



Travel Information

Juneau to Petersburg/Petersburg to Juneau on MV Catalyst

General trip information

Your trip will begin in Juneau or Petersburg, depending on which departure you are on (check your trip booking to confirm your date and departure port). Travel to/from Juneau or Petersburg 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 Catalyst

Juneau: *Catalyst* will be docked at the Intermediate Vessel Float. It is south of the downtown area off S. Franklin Street. Look for Taku Smokery, a large, forest green building on the water-side of the street. Access to the dock is past the tramway between the water and the Smokery building.

Petersburg: *Catalyst* will either be along "D" float in the South Harbor, which is southeast of town, just beyond the Sons of Norway Hall, a conspicuous white meeting hall on Sing Lee Alley, or in North Harbor, which is more central to town. The ramp for North Harbor is adjacent to the Harbor Master's office. To find out where *Catalyst* is moored, please call the Harbor Master at 907.772.4588.

When to meet the boat

Juneau: Though you may bring your luggage to the boat early the day of departure, we welcome guests aboard at 12:00 noon, hoping to cast off by 12:30 pm.

Petersburg: We welcome you aboard at 12:30 pm, casting off by 1:15 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.

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:

- Juneau: Alaska Seaplanes 907.789.3331
- Petersburg: Pacific Wings 907.772.4258 or Nordic Air 907.772.3535

The call sign for the *Catalyst* is WCO 9543. 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

We will arrive at the dock in Juneau or Petersburg at approximately 10:00 am. It is worth spending an extra day in Juneau or Petersburg (or both). Use the suggestions below to plan your stay before and after the trip.

Transportation form the Juneau airport

Evergreen Taxi 907.586.2121

Capital Cab 907.586.2772

Juneau Taxi 907.790.4511

The municipal bus runs into town once an hour for \$2.00 (Duration: approx. 60 min.)

Where to stay in Juneau

You may wish to contact the Juneau Convention & Visitors Bureau, 134 Third Street, Juneau, AK 99801. Phone: 888.581.2201 or e-mail info@traveljuneau.com. There is also a useful Trip Planner at www.traveljuneau.com. Below are a few hotel suggestions:

- **Alaska Capital Inn** 888.588.6507, Historic 1906 mansion converted to a bed and breakfast. www.alaskacapitalinn.com
- **The Prospector Inn**, 907.586.3737, 375 Whittier Street across from the Alaska State Museum. Courtesy transportation from airport. www.prospectorhotel.com
- **The Westmark Baranof** 800.544.0970, 125 North Franklin Street in downtown Juneau, overlooking Gastineau Channel. It has 105 modern, full-service hotel rooms. www.westmarkhotels.com
- **Four Points by Sheraton** 886.716.6900, 51 Egan Dr, within walking distance of historic downtown Juneau. www.fourpointsjuneau.com
- **Driftwood Lodge Hotel** 800.544.2239, 435 Willoughby Ave. in downtown Juneau. One star budget hotel with decent Frommer's review. Complimentary airport transportation. Good for a group/family. www.driftwoodalaska.com
- **Silver Bow Inn B&B** 800.586.4146, 120 2nd St., www.silverbowinn.com

Things to do in Juneau

Take the tram ride to the top of Mt. Roberts, hike around and/or visit the Alaska State museum. Take a helicopter ride to the top of a glacier or book a dogsled tour with Coastal Helicopters (www.coastalhelicopters.com); or book a Taku Glacier Lodge Flight & Feast tour; three hours total with approx 40-50 min of flight time over the Juneau ice field, land on Taku River and take a salmon dinner at the historic Taku Glacier Lodge: Cost \$240 per person. (www.wingsairways.com)

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.

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.