

WELCOME TO THE CITY OF

Anchorage is Alaska's big half of the state's entire population. A culturally rich city surrounded by Alaskan wilderness, Anchorage attracts adventurers. When you're in town, you'll see breathtaking views of mountains, moose strolling down the streets, and fishing among the skyscrapers.

In summer, you can count on temperatures between 55 and 78 degrees Fahrenheit (between 13 and 26 degrees Celsius). In winter though, temperatures drop to between 5 and 30 degrees Fahrenheit (-20 to 0 degrees Celsius). No wonder the Inupiat made their parka from sturdy caribou skin.

Experience some of what the city has inspired in books such as the award-winning *Black Star, Bright Dawn*; *Annie's Summer*; and the picture book *Chugach* by Christopher and Germaine Arnoux.

KEY FACTS	
STATE	ALASKA
NAMED FOR The anchorage (place where ships dock) at the mouth of Ship Creek	
FOUNDED IN 1914	
STATE POPULATION 738,432	
CITY POPULATION 298,695	
CITY AREA 1,705 square miles	
TALLEST BUILDING Conoco-Phillips Building 296-feet (22 stories)	



ANCHORAGE MUSEUM
On display here you'll find traditional Aleut headgear worn for kayak hunts; the type of hat was linked to the wearer's status.

FUR RENDEZVOUS FESTIVAL
This winter festival includes an ice-carving competition and a Mr. Fur Face Contest, awarding impressive beards!

CROW CREEK MINE
Pan for gold like the quarter-of-a-million prospectors who stampered the area in the 1880s

CONOCO-PHILLIPS BUILDING
The tallest building in the entire state is named for Alaska's largest producer of oil and gas.

OSCAR ANDERSON HOUSE MUSEUM
Oscar Anderson claimed to be the 18th non-native person to arrive in town. He built this wood-frame house in 1915.

STATE TROOPER MUSEUM
Discover the history of Alaska's law enforcers. Exhibits include antique handcuffs and leg irons, vintage radios, and a 1952 Hudson Hornet car.

FIRE ISLAND

ANCHORAGE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
is one of the world's busiest for cargo traffic.

EARTHQUAKE PARK
commemorates the tragic 1964 quake which caused an entire neighborhood to slip into the ocean.

SADLER'S CHALLENGE
The world's longest wheelchair and hand-cycle race runs 250 miles from Fairbanks to Anchorage.

BOTANICAL GARDEN
Every spring Anchorage explodes with colorful flowers, including fireweed, Nootka roses, and Himalayan blue poppies.

ALASKA WILD BERRY PRODUCTS
This seller of jams, jellies, and candies has a flagship store with an enormous chocolate waterfall.

HELLO! HALAUGIKPIÑ!

THE 20 STATE LANGUAGES
include Inupiaq, Siberian Yupik, Alutiiq, Tlingit, Haida, Tsimshian ... and English.

DENALI STAR
This train carries visitors to Denali National Park through stunning scenery.

TAX FREE
Anchorage is one of only five U.S. cities that does not have a sales tax.

ALASKA ZOO
is home to many native Alaskan animals, including Dall sheep, whose curly horns can grow 33 inches long!

TURNAGAIN ARM
This narrow inlet sees bore tides that can climb 10 feet tall, reaching speeds of 15 mph. Spot surfers and harbor seals riding the tide.

RED KING CRABS
These kings of the local fishing industry can live up to 30 years—and taste great with lemon and butter!

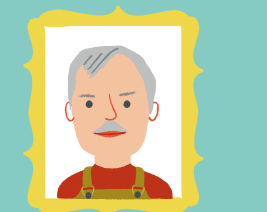
CHUGACH STATE PARK
Here you'll find wild fruit such as watermelon berries and crowberries. But avoid the white baneberry—it's poisonous!

BEAR BUSINESS
Grizzly bears have shorter ears and longer claws than black bears; you can find both in the areas around Anchorage.

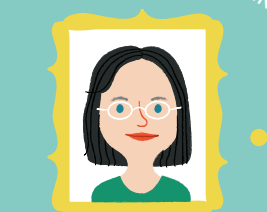
BELUGA POINT
is named for the white whales that swim these waters. Unlike many other whales, belugas have no dorsal fins.



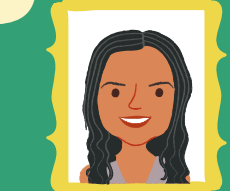
CALLAN CHYTHLOOK-SIFSOF
b.1989
This Yu'pik Inupiaq snowboarder was the first Alaskan native to compete in the Olympics.



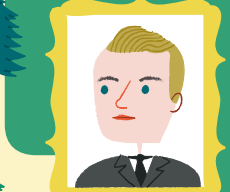
NATHAN JACKSON
b.1938
This Tlingit artist is best known for his carved totem poles.



ANN DIXON
b.19XX
A librarian and author, this winner of the National Outdoor Book Award is a champion of Alaskan literature.



IRENE BEDARD
b.1967
Anchorage-born, this actor with Inupiat and Yupik heritage was the voice of Disney's Pocahontas.



MICHAEL JAMES HENEY
1864-1910
This famous railway contractor built two Alaskan railroads over terrain once considered impassable.



SUSAN BUTCHER
1954-2006
The four-time winner of the Iditarod Sled Race is a member of the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame.