

# What's the Best Time for me to Visit Southeast Alaska?



That question seems to often come up no matter what destination is being considered. With Alaska travel, it's almost always a question that is not only asked by virtually everyone, but it's also the first question. Rain, bears, whales, sunlight, temperature, number of people, fishing, snow level, flowers, insects, Northern Lights – how much, how little, how long, where exactly, how thick, what variety, how high/low – these are all key interests for travelers planning an Alaskan vacation. It's The Big Land, and therefore, there is no “cookie cutter” answer to these curiosities. But we do want to help by providing a guideline or chart as shown below to describe when “skies are most blue” and when salmon change hue.

With “The Un-Cruise” (American Safari Cruises and InnerSea Discoveries), weather becomes less of a general concern since we are able to get so close to wildlife, scenery and continually have a hands-on experience throughout our explorations. But if you have certain interests you want to try to maximize by paying attention to annual norms, please peruse the information provided below. Of course, wildlife and weather are unpredictable, but trends and patterns can be valuable to you in deciding “What's best for me?”

Seasonal Variations...	May	June	July	August	September
Bears, Brown and Black	Moderate	Best	Good	Best	Moderate
Birding	Good	Best	Good	Good	Moderate
Daylight Hours	Best	Best	Best	Moderate	Low
Hiking	Best	Best	Best	Best	Moderate
Kayaking	Best	Best	Best	Best	Moderate
Northern Lights	Low	Low	Low	Moderate	Best
Sunshine Days	Best	Best	Moderate	Low	Low
Rainfall, Lowest	Best	Best	Good	Moderate	Low
King Salmon Fishing	Moderate	Best	Good	Best	Good
Spawning Salmon	Low	Low	Good	Best	Moderate
Scenery	Best	Good	Good	Good	Good
Snorkeling with Salmon	Low	Low	Moderate	Best	Best
Whales, Humpbacks	Good	Best	Best	Best	Moderate
Whales, Orca	Good	Best	Good	Best	Best
Wild Flowers	Moderate	Best	Good	Moderate	Low

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