

Go Alaska!

1. I think Alaska is the best place in the world for a holiday. Everyone just has to visit Alaska at least once. There is no other place like Alaska. It is wonderful, different and exciting. I love it and I know you will too.
2. Just imagine being on a beautifully comfortable ship as you make your way slowly into Glacier Bay, Alaska. As you enter this very special wilderness area, it's easy to think no-one has ever been there before. There's just water and snow, silence and great peace. What a rare, magical place!
3. As you glide further into the bay, the sea water looks thicker and you can see it's full of ice. These tiny icebergs multiply and grow. Then you realise why it's so quiet. Everyone is out on deck with you in the cold. But they're all very quiet, just staring at the water in wonder or whispering softly. Then someone sees a bird, a whale, a seal or a bear with its cubs on the shore. Suddenly, everyone is pointing and they're all talking at once. I know you'd just love seeing some of these rare and wonderful animals of Alaska too.
4. The ship slows until you're hardly moving through water that's thick with ice. Then more magic, a glacier! Everyone on the ship gasps as they watch a huge piece of ice break off the moving glacier and splash into the water. Holding their cameras, they stand and stare. They're all just watching and waiting for it to happen again.
5. The people in Alaska are friendly. They welcome the visitors who start coming into their towns every spring. Things have been very quiet for them during their long, frozen winter. It's not easy living with snow and ice. But when you hear about the gold rushes of the past, you understand how much harder life must have been for those miners. They had to walk through the icy mountain passes carrying everything they needed to live there and to dig for gold.
6. So, do all you can to visit Alaska. You'll enjoy this beautiful place, its delightful parks and its plants and animals, its exciting history and its friendly people.
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