areas bald eagles, otters, deer and Alaska's famous Grizzly Bears can be seen in their natural environment.

### **ADVENTURES IN ICY STRAIT POINT**

- Visit the historic cannery, dating back to 1930. It has been fully restored to provide visitors with a glimpse of this interesting part of Alaskan history.
- Explore the Native Tlingit historical park, museum and theater for an interesting look at Alaska Native culture and history.
- · Take a flightseeing tour of spectacular nearby Glacier Bay in a propeller airplane.
- · Head out to the remote area of the Spasski River Valley to take in the local wildlife, plants and points of interest.
- · Enjoy biking, kayaking, or deep-sea fishing in this beautiful wilderness. You might even choose to embark on a rugged 4x4 adventure on an ATV.
- Cruise to one of Alaska's premier whale watching destinations – Point Adolphus, while your onboard naturalist describes the diversity of marine life that accumulates here every summer.
- · Experience Alaskan history while eating some of the freshest fish vou've ever tasted at the Historic Fish House. You'll find freshly caught wild salmon, halibut, crab and other Alaskan delicacies at this restored fish house on the waterfront.

# PORT-OF-CALL • Juneau



### LOCAL POINTS OF INTEREST

The Last Chance Mining Museum and Historical Park dates from the days of the historic Alaska Juneau gold mine. It has been restored and features the world's largest air compressor, mining tools, a unique glass map, remains of the railroad lines and underground exhibits.

2 St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church was built in 1894 and is the oldest original Russian Orthodox Church in continual use in Alaska.

3 The Alaska State Capitol offers free tours. The legislative chambers and Governor's office, along with many historic photos, are located here.

4 The Juneau-Douglas City Museum displays art-work, historic photographs, and films as well as authentic artifacts from the early miners and pioneers.

5 The Alaska State Museum was founded in 1902, predating Alaska's statehood. The museum features interesting artifacts relevant to native culture and Alaskan history.

6 There is a Post Office located downtown on the corner of Front & Franklin.

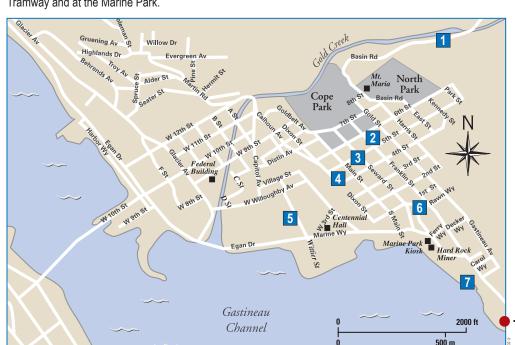
A Visitor's Information Center is located at 101 Egan Drive. There are also Visitor Information kiosks at the cruise ship terminal by Mt. Robert's Tramway and at the Marine Park.

**Beyond Juneau** The Macaulay Salmon Hatchery is one of Juneau's most popular attractions and home to one of Alaska's largest aquariums, a salmon egg incubator and over 100 species of marine life. Visitors are taught about the salmon lifecycle, the commercial fishing industry and the state's marine environment.

Mendenhall Glacier is just thirteen miles from Downtown Juneau. The glacier is perfect for hiking and sightseeing. Mendenhall Glacier is 12 miles long, 1.5 miles wide and comprised of ice 400-800 feet deep.

**Douglas** is a beautiful residential area connected to Juneau by a 1,564 foot steel bridge extending across the Gastineau Channel. The Treadwell Mine once flourished here, producing \$66 million in gold-bearing ore during a 36 year period until it was destroved by cave-ins and fire in 1917.

Glacier Bay National Park and Gustavus are 30 miles west of Juneau. The community of Gustavus serves as the entry point for Glacier Bay National Park and Reserve. Gustavus is accessible by a scenic three hour ferry ride. Visitors can cruise into the park, fish for salmon or halibut, watch whales, play golf, mountain bike or kavak.



Dzántik'i Héeni - "River Where the Flounders Gather"

Located on the Gastineau Channel and surrounded by glacier-capped mountains rising thousands of feet, the city of Juneau is the state capital. The area has been inhabited for thousands of years by the native cultures of the Tlingit. Haida and Tsimshian people. This was the first town founded after Alaska was purchased from Russia by the United States. Serving as the capital of Alaska since 1906, Juneau is still only accessible by sea or air. For a population of just over 30,000, Juneau is culturally, politically and socially active. The Native tribes, rich with the artistic traditions, have had a profound influence on the development of the city. With dozens of dazzling art galleries, high end boutiques, inviting restaurants and unparalleled scenic landscape and wildlife, there is always something exciting to do in Juneau.

