Skagway

ALASKA | GOLD RUSH HISTORY & OUTDOORS

Getting ashore

Confirm your berth and port access instructions aboard. Dock access and shuttle arrangements vary. Broadway and the Klondike Gold Rush visitor center are in the historic district; do not assume the same walking distance from every berth.

A historic-town day

Explore Broadway, Gold Rush-era buildings, shops and the visitor center. Ask rangers about current programs and local trail conditions. White Pass & Yukon Route offers scenic rail trips; book the specific route and check meeting and return arrangements. Some excursions enter Canada and require appropriate travel documents.

Choose a suitable hike

Dewey Lakes trails begin close to town but involve climbing and rough terrain. Yakutania Point is reached via the footbridge west of the historic district. The Gold Rush Cemetery and Lower Reid Falls area is about a 1.5-mile walk from the visitor center. Dyea is a separate outing requiring transport; check Chilkoot Trail access before planning a hike.

Before returning

Choose downtown or one suitable outing for a short call. For a longer call, pick a main rail trip, guided visit or hike and add town time only if it fits. Confirm current SMART services and fares. Wear traction shoes, carry rain layers and allow a generous dock-transfer and return buffer.

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https://www.nps.gov/klgo/planyourvisit/hiking.htm
https://www.nps.gov/klgo/planyourvisit/shorterdayhikes.htm

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