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» *Wings Over Kodiak*

Flying is second nature to the Kodiak Island Archipelago. Scheduled air service is available between Kodiak and the villages of Akhiok, Karluk, Larsen Bay, Old Harbor, Ouzinkie, and Port Lions. Air taxis whisk visitors to remote lodges and out for hunting and fishing expeditions. A flight to remote areas is one way to see spectacular scenery and wildlife.



» *Have Wheels?*

Whether you bring your own car on the marine highway or rent a car once you are in Kodiak, you can explore 100 miles of scenic roadway. Many people like to drive to the end of the road in every direction. Pack a picnic lunch and a fly rod and you are good for the day. There are hundreds of places to stop for photo ops, hiking trails, stream fishing and World War II historic sites.



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Hoping for a trip into the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge on your own? It can be done but requires careful planning.

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» *Reservations*

If you have your heart set on a certain wilderness lodge, fishing boat, bear viewing guide or B&B, BOOK EARLY! Some lodges and charter captains book a year out and Crab Fest weekend over Memorial Day is always a busy time in Kodiak. See Kodiak's service providers at kodiak.org.

» *The Weather Outside is... Unpredictable!*

Let's face it: few come to Kodiak for the weather. Instead, they come for the bears, whales, puffin, fishing and spectacular scenery. While our summers can be perfection, they can also be rainy, windy, and foggy with a side of overcast. Not to worry, you can also get an Alaskan suntan under clear blue skies. Regardless of the weather, you are visiting one of the world's most exotic and remote islands. Our motto is always "gear up and go!"

» *Packing!*

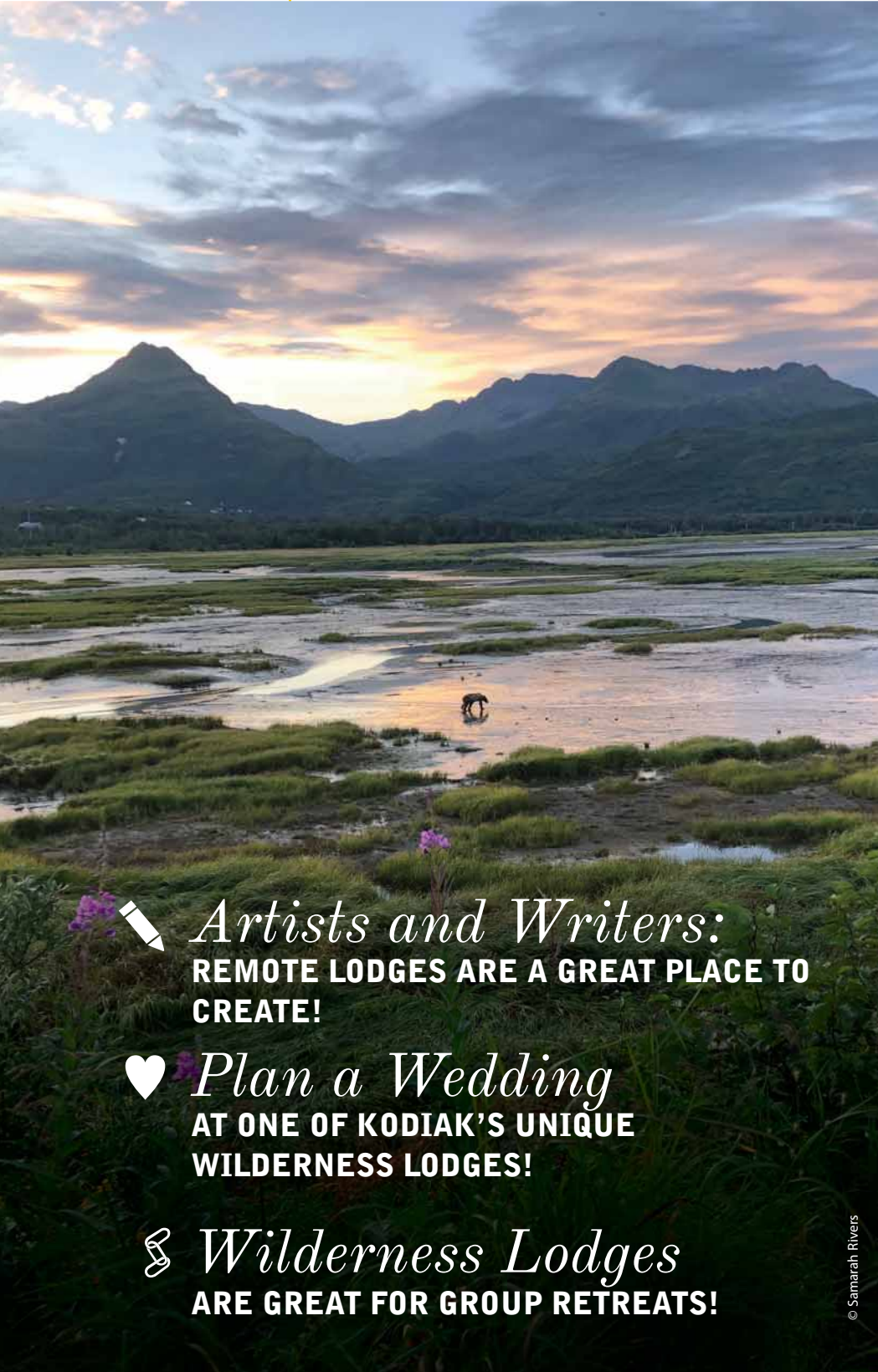
Kodiak is a rain forest and cool even in summer months, think layers. Clothing that can be removed or added as the weather changes will keep you most comfortable. Rain gear, including rain pants that can easily be slipped over fleece pants, is a must. A hoodie under a waterproof rain jacket will keep you warm and looking like a local. Rubber boots are the Kodiak "tennis shoe" and will serve you well no matter what activity you choose. Bug nets and repellent are recommended for inland trips. Don't forget your camera, extra memory cards, and binoculars. Your smart phone or notebook will come in handy and you can find Wi-Fi spots in some surprising places!





