Your Guide to Anchorage and Beyond
Anchorage Dining Guide

Your fellow commissioners may have similar ideas for dinner and the summer is a busy time for tourism in Anchorage. Please remember to make reservations well in advance, particularly for larger groups such as delegation dinners.

We’ve indicated general price ranges for each restaurant listing. Please see the guide below (the prices listed are for an average entree). These are estimates. If you are concerned, please consult the restaurant website for current pricing.

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Nearby Restaurants in Downtown Anchorage

Each of these restaurants is about a five to ten minute walk from the Denai’na Center.

1. **Pangea Restaurant and Lounge**  
   508 W. 6th Ave., (907) 222-3949  
   Pangea Restaurant & Lounge is located in the heart of Anchorage and aims to become a farm to table restaurant while combining flavors from around the world using the best and freshest local ingredients available.  
   https://pangearestaurantandlounge.com/ $$-$$$  

2. **Humpy’s Great Alaskan Alehouse**  
   610 W. 6th Ave., (907) 276-2337  
   Humpy’s is a casual, neighborhood alehouse with excellent food at reasonable prices, live local music, and a fantastic selection of draught beers.  
   https://www.humpysalaska.com/ $$  

3. **Midnight Sun Brewing Dining Hall at Williwaw Social**  
   609 F St., (907) 868-2000  
   A menu focused on flavorful foods prepared with fresh - locally sourced, whenever possible - meats, seafoods, cheeses, and produce. Menu items are designed to pair well with an ever-changing and eclectic selection of incredibly good beers.  
   http://williwawsocial.com/menu-2/ $$  

4. **Orso**  
   737 W. 5th St., (907) 222-3232  
   A menu of local seafood & grilled meats, as well as 20+ wines by the glass, in a welcoming space.  
   http://www.orsoalaska.com/ $$$
5. Glacier Brewhouse  
737 W. 5th Ave., #110, (907) 274-2739  
Glacier Brewhouse features a boisterous, wood-dominated dining room with local seafood, wood-grilled meats & house-brewed beer.  
https://www.glacierbrewhouse.com/  $$

6. Fat Ptarmigan  
441 W. 5th Ave. #100, (907) 777-7710  
Sleek bistro serving a locally focused menu of gourmet wood-fired pizzas & craft beer & wine.  
http://fatptarmigan.com/  $$

7. Sullivan’s Steakhouse  
320 W. 5th Ave., (907) 258-2882  
Upscale steakhouse chain serving beef, seafood & cocktails in swanky surrounds with live music.  
sullivanssteakhouse.com  $$$

8. Club Paris  
417 W. 5th Ave., (907) 277-6332  
Club Paris has been serving steaks and seafood to Alaskans and visitors alike since the late 1950s. Anchorage’s oldest steakhouse is housed in a building that was constructed in the 1920s.  
clubparisrestaurant.com  $$-$$$

9. Ginger  
425 W. 5th Ave., (907) 929-3680  
Ginger features Pacific Rim cuisine and classic Asian specialties as well as a new lounge area serving local microbrewed beer and a select wine and sake list.  
https://gingeralaska.com/  $$

10. Marx Brothers Cafe  
627 W. 3rd Ave., (907) 278-2133  
New American dishes, with creative seafood specialties & a huge wine cellar, in an elegant setting.  
marxcafe.com  $$$-$$$$

11. Crow’s Nest (in the Hotel Captain Cook)  
939 W. 5th Ave., (907) 276-6000  
The Crow’s Nest is a AAA four-diamond fine dining restaurant that offers French and New American cuisine, a cellar filled with more than 10,000 bottles of wine and stunning views of the city, Chugach Mountains and Cook Inlet.  
http://captaincook.com/dining/  $$$-$$$$

12. Haute Quarter Grill  
525 W. 4th Ave., (907) 622-4745  
Specializing in contemporary American cuisine Haute Quarter Grill uses fresh Alaskan produce and seafood whenever possible. Features a full bar and extensive wine list.  
http://www.hautequartergrill.com/  $$
13. **49th State Brewing**  
717 W. 3rd Ave., (907) 277 7727  
Delve into the long tradition of brewing with award winning beer, explore a menu filled with freshly sourced Alaskan products, or relax on the rooftop patio overlooking the Cook Inlet and Alaska Range.  
https://www.49statebrewing.com/anchorage/ $$

