

Travel Resources

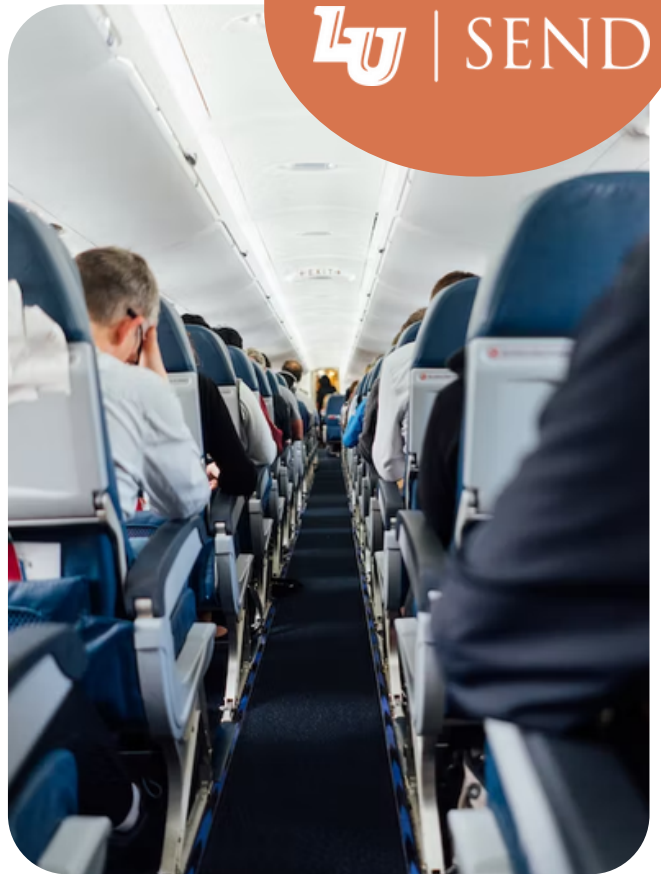
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CURRENCY & CREDIT CARDS

In Alaska, the official and widely accepted currency is the United States Dollar (USD). The U.S. Dollar is the legal tender used for all transactions in the state, similar to the broader United States. Alaska, being one of the 50 states, uses the same currency as the rest of the country. In Alaska, the official and widely accepted currency is the United States Dollar (USD). The U.S. Dollar is the legal tender used for all transactions in the state, similar to the broader United States. Alaska, being one of the 50 states, uses the same currency as the rest of the country.

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**“WHEREVER YOU GO
BECOMES A PART OF YOU
SOMEHOW.”**

- Anita Desai



VAT

In the United States, including Alaska, the concept of Value-Added Tax (VAT) is not utilized. Instead, the U.S. employs a sales tax system, which varies by state and locality. Alaska, in particular, is known for its unique approach to taxation. It does not have a statewide sales tax, and as a result, the price you see on an item is generally the price you pay, without any additional sales tax.

INTERNET ACCESS

When traveling in Alaska, especially in more populated areas and urban centers, you can generally expect hotels and transportation services, such as buses, to have access to the internet. Many accommodations and transportation providers offer Wi-Fi connectivity as part of their services. However, it's essential to note that the availability and quality of internet access can vary, particularly in more remote or rural areas.

CELL PHONE USAGE

When traveling to Alaska, it's essential to consider your mobile phone usage and any potential additional costs associated with international or out-of-network usage, although Alaska is part of the United States. While Alaska is not a separate country, its remote and vast landscapes can impact cellular coverage, and certain carriers may treat it differently due to its unique geography.

