



Alaska spills over with breathtaking sights you won't find anywhere else: the crystalline blue of glacier ice, brown bears snatching salmon from a stream, the [northern lights](#) dancing overhead, and 20,310 foot tall [Denali](#), the highest peak in North America, to name just a few.

The question isn't whether you'll see something life-changing here—it's a given—but which type of sights you'll choose. It might help to narrow your choices down to a few categories: urban sightseeing options cover [local food](#), [history](#), and [culture](#) in Alaska cities like [Anchorage](#), [Fairbanks](#), [Juneau](#), [Sitka](#), and [Ketchikan](#). [Day tours](#) tend to focus on wildlife viewing and seeing as much of Alaska's glorious landscape as possible, whether you're traveling by [boat](#), [motorcoach](#), all-terrain vehicle, or horseback. [Train tours](#) and [flightseeing](#) on small planes or helicopters are popular ways to see Alaska's vast terrain.

And you don't just have to see the sights – you can also experience them in interactive sight-seeing trips. [Pan for gold](#) as you learn about Alaska's rich gold mining history. Learn the ins and outs of [dog mushing](#) as you climb aboard a dog sled or cart for a thrilling ride. Or, capture the shot of a lifetime on a [photography tour](#).

Shaped by the staggering force of massive glaciers millions of years ago, Alaska's Inside Passage boasts wildlife-filled fjords and lush island scenery — habitat for bald eagles, sea lions, porpoises and whales. Its mountains are carpeted with majestic forests.



WHEN ALL ROYAL CARIBBEAN SHIPS WILL SAIL AGAIN

Every Royal Caribbean cruise ship will be back in service by spring 2022 the cruise line announced. Cruise ship homeports and starting dates are as follows:

Oasis of the Seas will sail seven-night Bahamas cruises from Cape Liberty, New Jersey, starting September 5; and seven night Eastern and Western Caribbean itineraries from the Cruise Capital of the World, PortMiami, beginning in November.

Liberty of the Seas will sail seven-night Western Caribbean cruises from Galveston, Texas, starting on October 3.

Serenade of the Seas will sail four- and five-night Western Caribbean cruises from Tampa, Florida, starting October 16; and seven night Caribbean itineraries, beginning in December.

Explorer of the Seas will sail seven-night Southern Caribbean sailings from San Juan, Puerto Rico, starting on November 7.

Navigator of the Seas will sail three-, four-, and five-night Catalina Island, California, and Ensenada and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico cruises from Los Angeles, beginning on November 19.

Grandeur of the Seas will sail week long and two week long Southern Caribbean sailings from Bridgetown, Barbados, starting on December 5.

Ovation of the Seas will offer two-to-10-night domestic itineraries in Australia from Sydney, beginning on December 13.

Brilliance of the Seas will sail four- and five-night Bahamas and Western Caribbean cruises from Tampa, starting on December 16.

Enchantment of the Seas will sail eight-night Bahamas sailings, and select 12-night cruises to the Southern Caribbean from Baltimore, starting on December 23.

Vision of the Seas will sail 10/11 night Southern Caribbean itineraries from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, beginning on January 24, 2022.

Voyager of the Seas will offer seven and nine-night cruises in Northern Europe from Barcelona, Spain, starting on April 15, 2022.

Radiance of the Seas will sail seven-night Alaska sailings from Vancouver, Canada, beginning on April 29, 2022.

Rhapsody of the Seas will sail seven-night Mediterranean and Greek Isles itineraries, sailing from Rome starting on May 23, 2022.

Royal Caribbean is in ongoing discussions with multiple national, state and local health and government authorities around the world regarding the various requirements for all upcoming sailings.

Independent of the port of departure, the cruise line will continue to follow the guidelines as recommended by health experts, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Health and safety measures will be evaluated as public health circumstances evolve, and guests will be notified of updates.

STAR WARS GALACTIC STARCRUISER

A 2-NIGHT ADVENTURE

STARTING FROM:

2 GUESTS PER CABIN

\$ 1,209

Per Guest Per Night

or \$ 4,809
Voyage Total

3 GUESTS PER CABIN

(2 ADULTS, 1 CHILD)

\$ 889

Per Guest Per Night

or \$ 5,299
Voyage Total

4 GUESTS PER CABIN

(3 ADULTS, 1 CHILD)

\$ 749

Per Guest Per Night

or \$ 5,999
Voyage Total

Summery Herbed Tuna Pasta Salad

~~Kosher salt~~ and freshly ground black pepper

1/3 cup olive oil

2 tablespoons white wine vinegar

1 small shallot, minced

1 cup trimmed, chopped green beans

8 ounces dried farfalle

One 5-ounce can solid white tuna, preferably
~~packed in olive oil~~, drained

~~1/2 cup torn~~ fresh basil leaves

1/2 cup shredded carrots

1/4 cup thinly sliced celery

1/4 cup thinly sliced fresh chives

2 medium vine-ripe tomatoes, chopped



Directions

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil.

Whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, shallot, 1/2 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper in a large bowl.

Cook the green beans in the boiling water until crisp-tender, 3 to 4 minutes. Transfer the beans to a colander with a slotted spoon and run under cold water to stop the cooking process. Add them to the bowl with the dressing.

