Ketchikan

ALASKA | CULTURE, CREEK STREET & WILDLIFE

Know your arrival point

Cruise ships use downtown berths or Ward Cove. Confirm your berth aboard. For Ward Cove, the port advises allowing at least 30 minutes to reach downtown for appointments; queues and an onward walk can add time. The shuttle arrives at Berth IV, about a 15-minute walk from the center. Check the last shuttle before leaving.

A downtown day

Explore Creek Street, the waterfront and local shops at your pace. Salmon viewing is seasonal. The Totem Heritage Center preserves local carving traditions; check its seasonal opening hours and admission. Respect Indigenous cultural sites and follow site guidance.

Choose one main excursion

Options include Saxman Native Village, Totem Bight State Historical Park, Misty Fjords sightseeing, kayaking or a wildlife tour. Confirm the operator, duration, access and return arrangements. Mendenhall Glacier and the Alaska State Capitol are in Juneau; they are not Ketchikan port-day stops.

Weather and return

Carry waterproof layers and suitable shoes. Wildlife sightings are never guaranteed; keep your distance and never feed animals. Flightseeing depends on weather. Choose an outing that fits your actual time ashore, allowing for shuttle queues and a generous return buffer.

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https://wardcoveak.com/schedules/
https://www.ketchikan.gov/maps/location/TotemHeritageCenter

Confirm sailing-day transport, access, conditions and ship times. This guide is not for navigation.