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A Typical Day...

Begin your day with an extraordinary flight over Kodiak's green peaks, tumbling streams and broad bays. Along the way you are likely to see mountain goats, deer, eagles and maybe even one of Kodiak's famous brown bears. Your pilot will point out bays and other points of interest. A water landing will take you to the doorstep of one of Kodiak's magical wilderness lodges. Your day may include bear viewing, saltwater fishing, fly-in stream fishing, whale watching, kayaking, hiking or some combination of any of those activities. Dinner will likely be the fresh catch of the day as you watch the tides change in the bay. Later enjoy a glass of wine or s'mores around a campfire and think about how lucky you are to be at this special place on the planet.



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To Do

- ▶ ***Catch fish, watch bears, see puffins, kayak hard, hike long, spot whales, learn much, eat well & sleep tight!***



The Most **FAMOUS** *Resident* *the Kodiak brown bear*

Bear viewing is one of the most popular activities on Kodiak Island. This magnificent animal occupies all available habitats on the Kodiak Archipelago including the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, which comprises two-thirds of the island. While many large animals in North America find their way to the endangered species list, the Kodiak bear is healthy and productive and at 3,500 bears, its population is at an all-time high. Kodiak's bear management program, which includes carefully regulated hunting, is looked to across the globe as one of the most successful and well-regulated systems in the world.



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Bear In Mind

It is important to always remember that the future of this unique population depends upon the respect and thoughtfulness humans demonstrate when visiting bear country. Kodiak bears are shy by nature and any kind of human interaction may cause them stress. In most cases, Kodiak bears are not a threat, but they do deserve your respect and attention. Wherever you go to watch them, remember to follow these simple rules: never approach or feed a bear; watch and photograph from a safe distance with long lenses; stay quiet, move slowly and do not disturb the bears or their habitat.



Is it a Grizzly?

The Kodiak bear is a subspecies of the brown or grizzly bear and is the largest bear in the world. While they may grow to well over 1,000 pounds, the average adult male weighs between 600-900 lbs; females generally weight about 30 percent less.

Although fish is an important part of their diet, they eat more grass, plants and berries than meat and rarely expend the time or effort necessary to chase and kill animals.

How, When & Where

The best time to see a Kodiak bear is during the months of July, August and September, and the best way to do so is in the company of a knowledgeable guide. Most local air taxis / float plane companies offer half-day or full-day bear viewing trips. These plane trips take off from the city of Kodiak and take guests out to Frazier Lake. If the Kodiak bears are not fishing out near Frazier Lake, trips can be taken to the Katmai Coast on mainland Alaska to see bears. Other ways to see bears include some boat charters, kayak trips, and driving along the Kodiak road-system. There are also special use cabins that can be reserved through the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge and Alaska State Parks. *Continued on page 38.*



All Creatures GREAT & SMALL

There are many reasons both feathered and furry to go wildlife viewing on Kodiak Island from the tiniest tundra vole to the world famous Kodiak brown bear. There are four other species of indigenous land mammals to see including red fox, ermine, river otter and the little brown bat. Introduced species include Sitka black-tailed deer, snowshoe hare, beaver, and the chatty red squirrel. If you look up on the mountains, you may see a small herd of shaggy mountain goats grazing on the steep slopes. On a drive out the road to Narrow Cape you can suddenly find your car surrounded by a herd of bison.

