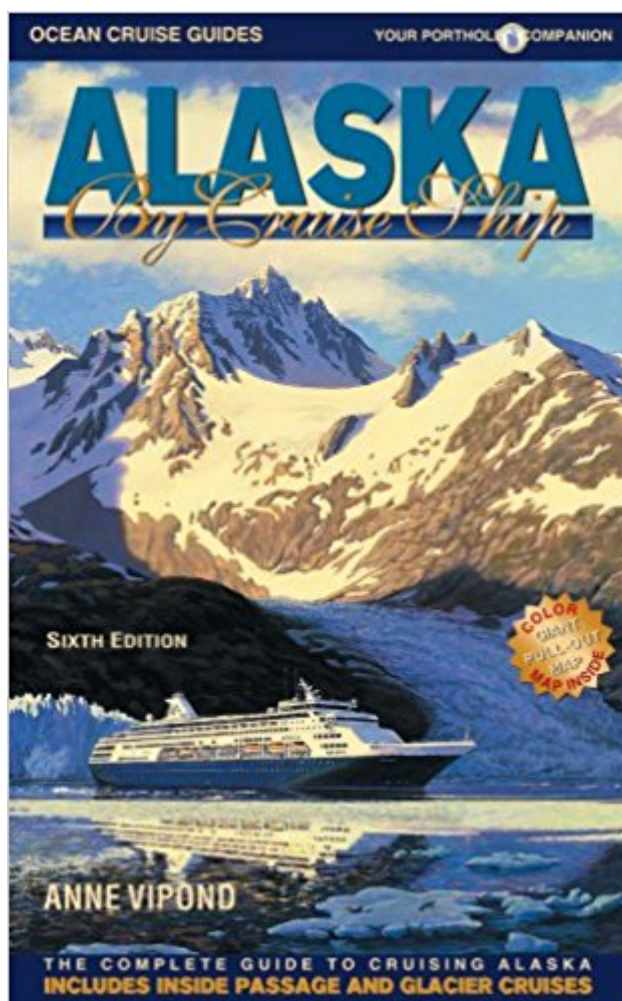


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Alaska By Cruise Ship: The Complete Guide To Cruising Alaska With Giant Pull-out Map (6th Edition)



Synopsis

The new sixth edition of Alaska By Cruise Ship has been completely updated with new attractions and shore excursions for cruisers to this beautiful state. Over 400 color photographs and dozens of color maps support the narrative describing this exciting cruise. Comes with a large color pull-out map with inside page references and a mile-by-mile locator system showing distances traveled. All base ports and ports of call of an Alaska cruise are included with comprehensive shore excursion information (with port walking maps) and land tour options for each stop. Extensive detail on history, wildlife, native culture and natural phenomena also are included as well as hiking tips and trail locations. A detailed chapter deals with the diverse wildlife and also includes a special full-page map to help you locate and identify the different species of whales. Covers details of ports from Seattle to Fairbanks and beyond and draws on authorities from the Universities of Alaska and British Columbia.

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Customer Reviews

"With her crisp writing and in-depth reporting, she's created a terrific guide book on Alaska. " --
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Alaska by Cruise Ship remains the number one source across North America for travel agents and travelers going to cruising to Alaska. This is such a good cruise to take, it makes good sense to take along this highly ranked guidebook .

How seriously can you consider a travel guide that includes uncritical language throughout: e.g. "Cruise ships are well known for providing passengers with impeccable service and excellent cuisine." The advice on shore excursions appears copied from the brochures from the rack at the Holiday Inn. The history of the area is easily found elsewhere, and not in third grade concepts. Not a single useful item in the entire book. Avoid it.

This book does not provide any more information than could be found in brochures at the ship's guest relations desk. It doesn't offer any interesting alternatives to shore excursions and fails to mention the drawbacks of places listed. Here are two examples. First, Vipond says it is a must to take the White Pass & Yukon Route train in Skagway. Tickets cost over \$100.00 per person. Vipond doesn't mention, however, that you can rent a car in Skagway for about \$125.00 and drive almost the same route and have the chance to get out and take pictures. There is an Internet guide describing this route and you can download it for a price. Next, Vipond mentions Totem Bight State Park in Ketchikan and says there is a bus that takes you there for \$2.00. That's true, but Vipond doesn't mention that between waiting for the bus to and from the park and time spent at the park itself, you will have spent 2 and 1/2 hours to see about 12 totem poles in 15 minutes. My kids would've rather have taken the duck tour in Ketchikan, which of course Vipond failed to mention. If it wasn't for the map and the historical and wildlife sections, I'd have given this book 1 star.

My husband and I went to Alaska on our honeymoon last summer. I referenced this book prior to our trip, as well as during the trip. It was very helpful to see the pictures and know what to expect. Of course, you can get all this information in free brochures if you'd like, but I found it very helpful to have it all condensed into one reference. I actually used both this book and brochures, and I was completely prepared. Our cruise was a 7-day Inside Passage from Vancouver, and this book covered all of our stops. I even enjoy looking through it now and seeing the pictures of where we went.

If you are planning an Alaskan Cruise this is the book to get. I wish I'd had it before signing up for the cruise - I would have picked one that stopped at some of the cities that our cruise won't be stopping at. The book does a great job of talking about cruises in general without giving too much attention to any one cruise line. The book was real handy in choosing which shore excursions to take. If you're taking a cruise to Alaska, this book is much more handy than the Eyewitness Guide Book for Alaska which only covers on-land sightseeing.

Outstanding book

This is one of the few guides I could find that talks about the areas related to cruising in a succinct way. It appears that any trip that you could take on an Alaskan cruise will be mentioned in here.

There is a nice section on British Columbia as well that was very helpful

Love this book, it will make our Alaskan cruise much more enjoyable. Before we got this book we were overwhelmed with the 89 excursions available through our cruise with only 3 port days.

You can find this book at just about any bookstore. What I really liked is the foldout map of the region that's included inside the back cover. We could track where we were from our cabin.

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