



Alyeska Resort Overview

Location

Located along the scenic Seward Highway, Alyeska Resort is the premier destination in Alaska for visitors and locals alike. Nestled against the awe-inspiring Chugach Mountains, Alyeska offers year-round adventures and activities. Alyeska is located in the town of Girdwood, part of the Municipality of Anchorage.

Via Car

- 40 miles south of Anchorage
- 9 miles to Portage Glacier/Visitor Center
- 25 miles to Whittier/Prince William Sound
- 90 miles to Seward/Kenai Fjords National Park
- 263 miles to Homer/Kachemak Bay
- 300 miles southeast of Denali National Park
- 350 miles southeast of Valdez

Via Air

Daily flights into Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC) provides visitors convenient air access:

Airlines Serving Anchorage Year Round

- Alaska Airlines 800-426-0333
- China Airlines 907-248-3603
- Continental Airlines 800-523-3273
- Delta Airlines 800-221-1212
- Era Aviation 800-866-8394
- Peninsula Airways 800-448-4226
- US Airways 800-428-4322

Airlines Serving Anchorage Seasonally

- Air Canada 888-247-2262
- American Airlines 800-433-7300
- Condor 800-524-6975
- Frontier Airlines 800-432-1359
- Icelandair 800-223-5500
- Japan Airlines 800-525-3663
- Jet Blue 800-538-2583
- Korean Airlines 907-243-3329
- Sun Country Airlines 800-359-6786
- United Airlines 800-864-8331

Accommodations

The Hotel Alyeska is a 304-room luxury property with full-service amenities. On-site amenities include a variety of dining, room service, shops, The Spa at Alyeska, saltwater pool, whirlpool, fitness center and concierge services.



Dining

Within The Hotel Alyeska: Aurora Bar & Grill, The Pond Café, Sakura Asian Bistro, and Tramway Café. Mountain-top dining includes: Seven Glaciers Restaurant, AAA Four-Diamond Award recipient, and Bore Tide Deli. Alyeska Resort Base Area dining includes: Sitzmark Bar & Grill and Java Haus. A variety of restaurants and casual eateries are located in Girdwood including the renowned Double Musky Restaurant.

Event Highlights

Summer Events: Fiddlehead Festival (early June); Forest Fair (July 4th Weekend); Blueberry Festival (mid-August); Fungus Fair (Labor Day Weekend); Alyeska Climbathon (mid-September); and Oktoberfest (late September).

Winter Events: Torchlight Parade & Fireworks (New Year's Eve); North Face Vertical Challenge (mid-February); Iditarod Celebrations (early March); Alyeska Chugach Open Big Mountain Competition (mid-March); and Spring Carnival (mid-April).

Recreation

Alyeska Resort sits in the heart of Girdwood, a U-shaped glacier carved valley. To the west and north, the mountains of the Chugach State Park provide a stunning backdrop over Alyeska. At 495,000 acres, it is the third largest state park in the US.

In 1954, 11 Girdwood residents passed the hat and raised enough money to purchase what became the land base for a major ski area. Through initiative and perseverance, they developed a ski area that was small in assets but big in promise. They found a French Baron who shared their dream. Francois de Gunzburg installed a poma lift, built ski trails and a day lodge and ordered Chair 1, a 5,700-foot double chairlift that rose 2,000 vertical feet.

Today, Alyeska Resort is an established ski destination known for its steep terrain and deep snowpack. The only North American ski resort with both mountain and ocean views, Alyeska boasts an average 650" of annual snowfall at the summit. In 2012 and 2013, the ownership installed new chairlifts at the base and mid-mountain.

In addition to alpine pursuits, the valley floor offers trail systems for Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, and dog-sledding. Chugach Powder Guides (www.chugachpowderguides.com) operates both heli-skiing and cat-skiing operations from the base of the resort.



The summer season brings about a multitude of recreational adventures including hiking and biking right from the hotel and throughout Girdwood Valley. A scenic Aerial Tram ride is a favorite among visitors of all ages and abilities. Flightseeing adventures, glacier dog-sledding, and guided ice climbing are all nearby.

Historic Significance

Girdwood has a rich history steeped in gold fever. Originally called "Glacier City", Girdwood was founded as a supply camp for placer gold miners. It was renamed for Colonel James Girdwood, an entrepreneur and linen merchant who staked four gold claims along Crow Creek in 1900. Crow Creek Mine was one of the largest producing hydraulic placer gold mines in Southcentral Alaska. During its peak production, historians estimate that 700 ounces of gold were extracted per month. Mining operations came to a standstill during World War II, and local lore claims that more gold remains in the creek than was mined. Today, Crow Creek Mine is a historic site with preserved buildings, rare mining equipment, gold-panning, and access to nature trails including the Historic Iditarod Trail.

Temperatures

Jan.	H: 25° / L: 14°	Feb.	H: 29° / L: 16°
March	H: 35° / L: 20°	April	H: 43° / L: 28°
May	H: 53° / L: 36°	June	H: 61° / L: 48°
July	H: 65° / L: 48°	August	H: 63° / L: 46°
Sept.	H: 54° / L: 39°	Oct.	H: 41° / L: 28°
Nov.	H: 32° / L: 21°	Dec.	H: 28° / L: 17°

Daylight Hours

Jan.	5:39	Feb.	7:46
March	10:24	April	13:22
May	16:52	June	18:43
July	19:11	August	17:07
Sept.	14:16	Oct.	11:26
Nov.	8:32	Dec.	6:08

Fun Facts

In May of 1778, Captain Cook supposedly entered the Cook Inlet only to find that the inlet did not connect to Prince William Sound. He was forced to turn around; therefore, the area is now known as Turnagain Arm.

Good Friday, March 27, 1964 at 5:36 pm the most powerful recorded earthquake in North American history, occurred in Alaska. Recent calculations measure the quake at 9.2 on the Richter scale. After the devastating earthquake, the town of Girdwood was moved 2.5 miles up



the valley as the original town site subsided into the Turnagain Arm due to the seismic shift.

Girdwood has served as a backdrop for at least two films: *The Chechahcos*, a 1924 silent film about the Klondike Gold Rush, and Warren Miller's 1997 *Snowriders II*. The town was also the finish line location for *Amazing Race 12*, which aired in January 2008.

Olympic gold and silver medal-winning skier Tommy Moe hails from Girdwood.

About Alyeska Resort (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 650" 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 or 800.880.3880.

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