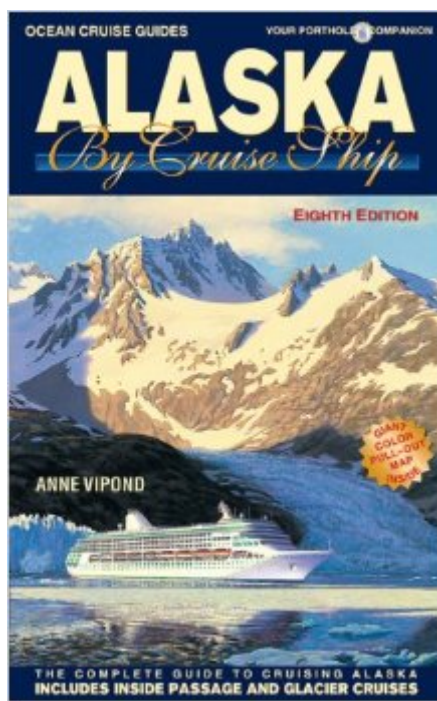


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# Alaska By Cruise Ship - 8th Edition



## Synopsis

For over 20 years, this comprehensive guide has been a popular choice for readers planning a cruise to Alaska. The 8th edition has been revised and updated and includes over 400 color photographs and maps and with all aspects of this exciting cruise. Exciting details of both the Inside Passage and Glacier cruises, from Seattle to Fairbanks, are inside. Includes two giant color pull-out maps with a mile-by-mile references to help readers track progress during their cruise. Includes special sections on glaciers, native culture and wildlife with a full-page whale-watching map.

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## Customer Reviews

This book equally emphasizes the two subjects of its title: Alaska and Cruise. Part traditional travel encyclopedia, and part pragmatic "how to" cruise guide, if it has to do with cruising in Alaska, it's probably here. That said, there is an awful lot of information in this book, which means that it can stretch very thin in certain places. This is not a traditional travel guide with listings of hotels, restaurants and sights, but is a travel narrative that describes each destination and related physical features. The practical information is comprehensive. Coverage of the lower ports of call is extensive, as is coverage of geography and wildlife. Historical and cultural contexts are concise and interesting. Coverage of upper and central destinations (Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kenai, Seward) is thinner, but is still satisfactory. Readers should keep in mind that this is not a detailed guide to the cruise operators or cruise ships themselves, so there are better resources for people looking for that information. The real standout features of the book are its comprehensiveness, its many color

photographs, and its dependable information which has been refined over eight editions. The pull-out, mile-by-mile map is excellent, and adds an additional level of enjoyment when planning or taking your cruise. Altogether, it's a very good, high-quality publication that is indispensable for Alaska cruises.

I took an Alaska cruise four years ago and used an earlier edition of this book which was excellent and very useful. My niece just gave me the new 8th Edition of *Alaska By Cruise Ship* and I love it. The color is great and the book has been updated. It delves into the history and wildlife but also provides excellent detail on the itineraries, ports and shore excursions. There is a large mile-by-mile map so you can figure out exactly where you are, and there are close up maps of every nook, cranny and port along the way. It is written with enthusiasm and I would say a love of Alaska. The author even went back to Alaska in a small sailboat boat to get up close to this beautiful land. The book focuses on the things you can do while on any one of the cruises to Alaska, highly recommended.

One of the best books of its kind that I have found. It covers the basics of cruising, and has a section on every regular cruise destination from Seattle north, as well as a short section on small-ship cruises to more remote locations, and sections on Denali and Fairbanks. Lots of photos, which may help you identify landmarks. I got this after using Vipond's *"Northern Europe By Cruise Ship"* on a Baltic Sea cruise, which was also excellent.

I know this book has gotten rave reviews. It is OK as a general resource for cruising Alaska with good descriptions of the locations and history. If you are in the initial stages of researching where you want to go, it is an excellent way to learn the basics. The reason I gave only 4 stars was because I wanted more recommendations on what to see and do. I was looking for guidance and not just descriptions.

I went on a cruise from Whittier to Vancouver. This book was great. It highlighted the main things to do in each Port Town and inexpensive ways to get to those sites. The excursions from the cruise ship itself are expensive and you can often times do the same thing for cheaper on your own. I highly recommend this book for anyone going on a cruise in the Inside Passage of Alaska.

Wonderful pictures

I used this book when I went to Alaska, and I liked it so much that I bought it for two friends that were taking Alaskan cruises. It is informative, and a "must read" before cruising to Alaska.

This is the second cruise reference book by this author I have read. Her Hawaii book gave us much needed info we used while there and I expect this Alaska resource to be equally credible with applicable recommendations. Having been to several of the ports once already, the book is a great review and is encouraging us to branch out and try some new activities.

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