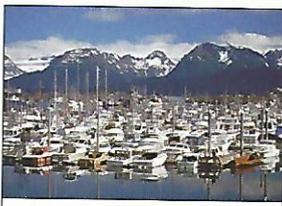




Kodiak Island The island is best known as the home of the Kodiak bears; the world's largest carnivorous land animals can weigh up to 500 kilograms.



Kenai Peninsula The peninsula stretches 200 kilometers into the Gulf of Alaska and encompasses an extensive system of lakes.



Homer The small port city at the end of Highway 1 on the Kenai Peninsula is a popular destination for recreational fishermen.



Denali National Park Snow and glacier covered, 6,194-meter-high Mount McKinley rises in the center of the 24,000-km² national park. The park is home to 430 flower species as well as grizzlies, caribou, and elk.



Anchorage Almost half of Alaska's residents live in the state's largest city and Anchorage has the eighth largest airport in the United States. Planes are an important method of transportation throughout the state and many Alaskans own private planes.

Chena Hot Springs This small resort town is situated 100 kilometers east of Fairbanks in the middle of the Chena River Valley. A small road off the Steese Highway leads to the hot springs, which remain open throughout the year. The area around Chena Hot Springs also has a large black bear population.



Portage Glacier The glacier is located south of Anchorage and stretches into Portage Lake. Shimmering blue and oddly formed, icebergs float beneath the green mountains around the lake.



Wrangell-St. Elias National Park The park encompasses two mountain ranges: the volcanic Wrangell Mountains and the St. Elias Mountains including 5,489-meter-high Mount St. Elias.



Kluane National Park The park in the Yukon Territory extends around Mt. Logan (5,959 m) and features enormous glacier fields and tundra vegetation as well as grizzlies, black bears, wolves, caribou, and elks.



Glacier Bay National Park The major attractions in this national park are the 16 glaciers that descend into 100-kilometer-long Glacier Bay. No roads lead into the park and the area is best reached by plane.



Mendenhall Glacier The glacier, situated 20 kilometers north of Alaska's capital city, is part of the enormous - almost 10,000-km² - Juneau Icefield. The tip of the glacier descends into Mendenhall Lake. A series of hiking trails stretch through this beautiful scenic area.



Haines The Native American communities in and around this town are well known for their beautiful traditional totem poles.

