

A Walk through Kodiak Harbor



Approximately 1½ Hours



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During this 90-minute **walking tour** along the waterfront of one of largest fishing ports in the United States, you will step into the rough-and-ready world of Alaska's commercial fisheries.

A knowledgeable guide will lead you down Cannery Row to Kodiak Harbor where you will encounter working commercial fishermen, boats and fishing gear. Along the way, you will hear life and death stories of Kodiak's commercial fishing fleet and have the chance to chat with real Alaskan fishermen as they return from the sea and prepare their gear and boats for another commercial fishing trip. Learn about the different kinds of fishing vessels in Alaska and view crab pots, nets and hooks used to catch the crabs and fish off Alaska's coast.

Take advantage of an invitation to try on real foul-weather gear, including waterproof overalls, jackets, gloves and boots. If the boats are unloading, the guide will escort you to a processing plant to see the catch being sorted, weighed, cleaned and processed.

Observe the human activity on the docks and keep an eye out for bald eagles, harbor seals and Steller sea lions, which often frequent the harbor.

You'll also hear about the Great Alaska Earthquake and tsunami of 1964 that destroyed the much of the town of Kodiak and its fishing fleet.

End your walk at the Harbormaster Building in **downtown Kodiak** where, if you wish, you can leave the tour and spend some time exploring or **shopping** on your own.

Notes:

This walking tour begins at your ship and ends in downtown Kodiak. Participants must be able to walk for 90 minutes and be physically fit. This tour is entirely on foot and covers about 1½ miles over city streets and on harbor floats. Some parts of the tour cross unpaved surfaces and accessing the harbor floats require descending a ramp which can be fairly steep if the tide is low. Not advisable for guests with mobility limitations. Minimum height is 4 feet. Minimum age is 10 years.

Deep-Sea Fishing



Approximately 6¼ Hours



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4 out of 5

Value



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The **Kodiak** archipelago is world-renowned for its amazing sport fishing. An experienced captain and crew will help you **fish** this scenic wonderland in safety and comfort.

The 35-foot *Moon Shadow* is a tough Canadian gillnetter modified for charter fishing in Kodiak's waters. It features a large cabin with a full bath and a beamy cockpit with lots of rail for sport fishing. This excursion is limited to six fishing clients.

On your adventure in the fish-rich waters of the island, you will target **Pacific halibut, salmon, ling cod and sea bass**. Fish are bled and slush-iced at sea before being professionally processed ashore.

Notes:

Alaska State law requires a valid one-day fishing license, which may be purchased for US\$20 cash from your fishing boat captain along with a US\$10 cash king salmon stamp (during king season May-June). A catch is not guaranteed. If your tour is not designated as 'catch-and-release', you can review the processing options with your boat captain or guide and have the fish professionally forwarded to your home. Your catch will not be allowed on board the ship. Minimum age is 5 years.

Fort Abercrombie State Park Nature Hike



Approximately 2½ Hours



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4.8 out of 5

Value



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6 out of 6(100%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Explore Kodiak's spectacular beauty and **wartime history** during this scenic hike through a portion of 183-acre **Fort Abercrombie State Park**.

Depart the pier for the drive to park headquarters. Upon arrival, your guide will lead you on a **hike** along well-maintained natural and gravel trails offering breathtaking views. A variety of seabirds inhabit the park's coastline, and whale sightings are frequently reported in this area throughout the season.

During your hike, you will see **World War II bunkers** -- remnants of Kodiak's wartime past. The next portion of the hike will lead you through forested areas with 10% to 20% inclines and a staircase of 68 steps. Your hike will conclude back at park headquarters, where you will re-board your bus for the return drive to the pier.

Notes:

This tour involves hiking between 1½ and 2 miles, depending on the group's size and abilities. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. Dress in layers and wear proper footwear for outdoor hiking.

Guided Wildlife & Historical Cruise



Approximately 3 Hours



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This **high-speed boat tour** includes a cruise down Kodiak's main channel, past fish canneries and fishing boats.

Head to nearby Long Island and visit a **Steller sea lion** haul-out. You'll seek out seabirds and other marine mammals including harbor seals, sea otters and whales. The boat circles the island, which is about five miles long.

The scenery is spectacular and Long Island is covered with World War II military fortifications, which will be of interest those who remember the era personally and to those have studied it.

Return to port after your tour.

Kodiak City Drive



Approximately 0¼ Hour



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Enjoyed it?



3.7 out of 5

Value



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5 out of 6(83%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Enjoy a short 50-minute **panoramic drive** through Kodiak.

Your travels will take you down cannery row, past the small boat harbor, and through the heart of old downtown. Watch for the Baranof and Alutiiq Museums and the Russian Orthodox Church and Seminary as you head out of town, past Mission Beach. Take in the view of Woody Island; then you'll stop at Mill Bay Beach for photos and to stretch your legs.

Follow one of the oldest roads on Kodiak back towards town, where the diversity of Kodiak's commercial center is evident. You'll pass the high-water mark from the 1964 tsunami on your way through the center of town.

From a scenic overlook, you will see a World War II pillbox bunker and you'll have a chance to take photos of your ship with the city in the background.

Kodiak Highlights



Approximately 2¼ Hours



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View cannery row and the boat harbor as you drive into the city.

You will visit the **Baranov Museum** to examine its eclectic mixture of Native, Russian and American exhibits. This is a slice of Kodiak's own history.

A stop at the **Alutiiq Museum** offers a more in-depth look at Alaska Native culture.

A short drive north brings you to **Fort Abercrombie State Park** -- a World War II historic site. Feel free to explore the old gun emplacements and the exterior of the bunker-style headquarters, and don't miss the beautiful views over land and sea.

Return to the ship to reflect on the events of the day.

Kodiak Marine Wildlife Sightseeing



Approximately 3 Hours



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Travel by 40-foot US Coast Guard-inspected **boat** complete with a comfortable heated cabin as you head out onto the water **in search of Kodiak's abundant marine wildlife**.

Keep an eye out for eagles, arctic terns, puffins, sea otters, Steller sea lions and harbor seals, as well as several different species of whale. The waters surrounding Kodiak Island are home to Alaskan halibut weighing more than four hundred pounds, five species of salmon, huge ling cod and a vast array of other rockfish. The vessel provides a safe platform to from which to view and photograph Kodiak's wildlife. Kodiak is also home to a thriving fishing industry as well as to several historical features from World War II, easily visible from the water.

Learn more than you ever expected about Kodiak's cultural and historical facets, and take in the breathtaking natural beauty that surrounds you in this wild island archipelago as you see Kodiak from a whale's-eye view.

Hot **coffee**, **cold sodas** and **bottled water** and a variety of **snacks** are served on board.

Notes:

Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Dress warmly in layers.

Kodiak Sightseeing & Russian Tea



Approximately 2¼ - 3 Hours



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4.2 out of 5

Value



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9 out of 10(90%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Head down Cannery Row to learn about the fishing industry in Kodiak, with an introduction to this quaint, working Alaska city.

Visit the **Russian Orthodox Church** where the priest or a member of the clergy will talk about the Russian church and the historic role it has played in Alaska.

Step inside the **Art Gallery** for a brief opportunity to purchase cards and gifts, and view the work of artists from Kodiak and from throughout the State of Alaska.

At the **Fisherman's Church**, the Balilaka Players, a local band, perform traditional **Russian music**. As you listen to their music, enjoy **Russian tea and treats** such as borsch, Russian tea cakes and piroshikis. Your tour will end with a scenic drive past the largest Coast Guard Base in the United States.

Notes:

Points of interest on the tour are not wheelchair accessible. Minimum age is 5 years.

Kodiak Sightseeing & Wildlife Cruise



Approximately 3½ Hours



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3.5 out of 5

Value



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Set out on a **boat** with a captain who is a Kodiak islander with more than 30 years of experience in these waters. His extensive knowledge of local history and the commercial fishing industry here will enhance your experience today.

Captain Dave steers you through harbor, where the famous king crab fleet from the Deadliest Catch show moors for the summer before heading out to the Bering Sea. You'll head out to the beautiful bird rookeries nearby, where you could see hundreds or even thousands of kittiwakes, and both tufted and horned puffins. These seabirds nest on the sheer, windswept cliffs of the Kodiak archipelago. Look up and you may see majestic bald eagles nesting in the tops of the Sitka spruce trees.

Passing some smaller islands, watch for historic sites and abundant marine mammals -- sea lions, otters and hopefully various whales including humpback and orcas.

You will also learn about Kodiak's early Native inhabitants, the days of the Russian colony and the fur trade, and beyond to World War II.

The present-day fishing industry is key to the survival of this small community.

Relax in the comfort of a high-speed boat that offers great visibility and the ability to get very close to wildlife for amazing photographic opportunities. An unstructured itinerary allows Captain Dave to be flexible and choose the locations that best suit your interests and the conditions of the day.

Notes:

Dress warmly in layers. It can be quite cool on the water Bring a hat or beanie and gloves. Minimum age is 5 years. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

Ultimate Kodiak Wildlife Cruise



Approximately 2 Hours



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5 out of 5

Value



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During this personalized, two-hour tour, you'll cruise **Kodiak's waterfront and barrier islands** on a luxury yacht. Retired harbormaster Marty Owen is your skipper and his wife, Marion is an accomplished photographer and naturalist.

The Owens' **yacht** is a classic, **42-foot** beauty. Hop aboard and expect to be treated to unique and close-up views of seabird rookeries, sea lion haul-outs, puffins, playful sea otters, the blue-domed Russian Orthodox Church, and fishing vessels made famous by the Discovery Channel's *Deadliest Catch* show. As Marty navigates along the coastline sprinkled with spruce trees and wildflowers, you'll see why Kodiak is called Alaska's Emerald Isle. Large picture windows and 360-degree access inside the boat and out on the decks provide you with perfect viewing, which means excellent photo opportunities. Many of Marion's award-winning photographs were taken along this route.

Kodiak is well known for its hospitality, coastal scenery, close-up wildlife, and its colorful, working community. This popular excursion includes use of binoculars and field guides and, for a **snack**, a savory selection of homemade refreshments.

Notes:

Minimum age is 3 years.