12. **Crush Bistro**  
328 G St., (907) 865-9198  
A huge variety of wines by the glass or bottle & shareable plates in an unpretentious atmosphere.  
https://www.crushak.com $$$-

13. **Tequila 61**  
445 W. 4th Ave., (907) 274-7678  
Blending time-honored Mexican recipes with a modern twist, Tequila 61 uses fresh ingredients like Alaskan seafood for entrées authentic in flavor and unique in presentation.  
https://www.tequila61.com/ $$

14. **Kumagoro**  
533 W. 4th Ave., (907) 272-9905  
Japanese fine dining and sushi bar with ramen and hot pot options. Lunch specials available.  
kumagorosushi.com $$$-

15. **Gumbo House**  
611 W. 9th Ave., (907) 222-2930  
Cajun staples like gumbo, jambalaya and a variety of po’boys served in a cozy, casual space.  
gumbohouseanchorage.com $$
16. Simon and Seafort’s
420 L St., (907) 274-3502
This award-winning classic American grill has been artfully serving quality USDA prime-aged steak and fresh and innovative seafood since 1978. Large group dining available.
https://simonandseaforts.com/ $$$-$$$$

17. Snow City Cafe
1034 W. 4th Ave., (907) 272-2489
A popular downtown brunch and lunch destination with a wide variety of classics as well as healthier and vegan options. Voted “Best Breakfast” in the Anchorage Press since 2003!
http://www.snowcitycafe.com  $$

18. Benihana
1100 W. 8th Ave., (907) 222-5212
Hibachi chain serving Japanese dishes grilled tableside by theatrical chefs.
www.benihana.com $$$

19. Yamaya Seafood
825 W. 6th Ave., (907) 276-6388
Intimate Japanese restaurant offering a traditional hand-written menu of sushi, noodle soups & sake.
https://www.yelp.com/biz/yamaya-seafood-restaurant-anchorage  $$

20. International House of Hot Dogs
415 L St., (907) 227-3081
Casual spot with outdoor seating and an eclectic selection of hot dogs and sausages. Vegetarian options available.
https://www.facebook.com/ihohAK  $ 

24. The Bridge
(15 min. walk from Denai’ina Center)
221 W. Ship Creek Ave., (907) 644-8300
This unique Anchorage outpost is seafood central for those who want to try all Alaska has to offer. The Bridge spans the waters of Ship Creek, Anchorage’s urban salmon stream, and you can watch anglers catch fish while you dine.
https://bridgeseafood.com/restaurant/  $$$

25. Arctic Sushi
401 I St., (907) 248-4011
(7-min walk from Denai’ina Center)
Sushi restaurant with delivery, take-out, and late night options.
www.eatarctic.com  $$
26. AK Alchemist  
101 E. 4th St., (907) 868-5000  
(12-min walk from Dena’ina Center)  
Coffee house and taco stand with casual breakfast, lunch, and all-day options.  
http://www.akalchemist.com    $  

27. Bubbly Mermaid  
417 D St.,   (619) 665-2852  
(7-min walk from Dena’ina Center)  
Tiny hideaway with a nautical motif pairing hot & cold oysters & other seafood bites with champagne.  
https://www.facebook.com/akfreshseafood    $$-$$$

28. Flattop Pizza and Pool  
600 W. 5th Ave.,  (907) 677-7665  
(2-min walk from Dena’ina Center)  
Laid-back eatery & bar featuring a menu of pizza, pasta, craft beers & cocktails, plus pool tables.  
http://www.flattopbar.com/    $$

29. McGinley’s Irish Pub  
645 G St., Ste. 101    (907) 279-1782  
(1-min walk from Dena’ina Center)  
Relaxed Irish bar offering weekend music & familiar American & Irish tavern grub such as shepherds pie.  
https://mcginleyspub.com/    $$-$$$

30. Fletcher’s (in Hotel Captain Cook)  
939 W. 5th Ave., (907) 276-6000  
(7-min walk from Dena’ina Center)  
Eclectic fare, including pizza, pasta & seafood, served in a cozy, pub-like space.  
http://captaincook.com/dining/fletchers/    $$-$$

31. Muse (at the Anchorage Museum)  
625 C St., (907) 929-9210  
(7-min walk from Dena’ina Center)  
Bright, fashionable American mainstay with select seafood & steak dishes, plus beer & wine tastings.  
https://muse.anchoragemuseum.org/    $$
There will be grab-and-go options in the convention center, but here’s a list of quick options nearby for a cup of coffee and a pastry, a fast lunch between sessions, or a bite before heading out for a day of activity.