Add the pasta to the boiling water and cook according to the package directions. Drain and rinse under cold water to cool; add to the bowl.

Add the tuna, basil, carrots, celery, chives and tomatoes to the bowl and toss to combine. Season with salt and pepper. The pasta salad is best if served right away.

Canada Is Finally Reopening to Americans. Here's Where You Should Go First

Oh, Canada! How we missed you.

We have good news, Americans: You'll be allowed to visit Canada very soon. After 17 long months of being closed to non-essential travel, the world's longest land border is set to reopen at last.

As of August 9, fully-vaccinated Americans will be able to visit Canada without having to quarantine for two weeks, as reported by [CBC](#). The land border will reopen and international flights will be allowed into Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver, Montreal, Halifax, Ottawa, Winnipeg, and Edmonton. Travelers from all other countries can enter as of September 7.

If you aren't vaccinated or have only one shot of a vaccine that requires two, you'll still need to quarantine for 14 days, though you won't be required to stay three days in a hotel as previously mandated.

Canada is ridiculously beautiful as well as unbelievably massive, so there's a lot to know before you go hang out with our good friends in the Great White North. Here's what to expect from Canada's official reopening, plus what to do across the country between bites of poutine.

How to get into Canada

To enter, you'll need to provide travel details and proof of full vaccination with one of four approved vaccines—Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, or Johnson & Johnson—via the online portal [ArriveCAN](#). If approved, you'll be permitted entry to Canada. Get more info [here](#).

Keep in mind that you may be tested again when you arrive, but only if you're randomly selected. If chosen, you'll need to give authorities a contingency plan for where you'd quarantine for two weeks, even if you ultimately test negative and it's deemed unrequired.

If you're flying back to the US, remember that you'll need a negative test taken within three days of your return trip to reenter the country. If you're taking a car, you're all good: the CDC [doesn't require](#) those driving to provide a negative test to reenter. Hassle-free road trip, anyone?

Current restrictions to know

Canada's Covid-19 restrictions vary from coast to coast but are generally relaxed at this point. For instance, in Quebec you can eat in a restaurant, check out museums, and go shopping; bars are also open, though they have to stop serving booze at midnight instead of the usual 3 am. In Ontario, you can dance to your heart's content in a club, but masks are still required and there are capacity limits. You'll need to sign up for a [PEI Pass](#) before you're allowed entry to Prince Edward Island, while in British Columbia, you don't need to wear a mask if you're fully vaccinated.

Norwegian Cruise Line Restarts US Operations



The brand's newest ship, *Norwegian Encore*, set sail from Seattle on August 7, 2021 for its first season of voyages to Alaska. Adding to the milestone moment, *Norwegian Encore* became the first in the industry to berth at the new **Wilderness Landing** pier at Icy Strait Point, which was built in partnership between NCL's parent company **Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. (NCLH)** and **Huna Totem Corporation**, the village corporation owned by approximately 1,400 Alaska Native shareholders with aboriginal ties to **Hoonah** and the **Glacier Bay** area. Icy Strait Point is a wholly owned and operated subsidiary of Huna Totem Corporation.

On Tuesday, August 10, 2021, a double ribbon cutting ceremony took place to officially open the new Wilderness Landing pier and the first of two gondola systems to be completed as part of the joint investment between NCLH and Huna Totem. A vehicle-free zone, the new Wilderness Landing provides additional forest and beach areas for visitors to explore the destination. With the opening of the new high-speed **Transporter Gondola**, guests have easy access to Icy Strait Point's first pier, **Adventure Landing**, where the **Historic Salmon Cannery**, dating back to 1912, and other local attractions are located. Once completed later this summer, the **Mountain Top Gondola** will take guests to the top of **Hoonah Mountain** at 1,600 feet of elevation, where miles of new hiking trails and scenic vistas await.

Beyond the 23,040 acres of private beach and temperate rainforest to explore, Icy Strait Point offers guests the most accessible coastal brown bear viewing platforms in Southeast Alaska, whale watching, kayaking and the world's largest **ZipRider** zip line. Located just a mile from the Alaska native community of Hoonah, travelers also have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the local culture with exposure to native traditions and dances, oral histories and cooking classes.

Later this week, *Norwegian Encore* will make its first calls to **Juneau** and **Ketchikan**, before returning to Seattle and continuing its season of week-long voyages to Alaska through October 16, 2021.

Norwegian Cruise Line recently restarted its cruise operations on July 25, 2021 following a more than 500-day suspension, with *Norwegian Jade* launching seven-day itineraries to the **Greek Isles**. The fleetwide redeployment will continue in partnership with local governments and are guided by company's "**SailSAFE**" health and safety program, which at its cornerstone includes that all crew and guests must be fully vaccinated to embark for voyages through October 31, 2021.



Hotel Xcaret Arte is Grupo Xcaret's new hotel overlooking the Caribbean Sea. It has 900 Adults Only suites and an All-Fun Inclusive concept with these benefits:

- Unlimited access to Grupo Xcaret's parks (Xcaret, Xel-Há, Xplor, Xplor Fuego, Xenses, Xoximilco, Xavage and Xenotes), dining experiences and round-trip transportation to Cancun's International Airport (CUN).