



Travel Information Petersburg to Sitka/Sitka to Petersburg on MV *Westward*

General trip information

Your trip will begin in Petersburg or Sitka, depending on which departure you are on (check your trip booking to confirm your date and departure port). Travel to/from Petersburg or Sitka is usually booked to/from Seattle on Alaska Air (www.alaskaair.com).

You may also choose to use the Alaska Marine Highway System (State Ferry System) which has weekly arrivals from Bellingham, WA and Prince Rupert, B.C. Go to www.alaska.gov/ferry for their schedule and fare information.

We recommend that you arrive a day prior to the cruise departure date to insure that you will not miss the boat.

Finding the MV *Westward*

Petersburg: *Westward* will be moored in the North or South Harbor. Call the Petersburg Harbor Master at 907.772.4688, or the boat at 360.298.1661 to confirm the moorage location.

Sitka: Please call either the Sitka Harbor Master at 907.747.3439, or the boat at 360.298.1661 to determine where *Westward* is moored.

When to meet the boat

Petersburg: We welcome guests aboard at 12:30, hoping to cast off by 1:00 pm. After boarding, we will help you get your luggage into your cabin. Following a safety orientation, we will get underway. After leaving port, we will serve a full lunch and give brief introductions to the workings of the boat and an overview of the voyage ahead.

Sitka: We welcome you aboard at 10:00 am. After boarding and stowing luggage, we will take the time to visit a few historic sites in town and eat lunch at a local restaurant. Returning to *Westward* by mid-afternoon and cast off. After leaving port, we will give a safety orientation and give brief introductions to the working of the boat and an overview of the voyage ahead.

If you miss the boat

Call our office at 360.378.7123 as soon as it becomes obvious that you will be late. If there is no answer, leave a message. If you cannot leave a return number, call again in one hour. The best way to catch up to the boat is via float plane. Air taxi services are available as follows:

- Petersburg: Pacific Wings 907.772.4258 or Nordic Air 907.772.3535
- Sitka: Harris Air 877.966.3050

The call sign for the *Westward* is WDD 4133. Your pilot will need our call sign to contact the boat. If your luggage is delayed, it can be delivered to the boat. Speak to the Captain, and he will help you in arranging this.

Journey's end

Petersburg: We will arrive at the dock in Petersburg by 9:30 am, in time to catch the morning flight to Juneau.

Sitka: We will arrive at the dock in Sitka in the early morning, allowing for a naturalist-guided sampling of the town's many historic sites.

It is worth spending an extra day or two in Petersburg or Sitka (or both). Use the suggestions below to plan your stay before and after the trip.

Transportation from the Petersburg Airport

- City Cabs. 907.772.3003
- Maine Cab 907.772.6969
- Metro Cab 907.772.2700

Where to stay in Petersburg

You may wish to check with the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce (www.petersburg.org) or Petersburg Visitor Information (www.petersburgalaska.com) for more information.

- **Scandia House** 800.722.5006, located in the heart of downtown Petersburg. www.scandiahousehotel.com
- **Tides Inn** 800.665.8433, overlooking North Harbor. www.tidesinnalaska.com
- **There are some great B&Bs** and a hostel as well. Check www.petersburg.org/businesses/bnb.html

Note: Most hotels/B&Bs you book with will meet you at the airport, as well as bring you to the dock to meet the boat, or take you to the airport when you leave.

Things to do in Petersburg

While you're in Petersburg, don't miss Sing Lee Alley Books. They have a great collection of Alaska books and field guides as well as contemporary titles. Also not to be missed is Eagle's Roost Park at the north end of town past the grocery store on Nordic Drive. It is an excellent spot for viewing and photographing Bald Eagles up close. If you're in the mood for a hike, try the visitor center, they have trail maps. A hike we recommend: The Raven's Roost trail leaves from a trailhead behind the airport. You start out crossing muskeg, then enter the trees and

begin a steep climb to the ridge line. The trail then follows along the ridge for several miles to a Forest Service cabin with an open view of Wrangell Narrows. Give yourself at least half a day for the hike. Hike past the airport and see the remains of an old native fish trap and petroglyphs at low tide.

Transportation from the Sitka Airport

- Sitka Cab 907.738-5002
- Baranof Taxi & Tours 907.738.4722
- Hank's Cabs 907.747.8888

Where to stay in Sitka

You may wish to check with the Sitka Convention & Visitors Bureau (www.sitka.org) or the Sitka town website (www.sitka.com) for more information.

- **Westmark Sitka** 800.916.4339, located downtown, near historic sites and points of interest. www.reservations.com/hotel/westmark-sitka
- **Otters Cove B7B** 907.747.4529, with beautiful views of Sitka Sound and Mt. Edgecumbe. www.ottercovebandb.com
- **There are some other B&Bs** as well. Check www.sitka.org/stay for more information

Things to do in Sitka

Sitka's rich history has made it an interesting place to visit with many sites to see. If you decide to spend some extra time here, visit the Russian Bishop's House, St. Michael's Cathedral or any of the many museums and shops.

Fishing Licenses

Purchase fishing licenses for Alaska online at <http://www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/license> or on the *Catalyst* from the captain/or guide. Fishing on the *Catalyst* is dependent on activities and tides. Our fishing is limited to stream fishing for salmon and trout, setting crab/prawn traps, and casting with light poles off the boat. If you would like an opportunity to fish for halibut and salmon, we suggest extending your visit and take a full or half day trip with a local guide.