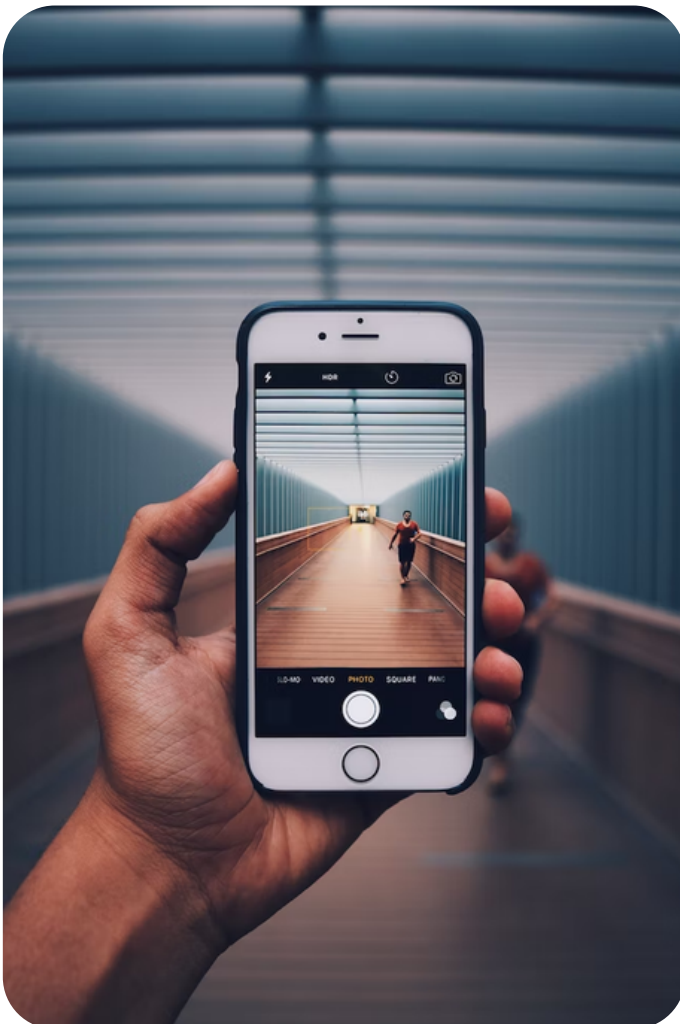
VACCINATIONS

We recommend using resources such as the Center for Disease Control as you consult with your home doctor or other trusted medical sources, in order to make the best possible decision regarding your health. If you reside in the Central Virginia Region, below are local medical offices that you may consider consulting. Keep in mind some vaccinations require a minimum amount of time to take effect before entering another country. Communicate when and where you will be traveling.

Lynchburg Health Department
(434) 947-6785
1900 Thomson Dr. Lynchburg,
24501

Rustburg Family Pharmacy
(434) 332-1730
925 Village Hwy Suite B. Box 1005
Rustburg, VA 24588

Liberty University Health Center
(434) 338-7774
Commons 3 1606 Regents Pkwy

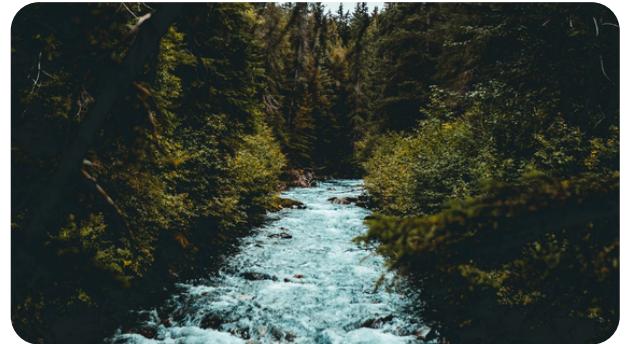


MEALS

Traditional Alaskan cuisine is deeply rooted in the state's rich cultural and natural heritage, featuring a diverse array of flavors that reflect the bounty of its land and waters. In Alaska, a unique combination of indigenous traditions and influences from various immigrant communities has shaped its culinary landscape.

FOOD & DRINK SUGGESTIONS

- **Wild Salmon:** Alaska is famous for its wild salmon, including varieties like king (chinook), sockeye, coho, and pink salmon. Salmon is prepared in various ways, including grilling, smoking, and curing.
- **Halibut Cheeks:** Halibut fishing is a significant industry in Alaska, and halibut cheeks are considered a delicacy. These tender portions are often sautéed or deep-fried.
- **Reindeer Sausage:** In some parts of Alaska, particularly in areas with a strong Native influence, reindeer sausage is a popular dish. It's often grilled and served with mustard or in stews and casseroles.
- **King Crab Legs:** Alaska is renowned for its king crab, and the sweet, succulent meat from these massive crabs is often enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. Crab legs are typically boiled or steamed and served with melted butter.



*We will try our best to provide a variety of food options for meals but cannot accommodate every dietary preference. For daily touring, it is highly encouraged to bring your own snacks if you believe you will get hungry during the day. Touring will be on a tight schedule, and it's always a good idea to have a snack if we find ourselves running overtime at lunch.

FUN FACTS!

- **Largest State:** Alaska is the largest state in the United States by area, covering over 663,000 square miles. Despite its size, it is the third-least populous state, with much of its land being wilderness.
- **Midnight Sun:** In certain parts of Alaska, particularly above the Arctic Circle during the summer months, the sun doesn't set for an extended period. This phenomenon is known as the "midnight sun."
- **Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis):** Alaska is one of the best places in the world to witness the mesmerizing Northern Lights. The aurora displays are particularly vibrant in the winter months.
- **Denali:** Denali, formerly known as Mount McKinley, is the highest peak in North America, standing at 20,310 feet (6,194 meters). It is located in Denali National Park and Preserve.
- **Glaciers:** Alaska is home to more than 100,000 glaciers, covering about 29,000 square miles. The state's glaciers are a significant part of its landscape, and some, like the Mendenhall Glacier, are easily accessible for visitors.
- **Wildlife Diversity:** Alaska boasts a diverse range of wildlife, including moose, bears (brown, black, and polar), caribou, wolves, and marine life such as whales, seals, and sea lions.
- **State Sport:** Dog mushing is the official state sport of Alaska. The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, one of the most famous sled dog races in the world, takes place annually, covering a challenging route across the state.
- **More Coastline than the Rest of the U.S. Combined:** Alaska has a vast and intricate coastline, stretching over 6,600 miles. Its coastal areas are teeming with marine life and provide stunning landscapes.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Lonely Planet – A helpful guide to understanding culture, travel tips, and additional insights.