Whale watching in the Kodiak Archipelago is equal to anywhere in the world. Many charter boat operators that specialize in wildlife viewing and photography will point out sea otters, sea lions, harbor seals, puffins, porpoises and sea cliffs covered with nesting Black-legged kittiwakes and other nesting seabirds. High on everyone's list is seeing the colorful Horned or Tufted puffins, also known as "sea parrots" for their large colorful beaks.

The thrill of seeing a bald eagle never grows old and over 600 nesting pairs have been recorded in the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge alone. Eagles are spotted throughout the calendar year and during winter congregate downtown to scavenge food from off-loading fishing boats. Photography opportunities abound!

SAFETY FIRST

Always give wildlife plenty of space. Feeding wild animals is against Alaska state law, but more important, can cause illness or death. Never leave wrappers, plastic or other containers in the wild as curious animals may be harmed by these.



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For those who prefer to stay on land for their marine wildlife viewing, there are plenty of beaches and viewpoints perfect for spotting whale spouts and flukes. And not all “wildlife” is as obvious as a bear or whale.

Beachcombing and tide pooling reveals unique creatures including anemones, sea stars, sea urchins, jelly fish and countless other aquatic life. To learn more about Kodiak’s aquatic critters including our five species of Pacific Salmon, head over to Near Island to the Fisheries Research Center and check out the displays, touch tank and aquarium.

> If your desire for wild things leans more toward stalking wildflowers, you will be very busy on Kodiak Island. About 670 species of plants have been identified here and once you leave the city limits, you will be surrounded by native species of plants. A camera and field guide are a must to include in your daypack. With the abundance of moisture coupled with moderate temperatures and long summer days, plant life thrives. A variety of habitats are accessible from the road system to enjoy our plant life from the beaches and coastal meadows, to the Sitka spruce forest and mountain ridges.



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Coastal meadows in particular have an abundance of wildflowers that includes wild iris, lupines, native orchids, shooting stars, wild geraniums and wild roses. But be aware of brushing up against the large leaves of the cow parsnip (pushkie) on sunny days, as it can deliver blisters to bare skin.

Kodiak’s fruit bearing plants are a favorite during late summer and fall picking season when salmonberries, blueberries, low bush cranberries and more provide sustenance for humans, birds and bears.



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DOWNTOWN KODIAK

1. Visitor Information Center at 100 Marine Way: Discover Kodiak, Gift Shop, Kodiak Chamber of Commerce, Ferry Terminal.

2. Baranov Museum. Located in the oldest Russian built wooden structure on the west coast of the U.S. Offers an overview of Alutiiq, Russian and early Kodiak history. Gift shop.

3. Holy Resurrection Russian Orthodox Church. Open during regular services and cruise ship days. Public invited.

4. St. Herman's Chapel

5. Alutiiq Museum

6. Alaska Fisheries Research Center Aquarium & Touch Tank

7. Fred Zharoff Memorial Bridge, built in 1986.w

8. Army National Cemetery. Dates back to 1868 and U.S. Army presence at Fort Kodiak.

9. Russian Cemetery. Dates back to Russian colonization.

10. U.S. Post Office.

11. Kodiak Public Library.

12. Selief plaque. Marks the spot where 86' fishing vessel Selief came to rest after the 1964 tsunami washed out St. Paul Harbor.

13. Tsunami high water marker. Plaque on the corner of the Kodiak Fire Station marks the high water point during the 1964 tsunami.



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Pier 2, City Dock & Cruise Ship Landing

DOG BAY

St. Herman's Harbor

St. Paul Harbor

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Kodiak Fisheries Research Center Aquarium & Touch Tank

14. Old Russian Well. Source of Kodiak's domestic water supply prior to the installation of a modern water system in the 1940s.

15. Stairway leads down from Rezanof Drive to Shelikof Street.

16. St. Paul Boat Harbor and Kodiak Maritime "museum without walls."

17. Harbormaster's Building. Fishermen's Memorial dedicated to fishermen lost at sea.

18. St. Paul Plaza or "The Mall" shops, restaurants and services.

19. Plaque on theatre notes one acre lake that was filled with ash from the 1912 eruption of Mount Novarupta on the Alaska Peninsula.