### ADVENTURES IN JUNEAU

- You shouldn't miss the amazing glacial landscape. The best view available is from the seat of a helicopter where you can watch for bear, mountain goats, and moose,
- Take a once-in-a-lifetime dogsled ride.
- · Get hands-on experience panning for gold in Gold Creek. "Guaranteed gold in every pan!" Then explore Juneau's mining past with a look at the remnants of a century-old mine.
- · Fly in a floatplane over five breathtaking glaciers to the Taku Glacier Lodge for a king salmon feast. And don't be surprised if a black bear wanders into the vard.
- Take a fully narrated helicopter flight over four translucent glaciers within the Juneau Ice Field. You'll soar past towering peaks and picturesque alpine lakes on this exciting adventure.
- Explore Juneau on foot. With more trails than roads, Alaska's capital features world-class hiking - through glacial waterfalls and the largest temperate rain forest in the state.
- On Auke Bay, take a high-speed catamaran ride specifically designed for wildlife-watching. The bay is rich with humpback and killer whales. sea lions, and porpoises.
- You won't have to tell your friends about "the one that got away" when you go sportfishing in Alaska. The waters abound with king and silver salmon.

## Ketchikan PORTOFCALL



### LOCAL POINTS OF INTEREST

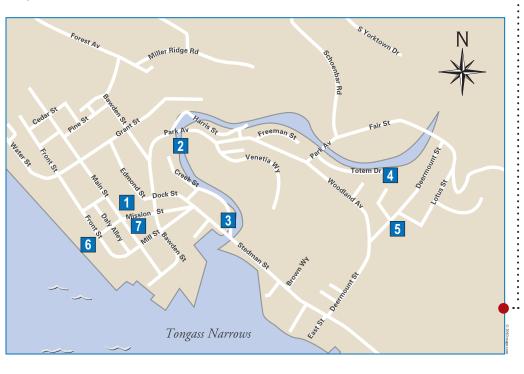
1 The Ketchikan's Museum and Library is home to an interesting collection of old photographs, Indian artifacts and pioneer era tools, weapons and implements.

Ketchikan Creek and Waterfall is in the center **∠** of town, close to the library. Visitors can see the salmon runs which helped to make Ketchikan what it is today. The site offers great views of the town.

**O** Creek Street is a boardwalk built on pilings **3** over Ketchikan Creek. This is the historic "redlight" district of town. There are numerous museums, colorfully painted boutiques, attractions and frontier era homes which give visitors a feel for what life was like in years past.

4 The Deer Mountain Hatchery helps to main-tain the regions salmon and trout stock. Visitors have the opportunity to learn about this amazing and delicious fish which, from the beginning, has been so important to the culture and economy of Alaska.

 $5\,$  The Ketchikan Totem Heritage Center helps to maintain the cultural traditions of the Tlingit Tribe. The authentic totem poles are some of the many which combine to make the collection in Ket-





### chikan one of the largest is Alaska. 6 The Visitors Center is located on the cruise ship pier.

at 422 Mission Street.

### **Beyond Ketchikan**

wildlife.



Located near the southernmost tip of Alaska's panhandle, Ketchikan was originally a Tlingit Indian village (pronounced klink-it). In the late 1800s pioneers came here and established a fishing, salting and canning operation which exported their production down to Oregon. From this small beginning a town grew. During the gold rush the town expanded and was able to survive by logging and fishing when the mines played out. The logging industry is gone for the most part but, together with tourism, commercial and sport fishing continues to play a vital role in the economy of Ketchikan.

- **7** The **Post Office** is located a block from the pier
- The Saxman Native Village was established in the late 1800s as a community for the Tlingit Tribe. Many native craftsmen and artisans live in the village and create works which are recognized and prized for their quality and beauty.
- The Misty Fjords National Monument has spectacular scenery in a state whose name is synonymous for spectacular scenery. With dramatic waterfalls cascading over granite cliffs and set within the Tongass National Forest, this park and its abundant wildlife is the very image of Alaska.
- The Ward Lake and Perseverance Trails are two scenic hiking paths through the region's beautiful wilderness. Maintained by the U.S. Forest Service, the trails are well marked and easy to hike. There are signs all along the trails which provide visitors information about the local geography, plants and

### ADVENTURES IN KETCHIKAN

- Join the Captain aboard the Aleutian Ballad crab boat seen on the Discoverv Channel series Deadliest Catch. Watch the skilled crew haul crab pots and fishing gear and listen to the fascinating stories of the fishermen while enjoying the beauty and wildlife of Alaska.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Take a Jeep® safari deep into the backcountry to a pristine alpine lake. where you'll go for a scenic canoe ride.
- Treat yourself to a rowdy good time at The Great Alaskan Lumberjack Show. Here the world's best lumberiacks go head to head in events such as chopping, sawing, log rolling, and the death-defying 50 foot speed climb!