

Wrangell, Alaska, USA

One of Alaska's oldest and least-touristy ports, Wrangell punches well above its size: ancient petroglyphs at low tide, a living Tlingit tribal house, kid-sold garnets at the dock, and the chance to see brown bears fishing in a forested canyon.

Docked (city pier)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

USD

English

Wildlife-forward

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships tie up at Wrangell City Dock — steps from downtown, no tender

Best For: Authentic Alaska: petroglyphs, tribal culture, bears, river wilderness

Walk to center: 2 min on foot from dock to Front Street shops

Don't Miss: Petroglyph Beach at low tide and the garnets at the dock

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ \$10–\$15 · 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Anan Wildlife Observatory** — One of Alaska's premier bear-viewing spots, where black and brown bears congregate to feed on pink salmon in a forested creek canyon.
- Stikine River Jet Boat** — The Stikine is one of North America's fastest free-flowing rivers.
- Petroglyph Beach** — Over 40 ancient rock carvings — some 8,000 years old — are carved directly into boulders on a public beach accessible at low tide.
- Chief Shakes Island & Tribal House** — A small island in the harbor connected by a footbridge, home to a reconstructed Tlingit clan house and a collection of totem poles.
- LeConte Glacier Boat Tour** — LeConte is the southernmost tidewater glacier in North America.

BEST WALKS

- Downtown Heritage Loop** 1.5 miles · 45 min · Easy — From the city dock, walk along Front Street past local shops to Chief Shakes Island for totem poles and the tribal house.
- Petroglyph Beach Walk** 2 miles one-way · 45 min each way · Easy (flat road) — Head north along Evergreen Avenue from downtown to Petroglyph Beach State Historic Site.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		47°	34°	20d
Jun		62°	49°	19d
Aug		64°	54°	19d
Sep		59°	48°	19d
Oct		49°	40°	20d

DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY

Apr 5:41AM–7:58PM · Jun 3:59AM–9:41PM · Aug 5:20AM–8:26PM · Sep 6:22AM–7:05PM · Oct 7:23AM–5:46PM

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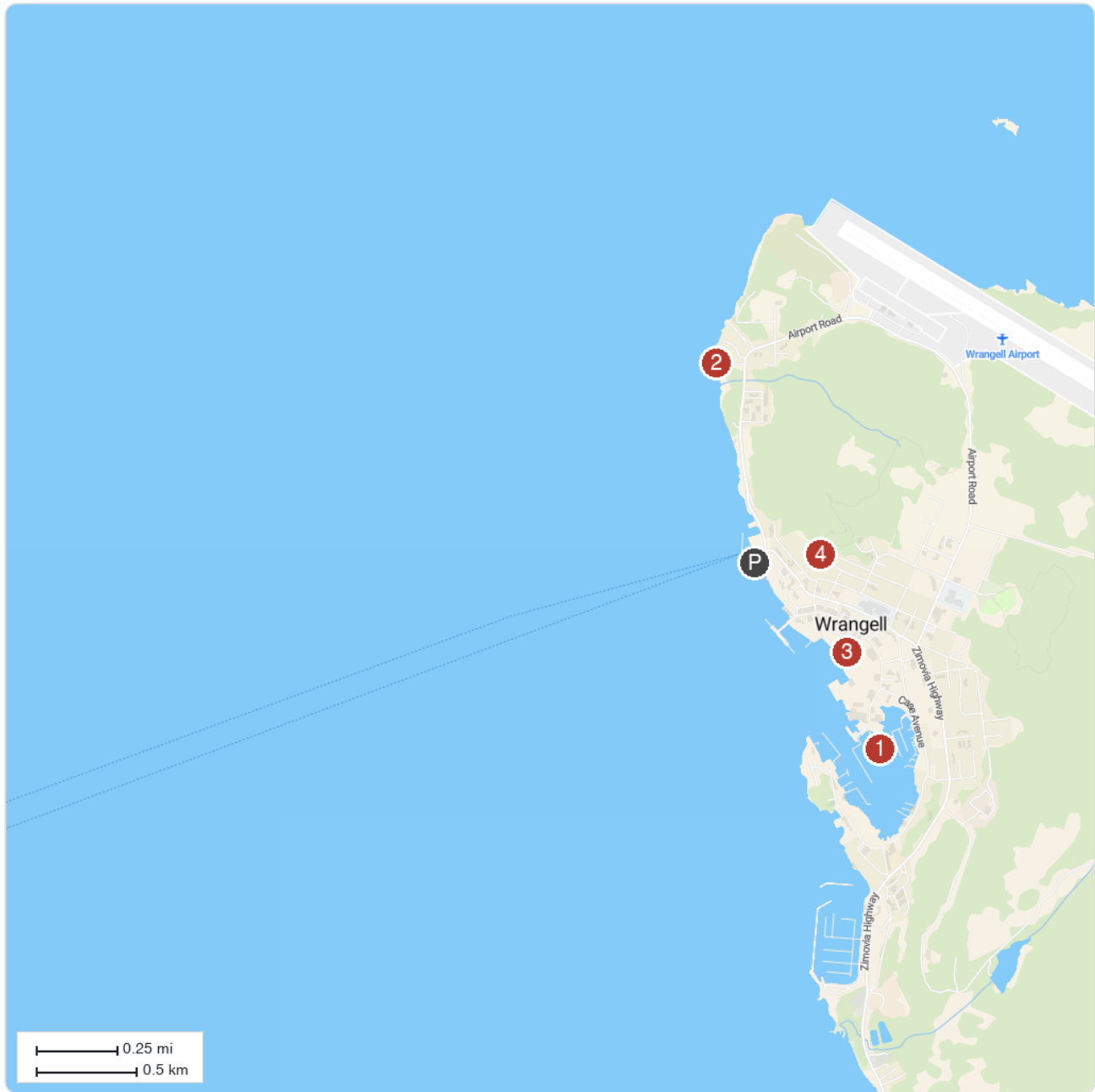
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Buy garnets at the dock. Local kids (and only local kids — it's tradition) sell semi-precious garnets mined from the nearby Garnet Ledge. A small bag costs a few dollars and makes a great keepsake.
- Check the tide for Petroglyph Beach. The carvings are easiest to see and photograph 1-2 hours either side of low tide. Ask at the visitor center for the day's tide chart.
- Anan permits fill up fast. The Forest Service caps daily visitor numbers at Anan. If Anan bear viewing is a priority, book a guided tour well in advance — ship-day spots go quickly.
- Wrangell is refreshingly un-touristy. There are no large jewelry stores or tourist traps here — just a genuine small Alaska town. The locals are friendly; the coffee shop and bakery on Front Street are worth a stop.
- Dress in layers. Southeast Alaska weather can shift quickly. A waterproof layer is essential even on sunny days, especially for boat and river excursions.

Wrangell, 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.



- 1 Chief Shakes Tribal House** A reconstructed Tlingit clan house on Chief Shakes Island in Wrangell's harbor, surrounded by totem poles.

- 3 Wrangell Museum** A local history museum covering Tlingit, Russian, British, and American eras of Wrangell's past.

- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Petroglyph Beach State Historic Park** A beach with dozens of ancient rock carvings, some estimated to be over 8,000 years old, viewable at low tide.

- 4 Mount Dewey Trail** A short forested hiking trail above town leading to a viewpoint overlooking Wrangell and the Zimovia Strait.