

# Ketchikan, Alaska, USA

Alaska's 'First City' and totem-pole capital — a rainy rainforest port where Creek Street's historic boardwalk, floatplane wilderness, world-class salmon fishing, and Tlingit heritage all sit minutes from the dock.

Docked (4 downtown berths + Ward Cove)

Typical call: 7–10 hrs

US Dollar (USD)

Rainforest climate — waterproof everything

## MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:

Arrive:

All aboard:

Excursion:

Notes:

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Up to 5 berths (4 downtown, 1 at Ward Cove)

**Walk to center:** 0–10 min (downtown berths); free shuttle from Ward Cove

**Best For:** Totems · Flightseeing · Salmon fishing

**Don't Miss:** Creek Street boardwalk & Misty Fjords flightseeing

Getting around: **Taxi** .50 drop + ~/mile · **Rideshare** Uber, Lyft

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- Misty Fjords Flightseeing** — A floatplane soars over 3,000-ft granite cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and the volcanic spire of New Eddystone Rock...
- Saxman Village & Totem Bight** — Saxman is a living Tlingit village 2 miles south of town — two dozen totem poles, an active carving shed, and clan...
- Misty Fjords Catamaran Cruise** — A high-speed catamaran threads the same fjord at water level — glacially carved cliffs towering overhead, naturalists...
- Salmon & Halibut Fishing Charter** — Ketchikan earns its 'Salmon Capital of the World' title.
- Herring Cove Bear Viewing** — Late July through September, black bears crowd the Herring Cove creek mouth to intercept spawning salmon.

## BEST WALKS

- Creek Street Boardwalk** ~1 km · 30–45 min · easy · free — The iconic stilted walkway built over Ketchikan Creek — former red-light district, now galleries, shops, and the Dolly's House Museum.
- Downtown Totem & History Loop** ~2 km · 1–1.5 hrs · easy — Start at the Ketchikan Visitor Center, detour to the Tongass Historical Museum, continue to the Totem Heritage Center (admission ~\$6)...
- Deer Mountain Trail** ~8 km out-and-back · 4–5 hrs · strenuous — Switchbacks climb from near City Park through old-growth spruce into alpine terrain with sweeping views over Tongass Narrows and the...

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

**CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

|     | Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr |     | 49°  | 37° | 20d  |
| Jun |     | 61°  | 50° | 17d  |
| Aug |     | 65°  | 55° | 18d  |
| Sep |     | 59°  | 50° | 19d  |
| Oct |     | 51°  | 43° | 20d  |

**DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 5:41AM–7:52PM · Jun 4:04AM–9:29PM · Aug 5:21AM–8:19PM · Sep 6:20AM–7:01PM · Oct 7:18AM–5:45PM

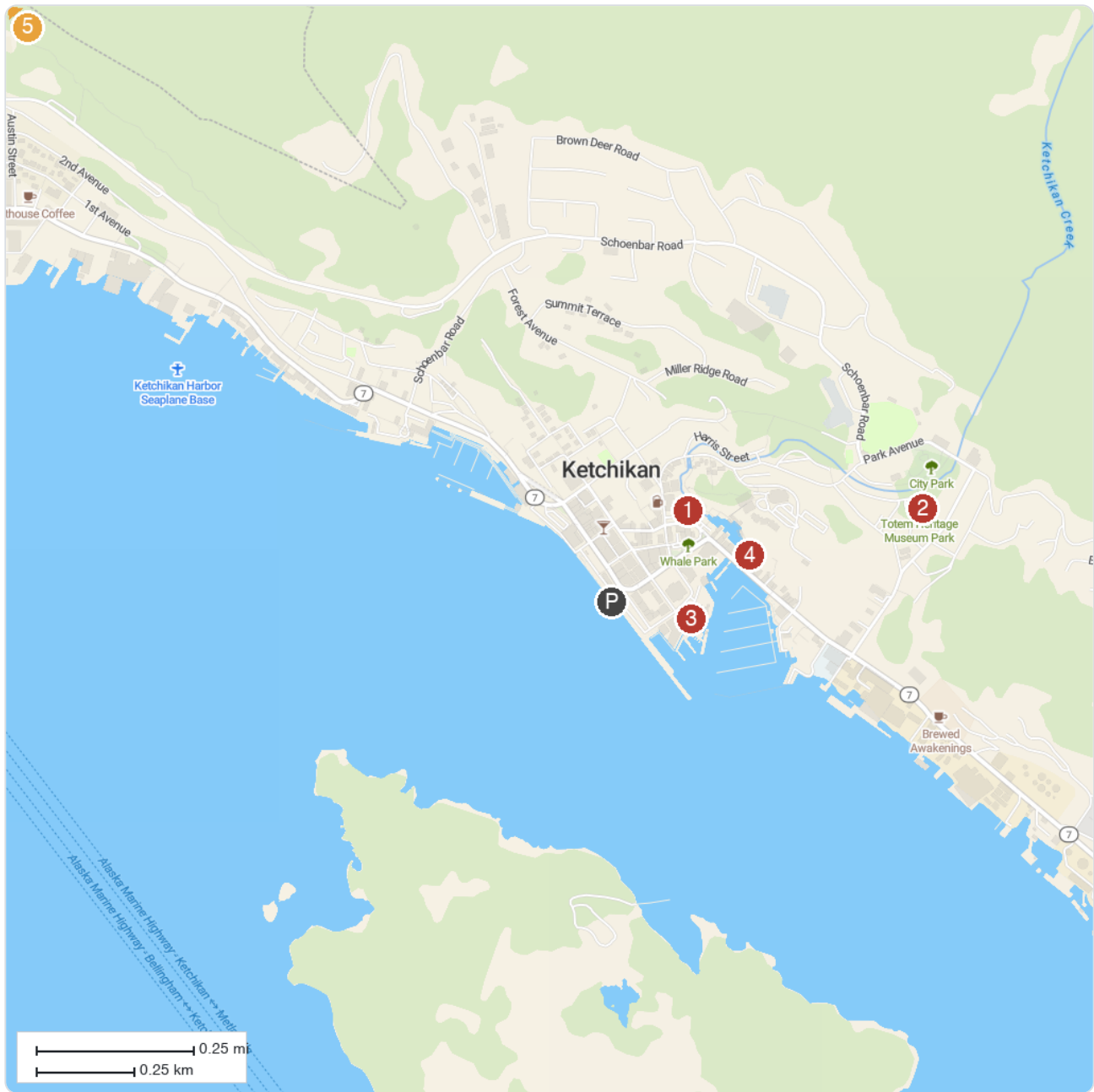
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## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

# Ketchikan, Alaska, USA — Port Map

[cruiseports.org](https://cruiseports.org)

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



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|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Tongass Historical Museum         | Museum showcasing Ketchikan's history and Native Alaskan culture.          | <b>2</b> Totem Heritage Center  | Preserves and displays ancient, authentic Native Alaskan totem poles. |
| <b>3</b> Great Alaskan Lumberjack Show     | Live outdoor show featuring competitive Alaskan lumberjack sports.         | <b>4</b> Dolly's House          | Historic former brothel, now a museum about Ketchikan's past.         |
| <b>5</b> Totem Bight State Historical Park | Outdoor park displaying restored and recreated Native Alaskan totem poles. | <b>P</b> Cruise port / terminal |                                                                       |