1. **Alaska’s Gourmet Subs**  
   601 W. 7th Ave., (907) 297-7827 (1-min walk from Dena’ina Center)  
   A casual venue for subs, soups, salads and pizza.  

2. **Dark Horse Coffee Co.**  
   646 F St., (907) 279-0647 (1-min walk from Dena’ina Center)  
   Specialty brews, sandwiches & pastries offered in a charming cafe with outdoor seating.  
   [http://www.darkhorsecoffee.com](http://www.darkhorsecoffee.com) $  

3. **Kaladi Brothers Coffee**  
   621 W. 6th Ave., (907) 644-7438 (2-min walk from Dena’ina Center)  
   Coffeehouse chain offering brews made with air-roasted beans in a hip space. Downtown location serves limited food menu (pastries, soups, salads, etc.)  
   [https://kaladi.com/locations/downtown](https://kaladi.com/locations/downtown) $  

4. **The Kobuk**  
   504 W. 5th Ave., (907) 272-3626 (5-min walk from Dena’ina Center)  
   Cozy cafe featuring espresso, tea, donuts & pastries, plus soups, sandwiches & a unique gift shop.  
   [https://www.kobukcoffee.com](https://www.kobukcoffee.com) $  

5. **Steam Dot**  
   609 F St., (907) 278-2204 (2-min walk from Dena’ina Center) (502)  
   A variety of espresso and coffee drinks and pastries.  
   [www.steamdot.com](http://www.steamdot.com) $  

6. **K Street Eats**  
   8th Ave. and K St., (907) 764-2690 (6-min walk from Dena’ina Center)  
   Food truck park offering fast casual items from a rotating selection of food trucks.  
   [https://www.facebook.com/kstreeteats/](https://www.facebook.com/kstreeteats/) $
7. **Uncle Joe’s Pizzeria**  
   428 G St., (907) 279-3799 (6-min walk from Dena’ina Center)  
   Made-to-order stone-baked pies & ready-to-eat slices, plus gyros, salads & wings, with beer & wine.  
   https://www.unclejoespizzeria.com/ $

8. **MyThai Downtown Restaurant**  
   333 W. 4th Ave., Suite #228, (907) 333-0684 (6-min walk from Dena’ina Center)  
   Traditional Thai restaurant with many vegetarian and gluten free options. Small dining room, primarily take-out.  
   http://4mythai.com/ $

9. **Urban Greens**  
   403 G St.  (907) 276-0333  (6-min walk from Dena’ina Center)  
   Cool counter-serve cafe prepping classic subs & creative salads with American & global accents.  
   www.urbangreensak.com $

10. **Scottie’s Sub Shop**  
    331 W. 5th Ave., (907) 276-2784 (6-min walk from Dena’ina Center)  
    Casual counter service spot with subs, burgers and Asian food.  
    https://www.yelp.com/biz/scotties-sub-shop-anchorage $

11. **Red Umbrella Reindeer**  
    Corner of W. 4th and E St.,  (907) 947-9186 (6-min walk from Dena’ina Center)  
    Hot dog cart in Peratrovich Park featuring reindeer sausages, polish sausage and hot dogs.  
    https://www.facebook.com/redumbrellareindeer/ $

12. **5th Avenue Mall Food Court**  
    Corner of W. 4th and E St.,  (907) 947-9186 (8-min walk from Dena’ina Center)  
    https://www.simon.com/mall/anchorage-5th-avenue-mall/stores $

13. **Midnight Sun Cafe**  
    245 W. 5th Ave. (907) 743-0572  
    (4-min walk from Dena’ina Center)  
    Coffee-shop and cafe featuring breakfast sandwiches, sandwiches and salads. Plenty of vegetarian options.  
    http://www.midnightsuncafeak.com $

14. **Sandwich Deck**  
    400 K St., (907) 276-1401  
    (9-min walk from Dena’ina Center, but near Captain Cook and Voyager Hotels)  
    Soups, salads and sandwiches.  
        Breakfast served all day. Online ordering available.  
    http://sandwichdeck.com/ $
These spots are Anchorage favorites that are just a short drive (between 5 and 15 min from the Dena’ina Center)

1. **The Rustic Goat**  
   2800 Turnagain St. (907) 334-8100  
   (8 min drive from Dena’ina Center)  
   Warm, industrial-chic spot offering an elevated take on American comfort food & craft brews.  
   https://rusticgoatak.com $$

2. **Kincaid Grill**  
   6700 Jewel Lake Road  (907) 243-0507  
   (13 min drive from Dena’ina Center)  
   New American dishes feature local seafood & game, served in a white-tablecloth setting with a patio.  
   http://www.kincaidgrill.com/ $$$

3. **Spenard Roadhouse**  
   1049 W Northern Lights Blvd. (907) 770-7623  
   (6 min drive from Dena’ina Center)  
   Spenard Roadhouse is a restaurant and bar, serving contemporary comfort food in a casual, eclectic setting. A neighborhood gathering place, we welcome families and friends to come and enjoy our amazing food, local beers on draft, and a flight of small batch bourbon, among other delights!  
   http://www.spenardroadhouse.com/ $$

4. **Moose’s Tooth**  
   3300 Old Seward Highway (907) 258-2537  
   (8 min drive from Dena’ina Center)  
   A truly gourmet pizza experience, focusing on creative, high quality food in a casual environment. Come prepared to grab a pint and wait for a table. This place is hoppin’!  
   http://moosestooth.net $-$$

5. **South Restaurant**  
   11124 Old Seward Highway  (907) 770-9200  
   (15 min drive from Dena’ina Center)  
   Urban-chic spot offering a combination of New American dining with a bar, coffee cafe & kids’ fare.  
   http://southak.com  $$
6. **Bear Tooth Grill and Theatrepub**
   1230 W. 27th Ave  (907) 276-4200
   (7 min drive from Dena'ina Center )
   2nd-run & indie moviehouse (that also hosts concerts) serving microbrews, wine & casual eats.
   http://beartoothgrill.net/    $$

7. **Lucky Wishbone**
   1033 E. 5th Ave.  (907) 272-3454
   (6 min drive from Dena'ina Center )
   Venerable spot specializing in fried chicken that also offers burgers & old-school milkshakes.
   https://www.facebook.com/Luckywishbonealaska/    $$

8. **Table 6**
   3210 Denali St.  (907) 562-6000
   (7 min drive from Dena'ina Center )
   Eclectic stop with a whimsical look anchored by a round bar & colorful murals, serving comfort fare.
   http://www.table6.net/    $$

9. **Gwennie’s Old Alaska Restaurant**
   4333 Spenard Rd.  (907) 243-2090
   (9 min drive from Dena'ina Center )
   Home cooking & all-day breakfasts in an eatery filled with knickknacks, native art & old photos.
   http://gwenniesrestaurant.com/    $$
Things to do in and around Anchorage

The ULC is offering some fantastic tours this year, but Anchorage and the rest of Alaska have plenty to offer, whether you’re interested in museums, native Alaskan history, or exploring the great outdoors. The following pages contain suggestions for family activities, museums, outdoor recreation, opportunities to see wildlife and much more. You’ll find Anchorage area activities as well as information on other parts of the state.

This is just the tip of the iceberg, for more ideas, visit: https://www.anchorage.net/

Once you arrive at the meeting, a representative from Visit Anchorage will be on-site at the convention center to offer advice as well as plenty of maps and brochures.
1. **Anchorage Museum**  
   625 C St.   (907) 929-9200  
   Alaska’s largest museum tells the real story of the North through art and design, history, science and culture. Explore Alaska Native cultures with a collection from the Smithsonian Institution. Expansive interactive history gallery tells the story of Alaska. A hands-on science discovery center has marine life tanks, a planetarium and more.  
   https://www.anchoragemuseum.org

2. **Alaska Native Heritage Center**  
   8800 Heritage Center Drive   (800) 315-6608  
   The Gala will take place here, but if you’re interested in a visit on your own, the Alaska Native Heritage Center is a renowned cultural center and museum in Anchorage, Alaska where all people can come to expand their understanding of Alaska’s indigenous people.  
   https://www.alaskanative.net

3. **Rust’s Flightseeing**  
   4525 Enstrom Circle   907-243-1595  
   Rust’s offers a variety of glacier flight tours, fly-in fishing excursions and bear viewing trips. Flightseeing reservations should be made well in advance, but actual flights are contingent on the weather that day. Payment will be taken on the day of the flight.  
   https://www.flyrusts.com/

4. **William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery**  
   941 N. Reeve Blvd.   (907) 269-0296  
   Annually, over six million sport fish are cared for and released from the local facility. With 100 tanks, there’s a lot to see at this impressive facility. Tours are led by hatchery staff, and you’ll get the chance to follow the Ship Creek footpath to see exactly how the hatchery works. Self-guided tours are also available.  

U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kyle Johnson
5. **Oscar Anderson House Museum**
   420 M St.  (907) 343-7993
   In Elderberry Park, located on the west end of downtown Anchorage, you will find one of the first privately built wood-frame residences completed after the auctioning of townsite lots in 1915. It is the only historic house museum in Anchorage. Guided tours highlight the early history of Anchorage and the experiences of the Anderson Family.

6. **Ulu Factory**
   211 West Ship Creek Avenue   (907) 276-3119
   Grab the free brown trolley at Fourth and F Street for a short narrated ride to The Ulu Factory at Ship Creek. Watch craftsmen fashion the sharp-bladed ulu knives and check the historical ulu display that dates back thousands of years.

7. **Anchorage Helicopter Tours**
   Merrill Field Airport - 2400 E. 5th Ave.     907-272-7777
   Anchorage Helicopter Tours, Alaska’s premier helicopter tour company, specializes in creating exceptional sightseeing and glacier landing tours in the greater Anchorage area. Within minutes from Anchorage, you could be flying over our impressive Chugach Mountain Range, landing on a glacier and walking on frozen glacial ice, or hiking on high alpine tundra.
   [https://anchoragehelicoptertours.com](https://anchoragehelicoptertours.com)

8. **Crow Creek Historic Gold Mine (Girdwood - 40 miles from Anchorage)**
   601 Crow Creek Rd, Girdwood    (907) 229-3105
   Crow Creek Mine provides a unique opportunity to relive the Historic Gold Rush of Alaska. Established in 1896, Crow Creek Mine, is one of Alaska’s most renowned hydraulic gold mining operations.

9. **Alyeska Aerial Tram (Girdwood - 40 miles from Anchorage)**
   1000 Arlberg Ave, Girdwood (At the Alyeska Resort)
   (907) 754-2275
   The Alyeska Aerial Tram is a three-to-seven minute scenic ride from The Hotel Alyeska the top of Mt. Alyeska. From the Tram, you can see for miles in all directions – including views of the Turnagain Arm, up to seven “hanging” glaciers, and endless peaks deep into the Chugach Mountain range. Don’t forget to look down! In the summer months, moose and bear sightings are common on our aerial tram rides, too.
   [https://www.alyeskaresort.com/resort/about-aerial-tram](https://www.alyeskaresort.com/resort/about-aerial-tram)
Activities for Families

1. **Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center**
   Mile 79 Seward Highway, Portage
   We have a ULC official tour at the conservation center, but this is a great opportunity for the whole family to get up close and personal with Alaska’s native wildlife including muskox, moose, and bears. AWCC is a sanctuary dedicated to preserving Alaska’s wildlife through conservation, education, research and quality animal care.
   https://www.alaskawildlife.org/

2. **Alaska Museum of Science and Nature**
   201 N Bragaw St.  907-274-2400
   From the Aleutians to the North Slope to the Panhandle, from prehistoric times to the present, the Alaska Museum of Science & Nature takes young and old alike on a learning adventure around the state.
   Note: Open Thu-Sat ONLY
   https://www.alaskamuseum.org/

3. **Alaska Zoo**
   4731 O’Malley Rd.  (907) 346-2133
   The Alaska Zoo is home to the widest variety of animals native to the state of Alaska. Its mission is to promote conservation of Arctic, sub-Arctic and like climate species through education, research and community enrichment.
   https://www.alaskazoo.org/

4. **Discovery Center at the Anchorage Museum**
   625 C St.  (907) 929-9200
   The Discovery Center is Alaska’s hands-on science discovery center, a place where visitors of all ages can explore the art, history and science of the Northern regions through play.

5. **Anchorage Trolley**
   Corner of 4th and F Streets  (907) 276-5603
   Anchorage City Trolley Tours roll on a narrated approximately 1-hour loop from downtown to Ship Creek, through the Turnagain neighborhood to Earthquake Park, to the world’s busiest floatplane base at Lake Hood. Board the red trolley downtown at Fourth and F Street.
   www.anchoragebttrolley.com

6. **Bear Tooth TheatrePub**
   1230 W. 27th Ave.  (907) 276-4200
   For a rainy day or when the kids are tired of nature, visit Bear Tooth Theatre for a family friendly movie and some fantastic pizza that you can eat while you watch.
   http://beartooththeatre.net/

7. **H2Oasis Waterpark**
   11030 Chelea St  (907) 522-4420
   With a Children’s Lagoon and Pirate Ship for younger swimmers and a heart-stopping Master Blaster water coaster that drops riders 43 feet, there are more than enough thrills to go around for all ages.
   https://www.h2oasiswaterpark.com/
There are trails for walking/hiking and biking for a variety of skill levels that are easy to access from downtown Anchorage.

These listings are those most suited to the ULC, including families, and are closest to our venue, but for parks, trail maps and other resources check out:

http://www.alaska.org/destination/downtown-anchorage/parks-and-trails

1. Tony Knowles Coastal Trail
   http://www.alaska.org/detail/tony-knowles-coastal-trail
   The Tony Knowles Coastal Trail is one of four greenbelt trails located in Anchorage. Even though the trail spans 11.0 miles each way (from Kincaid Park to just north of where 2nd Avenue ends in the Cook Inlet), it is easily picked up from several points in the city, so you can enjoy any segment and hike as little or as much of the trail as you desire.

2. Chester Creek Trail
   http://www.alaska.org/detail/chester-creek-trail
   For an easy, scenic walk in Anchorage, check out the Chester Creek Trail. The 4-mile-long path, which runs from Westchester Lagoon to Goose Lake, is not only flat, but also paved, making for an easy stroll. Though it passes close to neighborhoods, the trail is part of the city’s “greenbelt”—a wooded area that makes you feel like you’ve left the city behind.

   You’ll find everyone from cyclists to joggers on Chester Creek, and if you keep a sharp eye out, you may see moose or songbirds. The trail passes through a few parks, like Tikishla and Woodside, which have playgrounds, ball fields, and picnic areas (as well as portable toilets). Because of the trees, the trail doesn’t offer dramatic views, but Chester Creek intersects with the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, which has plenty of photo ops.
3. **Ship Creek Trail**  
http://www.alaska.org/detail/ship-creek-trail-downtown  
Anchorage has one of the best urban trail systems of any city in the United States, and Ship Creek Trail is an essential piece of the system. You can access it via the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail at H Street and 2nd Avenue. The Ship Creek Trail itself begins at the Alaska Railroad depot on the north side of Anchorage and travels east from downtown for 2.6 miles to end at Tyson Elementary School in the city’s Mountain View neighborhood. The paved trail follows its namesake creek for nearly its entire length, crossing it a few times. Salmon swim up the stream in the summer, and you’ll see anglers plying the waters. An impressive bridge also crosses over the Alaska Railroad tracks. Views along the way are mostly wooded on the trail’s eastern end and industrial on the west side.

4. **Westchester Lagoon**  
http://www.alaska.org/detail/westchester-lagoon  
If you’re looking for a wild oasis that’s just a 15-minute walk from downtown Anchorage, look no further than Westchester Lagoon (also known as Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park). The lagoon always draws a crowd. It lies at the convergence of two of Anchorage’s most popular trails—Tony Knowles and Chester Creek—so locals and visitors alike come to enjoy running, walking, biking, skate-skiing, roller-skiing.

5. **Flattop Mountain Shuttle**  
Shuttle departs from 4th Ave between C & D  
907-279-3334  
http://www.hike-anchorage-alaska.com/  
For those without rental cars or who just don’t care to drive, van service is available to Flattop Mountain. Flattop is Alaska’s most visited peak. Ascend the 1.5 - mile, 1,350 vertical foot trail to the rocky, football field-sized summit in about an hour and take in panoramic views from Denali (Mt. McKinley) to the Aleutian Islands. If you want vistas without the hike, walk the short path from the parking lot to the overlook. The more adventurous can hike from the parking lot 5 miles one-way to the scenic Williwaw Lakes or climb 5.5 miles to Wolverine Peak.
Denali is six million acres of wild land, bisected by one ribbon of road. Travelers along it see the relatively low-elevation taiga forest give way to high alpine tundra and snowy mountains, culminating in North America’s tallest peak, 20,310’ Denali. Wild animals large and small roam un-fenced lands, living as they have for ages. Solitude, tranquility and wilderness await. Talkeetna is about 2.5 hours by road from Anchorage, and Denali is about 4.5 hours.
https://www.nps.gov/dena/index.htm

Roundtrip Train fares to Talkeetna or Denali Park are available via the Alaska Railroad https://www.alaskatrain.com

LODGING:
Accommodations inside the park are limited; lodging in Talkeetna and areas outside the park is more plentiful.