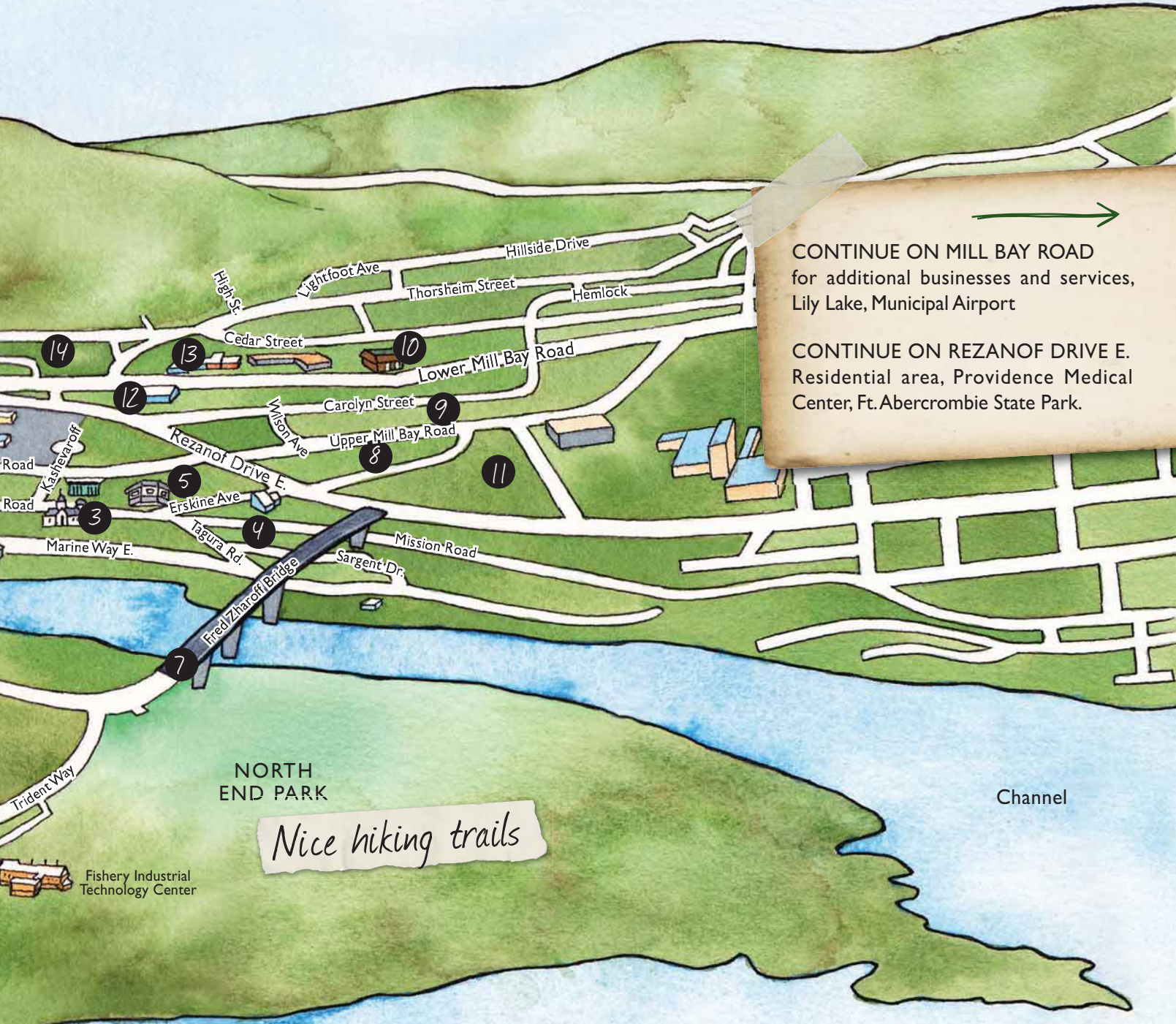
20. Pier I, Ferry Dock. Provides docking for the Alaska Marine Highway's M/V Tustumena and other larger vessels. Sea lions and eagles often seen around the channel.

21. Star of Kodiak. WWII Liberty Ship brought to Kodiak after 1964 tsunami to use as a cannery.

22. Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center.

23. St. Paul Harbor Spit. Boat launch, and moorage. Photographic viewpoint. Gazebo, Public Restrooms, H2O and RV Dump Station.

24. Alaska Department of Fish & Game. Public Information for licensing, hunting and fishing.



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TAKING FISH HOME?

Fish must be properly packaged and marked according to federal law and airline requirements. For best results, let the pros do it. Local processors can vacuum pack, freeze, smoke and ship your catch to ensure that fresh Kodiak flavor!



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Kodiak's road system offers excellent year round fishing. Fifteen rivers and streams, trailheads for 22 lakes, secluded beaches and coves and four boat launch ramps are available along the 100 miles of road. Rainbow trout and Coho salmon are stocked at a number of roadside sites. You can fish on your own or hire a knowledgeable local guide to take you to their favorite spots. If you go on your own, check local regulations, permitting requirements, limits and closures. Call Alaska Department of Fish & Game at (907) 486-1880 or visit www.state.ak.us/adfg. The sport fish recording number is (907) 486-5176.



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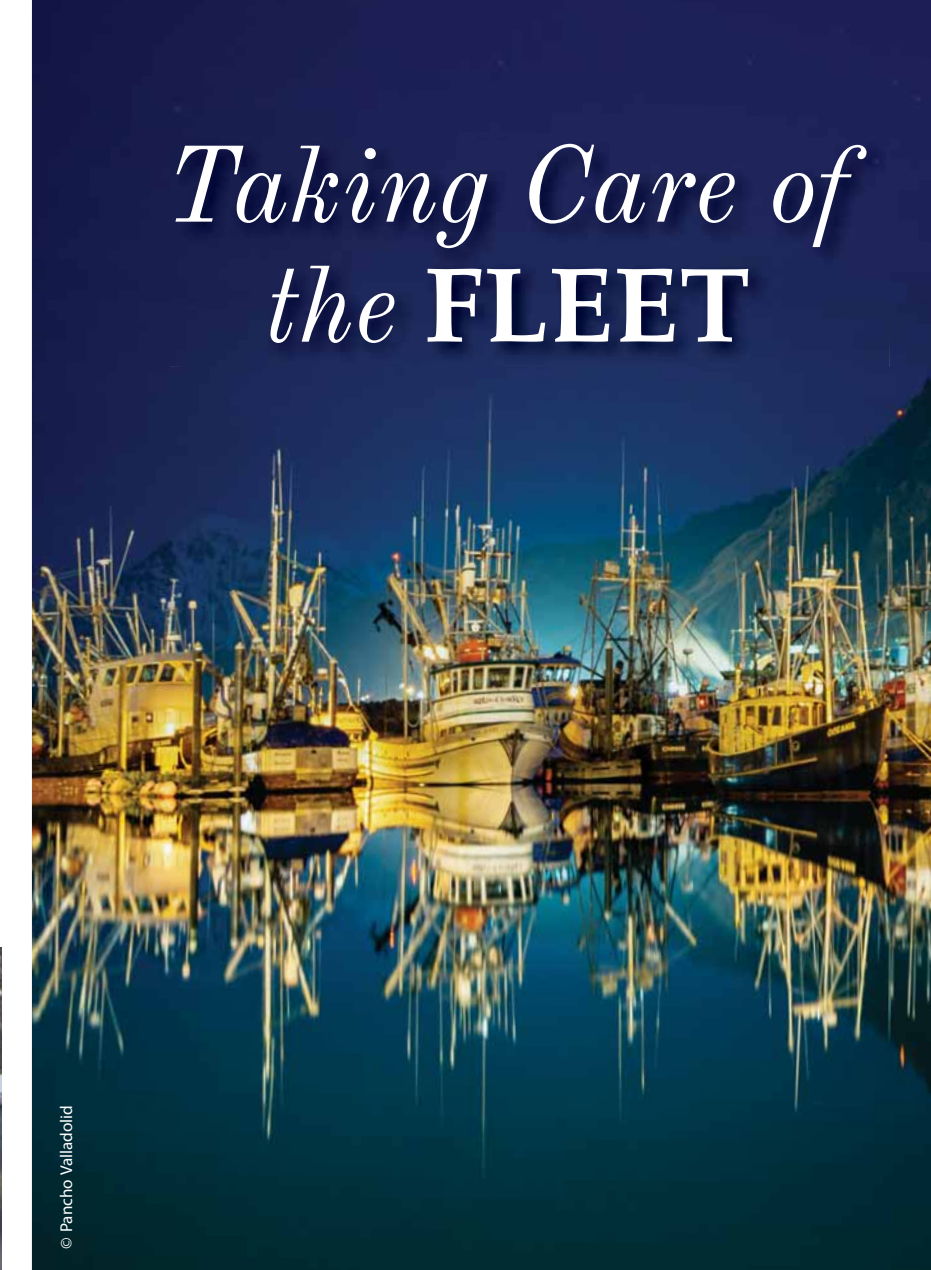
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The character and economy of Kodiak are built around the commercial fishing industry. Crab pots are stacked on working piers; ropes and nets are often seen stretched out for maintenance. Visitors enjoy talking with fishermen as they work. The fishing fleet is always coming and going to deliver fish, and head out for another catch.

The Port of Kodiak is the state's largest and most diversified fishing port, and is consistently ranked among the nation's top four commercial fishing centers. Many of the 700 boats in Kodiak's fleet are locally owned and pass through families for generations.



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Taking Care of the FLEET

» Standing by ready to serve the fishing fleet and other mariners is the U.S. Coast Guard. The country's largest Coast Guard base is located just south of the city of Kodiak.

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The Alutiiq PEOPLE

The Alutiiq culture continues to evolve.

Alutiiq artisans practice and teach ancient crafts passed down by their ancestors. The Alutiiq language, once banned by missionaries and schools, is being recorded and taught to children with the help of Elders.



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The Alutiiq Museum is supported and governed by the Alutiiq Heritage Foundation. Dedicated to preserving and sharing Alutiiq Heritage, this cultural center features a gallery, storage for local artifacts, a research laboratory and museum store.



*Natives of Kodiak
Island called themselves
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or **Qikintarmiug**
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Kodiak's first colonists were the Alutiiq people. Culturally, linguistically, and biologically Alutiiq people are most closely related to the Yup'ik Eskimo of the Bering Sea coast. Alutiiq people base their subsistence lifestyle on the rich marine resources of the region. Sea mammals, whales, salmon, shellfish and birds were the foundation of prehistoric economics and they continue to sustain Alutiiq families today.

When Russian traders arrived in the late 1700's Alutiiq people numbered about 9,000. The Russians called the people "Aleut" generically, which is a word that means coastal dweller. Today there are about 1,700 Alutiiq people living in the Kodiak region, the City of Kodiak and six rural villages.



Cama'i HELLO FROM THE VILLAGES


While the vast majority of Kodiak's population resides in the city and nearby areas, there are villages in the Kodiak Archipelago that are windows to the past and models of modern subsistence lifestyle. The villages are not accessible by car and require careful planning if they are on your itinerary, but visitors are rewarded with a glimpse into Alaska that is seldom seen by most tourists.

» AKHIOK I POPULATION 84

Akhiok is the most remote village on the island. During summer the grassy hills and flatlands that surround the town turn emerald green and burst with colorful wildflowers. It enjoys a strong sockeye and pink salmon run in its rivers and streams. Ancient Alutiq petroglyphs are preserved nearby.

» AFOGNAK ISLAND POPULATION 39 (PLUS INDUSTRY)

The second largest island in the Kodiak Archipelago, Afognak Island has long been known for its excellent hunting and fishing. Protected bays and majestic mountains make it a spectacular place to visit and wildlife abounds here. The island, along with nearby Raspberry Island, hosts the only elk herds in Alaska and the Kodiak brown bear lives there as well. Petroglyphs that mark rock faces surrounding the old village stand as silent witness to a once thriving prehistoric community. Several lodges and charter services are available for fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing or quiet retreats on both Afognak and Raspberry islands.



» KARLUK I POPULATION 37

Throughout the 19th century Karluk, located on Kodiak's southwest coast, was known as the site of the world's largest red salmon run and operated the largest cannery in the world. The village continues to be a popular fishing destination for the adventurous angler seeking king and sockeye salmon. The Kodiak bear holds a strong presence here. More than 46 registered archaeological sites along the Karluk River hold evidence of the original inhabitants.

» LARSEN BAY I POPULATION 89

Situated in a scenic valley on a narrow fjord, Larsen Bay is at the very center of commercial and sport fishing activity on Kodiak Island's west side. Beautiful waterfront lodges lure anglers from around the world. The abundance of wildlife near Larsen bay attracts visitors interested in viewing the Kodiak brown bear, seals, puffins, sea lions, eagles and fox in their natural habitat.

» OLD HARBOR I POPULATION 224

Among the most picturesque of Kodiak Island villages, Old Harbor is nestled on a narrow strip of beach at the foot of a steep, grassy mountain. Because of its abundant waters, Old Harbor is every angler's dream. It is also a great destination for wildlife viewing with large sea mammal haul-outs and the archipelago's largest puffin colony. Just south of Old Harbor is Three Saints Bay, site of the first Russian settlement. Historic Three Saints Russian Orthodox Church is the striking centerpiece of the village. Local charter boat operators offer custom sightseeing, kayaking, fishing and hunting excursions. Lodging is available.

» OUZINKIE I POPULATION 185

Ouzinkie is a quiet little settlement located on the southwest shore of Spruce Island. The Church of the Nativity, built in 1898 is tucked in a cove of spruce trees and a network of wooden boardwalks offers a unique means to explore. Spruce Island was home to St. Herman, the first canonized Russian Orthodox saint in North America. St. Herman's chapel is located at Monk's Lagoon. Charter services are available for travel to and fishing on Spruce Island.

