



## *Alyeska Resort –Adventures for Kids*

Activities and outdoor fun to entertain the kid in all of us

Alyeska Resort is known for its natural splendor and amazing outdoor offerings. Whether you're five or 55, visitors will find Alyeska awe-inspiring and fun. The resort offers families many options—from nature trails that start right from the hotel to scenic aerial tram ride up to 2,300 feet above sea level with views of seven hanging glaciers, multiple mountain peaks and the Turnagain Arm.

### **The Hotel Alyeska**

At the center of the fun is The Hotel Alyeska which offers a luxurious experience with all the comforts of home.

Key features of the property:

- 304-guest rooms with the option for adjoining rooms so families can spread out comfortably
- 60-passenger scenic Aerial Tram that accesses mountain-top dining, the Roundhouse Museum, and viewing deck
- Salt water pool and whirlpool with mountain views
- Life-sized polar bear on display – best viewed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- Walking paths that start right from the hotel
- Nature trails easily accessed from the hotel and additional scenic trails that start from the Upper Tram Terminal
- Bike rentals available from the Tram Ticket Office located on the second floor of the hotel
- Dedicated concierge staff with hands-on knowledge of surrounding activities and tours

### **Casual Dining**

Making sure the kids are happy typically involves family-friendly dining options with plenty of kid-friendly menu items.

- Aurora Bar & Grill – Aurora Grill features a modern take on your favorite comfort foods. From a signature burger to warm bowls of chowder, Aurora's menu balances hearty entrees to healthy, casual options. The Crab Roll is the local pick, and hand-tossed pizzas to-go are always a huge hit with the younger set. Lunch and dinner. Kids menu available.
- The Pond Café – Start every morning with a full breakfast to get you going on whatever adventures you may encounter. Offering both a full breakfast and continental breakfast buffet, as well as an a la carte menu, The Pond Café is spacious – perfect for giving the kids some room to spread out. Breakfast only.
- Tramway Café – For a quick stop and grab-n-go options, the Tramway Café located on the second floor of The Hotel Alyeska is the place to stop. The café offers baked goodies, breakfast burritos, pizza by the



slice, and a variety of bottled sodas, juices and water. For the adults, the café features espresso drinks and coffee. Breakfast and lunch.

- Glacier Express – Located mountain-top in the Upper Tram Terminal, lunch at the Glacier Express is an adventure on its own. Whether you hike your way to a well-deserved meal or catch a scenic tram ride, Glacier Express is a haven for kids with big views, space to roam and a variety of lunch combos. Lunch only.
- Daylodge (winter only) – The hub of winter activity, the Daylodge is home to a hearty cafeteria-style lunch option. Located at the base of Alyeska Resort, the Daylodge is also home to the Mountain Learning Center, Max’s Mountain Shop, rental equipment and Java Haus which serves your favorite espresso drinks and coffee plus breakfast sandwiches and other baked goods. Lunch only.

### **Summer Activities**

Alaskan summers are legendary. From Alyeska, you can choose tours or go out on your own to view wildlife and glaciers, or fish and play in the amazing waterways in the region.

- Nature Trails – Alyeska Resort is nestled against the Chugach Mountains and offers a variety of nature trails, many which start right from the hotel. From one-hour outings to all-day trips, detailed trail information is available on the Alyeska Trail Map or at the Concierge Desk located by the front desk of the hotel.
- Mountain Biking – From the paved Girdwood Bike Path to the Blueberry Pancake Trail with embankments, boardwalks and other bike park features, there is plenty of biking fun. Bring your own bike or rent from the hotel.
- Summer Festivals – Alyeska has been growing its signature summer festivals and kids are always welcome. Highlights include the Blueberry Festival
- Crow Creek Mine – Take a step back in time and visit the historic Crow Creek Mine. Pan for gold, take tours of the grounds, and explore the area where the historic Iditarod Dog-Sled Trail once went through. Located about 15 minutes from the hotel. Admission.
- Learn to rock climb – Local guide company, The Ascending Path ([www.theascendingpath.com](http://www.theascendingpath.com)), offers day outings to Tram Rock just a five minute hike from the hotel.

### **Winter Activities**

Winters in Alaska are unmatched. With ample snow and Alaska’s largest alpine resort, Alyeska is truly a winter wonderland.

- Santa at Alyeska Resort – Starting mid-December, Alyeska becomes a holiday extravaganza. Special events include photos with Santa, skiing



with Santa as well as a torchlight parade and fireworks show. Details and dates online.