TALKEETNA ACTIVITIES: Other activities to explore in Talkeetna are flightseeing, fly fishing, river exploration, and ziplining.
http://www.alaska.org/destination/talkeetna/things-to-do
Drive or take the Alaska Railroad north to Fairbanks which is 2.5 hours from Denali (6.5 hours from Anchorage).

Ride on the Riverboat Discovery on the Tanana and Chena Rivers, where you’ll stop at the Chena Indian Village, see a fish camp, and see the dog kennel of the late Iditarod champion Susan Butcher.

http://riverboatdiscovery.com/

While you’re there, you should also visit the excellent Museum of the North at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, walk along the Chena Riverwalk, drive out to Chena Hot Springs, or even visit the Cold Climate Housing Research Center. Fairbanks has plenty of great restaurants, some with decks overlooking the river.

https://www.explorefairbanks.com/

https://chenahotsprings.com/
Take a stunning drive along the Turnagain Arm south of Anchorage and head for Seward or Homer. Both towns have gorgeous settings, with snow-capped mountains surrounding sparkling bays. Both have lots of excellent restaurants, shops, and art galleries.

Two and a half hours from Anchorage, Seward is the gateway to the Kenai Fjords National Park, and is also home to the Seward Sealife Center and the road-accessible Exit Glacier. It’s a great spot for kayaking, hiking, fishing, and whale-watching.

A five-hour drive from Anchorage, Homer is on the beautiful Kachemak Bay. It’s the halibut-fishing capital of Alaska. You can stroll along the beach on the Homer Spit, take a ferry to Seldovia or Halibut Cove, or go clamming or birdwatching.

http://www.seward.com/

https://www.homeralaska.org/
Fishing and More in SW Alaska

Katmai National Park
Katmai National Park and Preserve is on a peninsula in southern Alaska. Its wild landscapes span tundra, forests, lakes and mountains. The park is known for the many brown bears that are drawn to the abundant salmon in Brooks Falls. Lookout platforms at adjacent Brooks Camp offer close-up views of the bears. The Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes is an area of lava flows and ash formed by a massive volcanic eruption.
https://www.nps.gov/katm/index.htm

Brooks Camp/Brooks River
Brooks Camp is a visitor attraction and archeological site in Katmai National Park and Preserve. The site is noted for its opportunities for visitors to observe Alaskan brown bears catching fish in the falls of the Brooks River during salmon spawning season.
https://www.nps.gov/katm/planyourvisit/brooks-camp.htm

Sport Fishing
Two hundred and fifty miles southwest of Anchorage, in Alaska’s Bristol Bay area, lies Katmai National Park. Each year millions of salmon burst from the Bering Sea into the lakes and streams of the area. These fish provide a food source for trout and other fresh water fishes. This is Alaska’s famous sportfishing country.
http://www.katmailand.com/travel-tours/sportfishing

Brooks River offers tremendous fishing opportunities for rainbow trout, arctic char, and salmon. Its run of sockeye salmon, in particular, also attract one of the greatest gatherings of brown bears on earth. No matter when you visit, fishing the Brooks River requires extra care and responsibility to protect people, wildlife, and the experience.
https://www.nps.gov/katm/planyourvisit/fishing-brooks-river.htm
The Wrangell-St. Elias National Park is the largest National Park in the U.S., spanning an area larger than Switzerland. With the neighboring Kluane National Park in Canada, it has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in part for its spectacular scenic beauty. Relatively few tourists venture here, but if you have time and the inclination, this could be a special part of your Alaska adventure.

Kennecott is a picturesque abandoned copper mining camp from the early 20th Century. The National Park Service is in the process of stabilizing and rehabilitating many of the mill and town buildings. You can tour the buildings with a guide. There is a lodge nearby that’s a good starting point for your adventures in the area, which may include rafting, hiking (including on the nearby Kennicott Glacier - yes, it’s spelled differently!), and flightseeing. The nearby village of McCarthy is a fun excursion as well.

