

Homer, Alaska, USA

The 'Cosmic Hamlet by the Sea' at the end of the road — Homer dishes up world-class halibut fishing, sea otter sightings off the Spit docks, and floatplane flights to bear country.

Pier or tender (ship-size dependent)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

USD

English

Bear-viewing hub

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:

Arrive:

All aboard:

Excursion:

Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Deep Water Dock (mid-size ships); larger ships anchor & tender to Small Boat Harbor

Best For: Halibut fishing, bear-viewing flights, kayaking Kachemak Bay, local art galleries

Walk to Town: Spit shops 10-15 min walk from dock; downtown Homer ~4.5 miles (shuttle/taxi needed)

Don't Miss: Salty Dawg Saloon, sea otters at the boat harbor, Bishop's Beach tide pools

Getting around: **Taxi** \$15–\$25 one-way (estimated)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Bear Viewing Floatplane to Katmai or Lake Clark —** Homer's signature bucket-list experience: a floatplane hop to Katmai or Lake Clark National Park to watch massive brown...
 - Halibut Fishing Charter —** Homer is the Halibut Fishing Capital of the World.
 - Water Taxi to Halibut Cove —** Cross Kachemak Bay to Halibut Cove, a tiny artist enclave built on pilings over the
- water, reachable only by boat.

 - Kayaking Kachemak Bay State Park —** Take a water taxi across the bay and paddle through protected coves and kelp forests.
 - Homer Spit Boardwalk & Art Galleries —** The Spit's colorful boardwalks are lined with local artists' galleries, charter offices, and quirky boutiques.

BEST WALKS

- Homer Spit Stroll** ~1.5 miles one-way | Flat & paved | 30-45 min — Walk the length of the Spit from the dock area toward the Seafarer's Memorial and back.
- Bishop's Beach Tide Pool Walk** ~1 mile | Easy | Low tide best | Shuttle to downtown — Take the trolley or taxi to downtown and walk down to Bishop's Beach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	47°	32°	13d
Jun	60°	47°	13d
Aug	63°	49°	15d
Sep	57°	44°	17d
Oct	48°	35°	18d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:27AM–7:21PM · Jun 4:48AM–9:01PM · Aug 5:50AM–8:22PM · Sep 6:41AM–7:20PM · Oct 7:35AM–6:05PM

USD

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- The Spit is a wind tunnel. Temperatures in town may be 60°F, but the exposed dock end feels 15 degrees colder with wind chill. Always bring a windbreaker and layers.

Homer, Alaska, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 | Bishop's Beach | A sandy beach perfect for tide pooling and walking. | 2 | Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center (Islands and Ocean) | Learn about Alaska's marine wildlife and remote islands here. |
| 3 | Ptarmigan Arts | A cooperative gallery showcasing local Alaskan artists' works. | 4 | Karen Hornaday Park | A community park with playgrounds, picnic areas, and views. |
| 5 | Viewpoint Skyline Dr | A scenic viewpoint offering panoramic views of Kachemak Bay. | 6 | Wynn Nature Center - Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies | Explore coastal trails and learn about local ecology here. |
| 7 | Seafarer's Memorial | A memorial honoring those lost at sea from Homer. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |