The Top Seven Tourist Attractions in Anchorage

Prince William Sound Glacier Cruises

Accessed from Whittier, 60 miles south of Anchorage, Prince William Sound day cruises offer abundant glacier viewing in a more protected area with generally calmer seas. Wildlife is often encountered such as sea otters, whales, sea birds and seals basking on floating icebergs.

www.26glaciers.com

www.majormarine.com

Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, Portage

The Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center is a nonprofit organization that takes in orphaned and injured animals from the wild. Drive the 1.5 mile loop, or spend your time walking through the 200 acres for an up-close look at black and brown bears, moose, wood bison, elk, lynx, caribou and musk ox. www.alaskawildlife.org.

• Alyeska Resort Tram Ride and Dinner, Girdwood

Take a journey on the 60-passenger Alyeska Aerial Tram to 2,300 feet above sea level for breathtaking glacier, mountain and water views. Dine at the mountaintop AAA Four Diamond Award winner Seven Glaciers Restaurant, offering dinner daily in the summer. www.alyeskaresort.com

• Alaska Railroad Train Ride

Hop on board the Alaska Railroad. Trains depart north and south every day from Anchorage to Seward, Whittier, Talkeetna, Denali National Park and Fairbanks. Take the Alaska Railroad Whistle Stop to Spencer Glacier for a ranger hike, or glacier float trip on the Placer River. www.alaskarailroad.com

Alaska Native Heritage Center

Get to know Alaska's first people at the <u>Alaska Native Heritage Center</u>. This renowned facility shares the heritage of Alaska's 11 major cultures. Visitors experience Alaska Native cultures firsthand through stories, dance and more. www.alaskanative.net

Downtown Trolley

<u>Anchorage City Trolley Tours</u> roll on a narrated approximately 1-hour loop from downtown to Ship Creek, through the Turnagain neighborhood to Earthquake Park, to the world's busiest floatplane base at Lake Hood. Board the red trolley downtown at Fourth and F Street

• Anchorage Museum

The Anchorage Museum houses a trove of Alaska art, history, science and Alaska Native artifacts in the Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center, Imaginarium Discovery Center and Thomas Planetarium. The Alaska Gallery's timeline of Alaska history includes a twisted girder from the '64 quake and a cross-section of the Trans-Alaska pipeline.

www.anchoragemuseum.org