» PORT LIONS I POPULATION 177

Located on the north end of Kodiak Island, Port Lions was established in 1964 after the earthquake and subsequent tsunami destroyed Afognak Village. Residents of Afognak made the move to Port Lions with the help of the Kodiak Lions Club; thereby establishing its name.

Commercial fishing is the main economy of the community, along with tourism. There are 4 active lodges which provide fishing and hunting excursions, as well as several bed and breakfasts. Port Lions is accessible by boat or small plane, or the Alaska Marine Highway. Travelers enjoy the stunning scenery, hunting, fishing and wildlife throughout Kizhuyak Bay and surrounding area, as well as the 1 mile long walk bridge that spans Settler's Cove for exploration.



Tales of the PAST

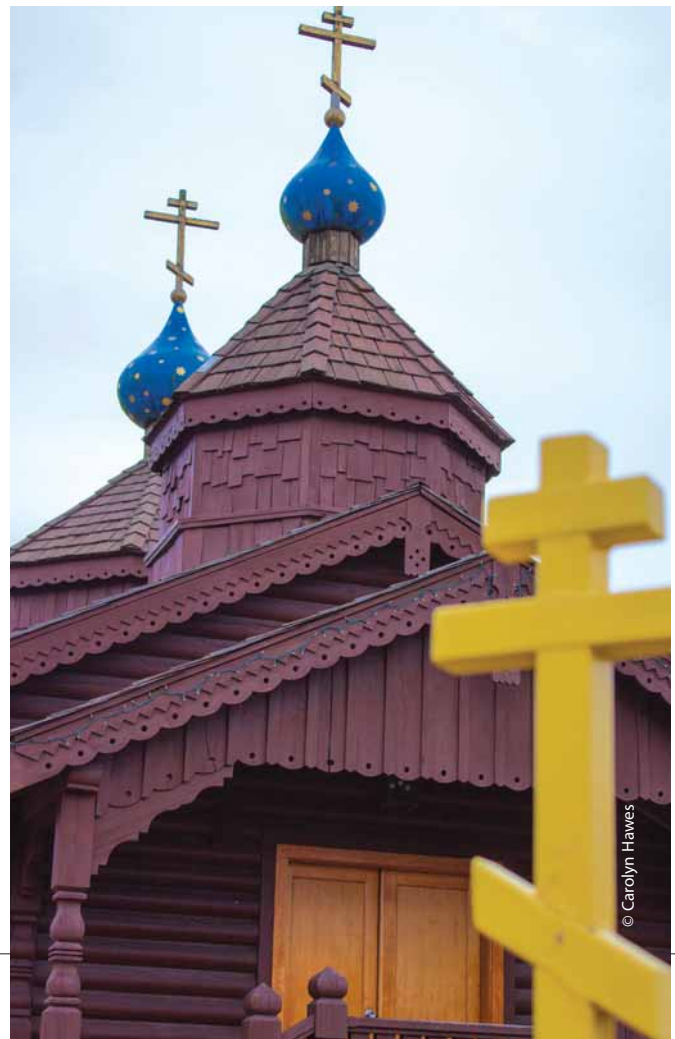
KODIAK'S DRAMATIC HISTORY

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History buffs will find themselves a little slice of heaven in Kodiak. The Archipelago is rich in native culture, Russian history, World War II installations and dramatic natural disasters.

Until the mid-18th century, the Alutiiq people enjoyed an undisturbed life in the Kodiak Archipelago. Everything they needed was here: waters rich in fish, seals, whales and sea lions; land bursting with berries, birds and mammals. For thousands of years they lived in harmony with all that the sea and earth provided. Their peaceful life came to an end in 1784 when Russian settlers initiated an economy based on compulsory labor. Kodiak quickly became the commercial center for Russian fur trade and Alutiiq natives were used to hunt sea otters for benefit of the company.

The village of Kodiak changed permanently when Alexander Baranov built an otter pelt warehouse on a hill overlooking the harbor. More than two hundred years later, the building still stands and is home to the Baranov Museum. It is the oldest structure in Alaska and the oldest of all Russian-era buildings in North America. Visitor can see artifacts spanning thousands of years and purchase Russian made crafts as well as local art in the gift store.



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VOLCANOES, EARTHQUAKES, TSUNAMIS AND WAR...