Getting to McCarthy or Kennecott is an adventure in itself! It’s about a 7 ½ hour drive from Anchorage. The last 60 miles is gravel, so you have to check with your rental car company to make sure they’ll allow you to take your car there (there’s a list of rental companies that allow this trip on the website for the Kennecott Glacier Lodge). To get to Kennecott or McCarthy, you used to have to park on the near side of the Copper River, climb on an open tram, and pull yourself hand-over-hand 30 feet above the rushing water - or if you were lucky, you could pay a local kid a few dollars to do the work for you. On the other side, you would board a shuttle to your destination. The tram is still there but since 1997 a footbridge has been built, making the journey easier but far less exciting.

https://www.nps.gov/wrst/index.htm
Glacier Bay and Tongass National Forest

Glacier Bay is a homeland, a living laboratory, a national park, a designated wilderness, a biosphere reserve, and a world heritage site. It’s a marine park, where great adventure awaits by boating into inlets, coves and hideaway harbors. It’s also a land park, with its snow-capped mountains, spectacular glaciers, and emerald–green forests. From the summit to sea, Glacier Bay's wildness is remote, dynamic and intact. https://www.nps.gov/glba/planyourvisit/index.htm

Welcome to the Tongass National Forest, the nation’s largest national forest. The Tongass covers most of Southeast Alaska surrounding the famous Inside Passage and offers unique chances to view eagles, bears, spawning salmon, and the breath-taking vistas of “wild” Alaska. Hike or take a sled-dog ride on a glacier, stroll along boardwalk trails, fish in streams or the ocean, or relax at a remote cabin. If spying some truly wild wildlife is on your bucket list, visit the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center in Juneau, Anan Wildlife Observatory in Wrangell, Fish Creek Bear Viewing Area in Hyder, or Pack Creek Brown Bear Viewing Area on Admiralty Island. There are also opportunities to immerse yourself in native culture at the stunning Southeast Alaska Discovery Center, located just steps away from the cruise ship docks in downtown Ketchikan. https://www.fs.usda.gov/tongass/
There’s plenty to do in and around Alaska’s capitol city. Below are just a few highlights. For more ideas and hotel info, check out https://www.traveljuneau.com/

**Mount Roberts Tramway**
The Goldbelt Mount Roberts Tramway is the only aerial tramway in southeast Alaska and is one of the most vertical tramways in the world, offering expansive views of Juneau and Gastineau Channel.
http://mountrobertstramway.com/

**Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center**
Come experience the splendor of Mendenhall Glacier at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center. Gaze upon blue icebergs floating in the water amidst reflections of Southeast Alaska’s magnificent Coast Mountains. Admission is free with a Federal Park Golden Eagle Pass.
http://www.alaska.org/detail/mendenhall-glacier-visitor-center

**Alaska State Museum**
The Museum’s collections include cultural materials from Alaska’s many native people as well as artifacts from the state’s Russian colonial eras, state and political history, fine art (including contemporary art), natural history, industry and trades.
http://museums.alaska.gov/asm/asmhome.html

**Alaska State Capitol**
Visitors can take a self-guided tour from the lobby. Inside are two murals that feature scenes of living off the land and ocean in Alaska, a way of life that is still practiced in Alaska — many politicians are career fishermen.
**Ferries**

**Skagway/Yukon Territory**
Enjoy a state ferry ride (or fly) from Juneau up to Skagway, and take the White Pass and Yukon Railway to Whitehorse to experience incredible scenery and history (passport required).
http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/

**Seattle Area to Juneau**
Prior to the meeting, take the State Ferry from Bellingham, Washington (about 90 miles outside Seattle) to Juneau.
http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/comm/bellingham.shtml

**Homer to Unalaska/Dutch Harbor**
Located in the heart of the Aleutian Island Chain, the journey to Unalaska/Dutch Harbor is one of the most exotic, remote, and truly “wild” adventures you will find in Alaska. The experience begins in Homer at the end of the Kenai Peninsula 237 miles south of Anchorage. The Alaska Marine Highway’s ocean going ferry, the M/V Tustumena, makes the seven-day round trip journey twice a month May-September.
http://alaskaferryvacations.com/Trip_Chain_Aleutians.htm

**Cruises**
An Alaskan cruise is a wonderful opportunity to see Alaska from all sides and experience beautiful geography and wildlife that you will see nowhere else. A cruise would be a great trip to incorporate into your arrival or your departure.

A popular option is to take a cruise from Vancouver to Whittier (about an hour outside Anchorage) which will show you the sights of the Inside Passage, Gulf of Alaska and Prince William Sound, but there are plenty of other cruises as well.

Please see the travel agent information on the following page for travel assistance or assistance with booking these longer trips.