- Night-Skiing – Skiing and riding under the lights is a thrill for all ages. Providing a safe and less crowded experience, night-skiing is a serene way to explore the mountain. Night-skiing operates mid-December to late March from 5 to 9 pm.
- Alyeska Pipeline Super Pipe and Terrain Parks – Alyeska is building Alaska’s first super pipe scheduled to open mid-December (conditions permitting). The super pipe steps up Alyeska’s freeride terrain which also includes three terrain parks of varying levels of difficulty. For kids looking to master the park and pipe, the Mountain Learning Center offers a variety of camps.
- Alyeska Summer Freeski & Snowboard Camps – With Alyeska’s deep snowpack, the ski season often extends into the summer. For June 2010, Alyeska will be offering two weeks of Summer Camps for snowboarders and freeskiers. Details online.
- Snowmobile Tours – See more of the mountains and glaciers in the area on a guided snowmobile tour. Perfect for all ages, no experience required, Alyeska’s concierge staff can make reservations for you.

### **Complimentary Activities**

Economy aside, complimentary kids activities are always fun.

- Roundhouse Museum ([www.roundhouseatalyeska.org](http://www.roundhouseatalyeska.org)) – Located adjacent to the Upper Tram Terminal, the Roundhouse at Alyeska Museum takes you on a brief historical tour of the valley. From native cultures to the mining boom to the original group of 11 ski enthusiasts who envisioned a ski area on Mt. Alyeska, the rich heritage of Girdwood Valley is captured through photographs, displays and more.
- Winner Creek Trail & Hand Tram – This nature trail starts just behind the Lower Tram Terminal and is the perfect introduction to a coastal temperate rainforest environment. Follow the well-maintained trail through a variety of native flora, sure to inspire the imagination. Before the three mile mark, there will be a hand tram that allows hikers to cross over Glacier Creek. Out and back.
- The North Face Trail – This new trail opened in August 2009 and offers an adventurous journey up the scenic north face of the mountain. The trail starts just behind the Lower Tram Terminal, adjacent to the Winner Creek Trailhead. The trail is 2.2 miles in length, one-way, with continuous elevation gain. The first ½ mile of the hike follows a jeep road, narrowing to a single-track trail. For a less strenuous option, ride the Tram to the Upper Tram Terminal and walk the North Face Trail in reverse. Please hike carefully and bring water, snacks and rain layers.
- Berry-Picking – Blueberries, wild raspberries, salmonberries, oh my! Berries are a staple in Alaska feeding bears, marmots and guests alike.



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Prime berry season starts late July through Labor Day Weekend. Grab a bucket and find your own secret stash.

- Girdwood Bike Path – Over four miles of paved bike path is available starting right from the hotel. The Girdwood Bike Path connects to the Bird Point Bike Path at the T-intersection of Seward Highway and Alyeska Highway. Bike rentals are available in the summer season from the Tram Ticket Office located on the second floor of The Hotel Alyeska.
- Snowshoeing: Moose Meadows, located about five minutes from the hotel, offers the perfect setting for snowshoeing and cross country skiing. Rental equipment available at the hotel.
- Ice-skating (conditions permitting): The pond at The Hotel Alyeska freezes and provides a fun skating surface in the winter. Bring your own skates.

Surrounding Kids' Activities:

- Girdwood Library – The community library offers kids' programming and activities, and an extensive movie rental selection. Located at 250 Egloff Drive. 907-343-4024
- Girdwood Skate Park – Grab your board and head to the Girdwood Skate Park located at the new Girdwood Townsite. Summer only.
- Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center ([www.awcc.org](http://www.awcc.org)) – Located just nine miles south of Girdwood, the non-profit Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center is open year-round. Home to a variety of native wildlife including brown and black bears, caribou, musk ox, bison, moose, elk, bald eagles, and an owl. On-site interpretative center and gift shop.

**About Alyeska Resort ([www.alyeskaresort.com](http://www.alyeskaresort.com))**

Alyeska Resort is Alaska's premier year-round destination featuring The Hotel Alyeska, an award-winning 304 room full-service property. Located just 40 miles from Anchorage and Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, Alyeska Resort is your base camp for summer and winter excursions. The resort is within close proximity of three national parks and the Kenai Peninsula, and is home to the northernmost coastal temperate rainforest, part of the Chugach Mountain Range. Alyeska Resort stands out during ski season with 643" of average snowfall annually and the longest-continuous double black diamond ski run in North America. Learn more about the resort and plan your Alaskan adventure at [www.alyeskaresort.com](http://www.alyeskaresort.com) or 800.880.3880.

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