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Anchorage Now: An Opinionated Three-Buck Guide To Make Your Trip Three-Times Better.



Synopsis

As if written for a visiting friend, this short, but extremely useful guide tells you exactly what you need to make the most of your time in Anchorage, including: which side of the plane to sit on for the best view which what to do if you have only one morning in Anchorage which big hotel has a terrible location which where to go on a short road trip which where to eat, stay, and walk downtown

Written by a long-time Alaskan travel writer, Anchorage Now is updated constantly to ensure that your time in Anchorage is, in fact, three-times better than it would have been.

Update 6-25-13: The restaurant, Maxine's, has moved from Girdwood to Anchorage. A weird location in a former Greek restaurant (complete with plaster pillars) but still the best place to eat in town.

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Customer Reviews

Fun and easy to read. My daughter and I read through travel guides, searched the Net, and combed through all the info while trying to plan our trip to Alaska. "Alex in Alaska" gave us a reality check and was very up front about his opinions. He hit on all the 'little' things that the big guide books, and internet info, just didn't cover...like which side of the plane to sit on for the best view (coming and

going); which highly rated eateries were good but overpriced and offered alternatives right next door; which major hotel had a terrible location; and did it all with humor. He even advised to come to Anchorage and then get out of town and visit surrounding areas. The book was very short, page wise, but long on practical advice and my daughter and I laughed aloud while reading it. The only reason I didn't rate it 5 stars is because we aren't going to Alaska until the end of Sept. so we're waiting to see how Alex's 'guide' stacks up. However, even at only \$3, it was one of the best 'guides' we read. It gave us landmarks and what was close to others so we could actually plan our day and then end up at a great local eatery near our hotel. Fun, fun, fun, read and worth every one of the 3 dollars.

Anchorage Now is a fun, quick read that is a great supplement to whatever guide book you get on Anchorage. It has the advantage of recommendations and tips from a local, and with its brevity it does a great job of highlighting the must see and do things in Anchorage. Alex has a fun voice and gives great tips like the fact that Anchorage is not pedestrian friendly and which restaurants and bars are the worst in town. The one shortcoming is that for restaurants there aren't enough listed - just the single "best" one for each category Alex came up with. For an eight day trip, I know one place where I want to have dinner and one place where I don't but there are seven other dinners I'll be eating (and the same goes for lunch). A recommendation for a coffeeshop would also be nice. If it weren't for this shortcoming I would say this is the only guide book you'll need, as otherwise there are enough recommendations for things to do and see that I could easily fill my trip just with those. But this is certainly a great supplement to whatever other guide book you choose to help you wade through the seemingly overwhelming list of suggestions they contain.

Really enjoyed this travel guide geared for travelers who prefer activities and sights "off the beaten track." I appreciated the author's wit and honesty. One warning: while he provides recommendations on activities, restaurants, hotels, nightlife etc., addresses and phone numbers are not included. Not a problem for most tech-savvy readers. I would enjoy reading more from this travel writer.

An amusing, easy to read, brief guide to Anchorage. Some interesting and different view points. An interesting point of view that counteracts more stuffy ideas presented in standard tour guides. I did not totally agree with the author, but then we are both opinionated. Wish I could stay in Anchorage, long enough, to test out his theories.

Simple, straight forward advice. It is a quick easy read. Because we will only be in Anchorage for 2 days, it is important to us to experience the city as a traveler rather than as a tourist. We want to "feel" more than "see." I feel like this book meets that need.

I was hoping there would be more information on outdoor activities such as glacier hiking and kayaking. The book is sparse and author agenda driven. I tried to email mckinleyview@yahoo.com from the book for guidance or referrals on the two activities I am interested in and the email bounced back.

I'd say any traveler in Alaska would put this author's information to good use. I'm planning my second vacation to Alaska, and this book confirms my own limited number observations and gives me plenty of ideas for this next visit.

Useful and informative, this small book provides great lists of restaurants, hikes, and much more, all written by an Anchorage resident. I'm looking forward to trying out some of the author's recommendations when I visit Anchorage in couple of weeks.

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