

Kupreanof Island, Southeast Alaska, USA

One of the Inside Passage's most authentic escapes — no souvenir shops, no crowds, just Tlingit history, towering old-growth forest, and black bears fishing the creeks. Small ships only.

Tender (anchor & skiff ashore)

Typical call: 5–7 hrs

USD

English / Tlingit

Small expedition ships only

🚤 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender / skiff — ships anchor; no large pier

Best For: Tlingit culture, bear viewing, wilderness hiking

Walk to center: Dock opens directly onto Kake village; totem pole ~5 min walk

Don't Miss: Kake's 132-ft totem pole & Gunnuk Creek bear platform

Getting around: **Taxi** From ~\$80/person · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Gunnuk Creek Bear Viewing** — Watch black bears fishing for salmon from a dedicated viewing platform at the old Gunnuk Creek Fish Hatchery.
 - Tlingit Cultural Experience at Keex' Kwaan Lodge** — Witness traditional Tlingit regalia and dance performances by the Keex' Kwaan dancers at the lodge.
- Kake's 132-Foot Totem Pole** — Standing 132 feet, this pole — raised in 1971 and long celebrated as the tallest totem pole carved by a Native carver...
 - Logging Road Exploration by Vehicle** — Over 120 miles of logging roads wind through Kupreanof Island's Tongass National Forest, offering access to mountain...
 - Tlingit Canoe Trip** — Paddle with local Tlingit guides in traditional-style canoes from near the cruise dock.

BEST WALKS

- Kake Village & Totem Pole Walk** 0.5 mi · Easy · 20–30 min — From the Kake dock, walk into the village to see Kake's 132-ft ceremonial totem pole, the historic Keku Cannery, and the Keex' Kwaan...
- Kake Waterfront & Eagle Watching** 0.5–1 mi · Easy · 30–45 min — Stroll the Kake waterfront along the inlet.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	46°	37°	18d
Jun	58°	49°	16d
Aug	61°	53°	17d
Sep	56°	48°	17d
Oct	48°	42°	18d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:46AM–8:06PM · Jun 4:01AM–9:51PM · Aug 5:24AM–8:34PM · Sep 6:27AM–7:12PM · Oct 7:30AM–5:51PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bear awareness is real: Black bears occasionally walk through Kake village. Walk in groups, make noise on trails, and follow your ship naturalist's guidance. No need for panic...
- Waterproof boots are essential: Southeast Alaska's temperate rainforest means rain is likely. Xtratufs or waterproof hiking boots are strongly recommended — trails and boardwalks