Kodiak is no stranger to dramatic shifts in the landscape. In 1912 the people of Kodiak experienced the largest volcanic eruption of the 20th century when Mt. Novarupta on the Alaska Peninsula shot six cubic miles of earth into the air. Nearly two feet of ash fell on Kodiak and its 500 residents. The “white sand” you see at many Kodiak beaches is actually volcanic ash laid down by this eruption.

Kodiak’s landscape changed once again when it became a major staging area for North Pacific operations during WWII. Bunkers and gun emplacements were built at Chiniak, Long Island and Ft. Abercrombie. Many of these structures are visible from the road and on trails throughout the island.

Even a world war and volcanic eruption was no match for the devastation that resulted from the largest earthquake in North American history. In 1964, a 9.2 magnitude temblor rocked Alaska. It triggered a series of tsunamis that devastated downtown Kodiak. Fishing boats vessels were tossed into the streets, buildings destroyed, and people displaced. The Army Corps of Engineers redesigned downtown into what you see today.

AN ERA PASSES

Baranov’s tenure in Kodiak was sometimes rocky. He was considered by some to be a ruthless businessman and he was particularly at odds with the Russian Orthodox clergy for his treatment of Alutiiq people, but he was also a leader who inspired respect. After 34 years serving as governor of Russian American and general manager of the company, he left the island in 1818 dying at sea on the journey home. After his departure, the Russian settlement began to falter. Sea otter populations declined and weary Russians saw a way out by selling Alaska to the U.S. That purchase took place in 1867 for the now famous amount of two cents per acre.

With the sea otter population compromised, salmon became the economic staple. By the 1890s, canneries dotted the islands. Commercial fishing remains the economic mainstay of Kodiak. The most lasting legacy of the Russian era is the Russian orthodox religion. With its distinctive blue cupolas, the Holy Resurrection Russian Orthodox Cathedral is a prominent fixture in downtown Kodiak.





Spend a late evening watching the sunset and catching a glimpse of those Northern Lights!

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During the winter months one does not have to go far to enjoy Kodiak's wildlife; bald eagles, sea lions, seals and a variety of other creatures can all be viewed while walking around downtown or from the boat harbors.

Other fun, enjoyable winter activities include: Cross-country skiing, Year-round deep sea charters and booming local arts & cultural activities.

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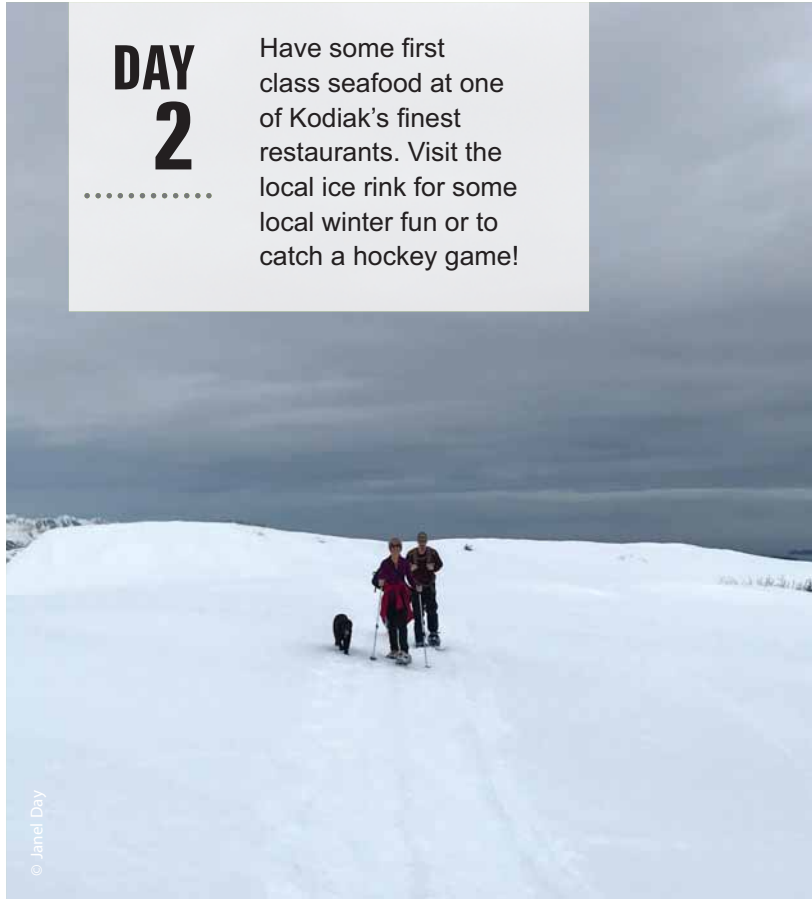
Get oriented by visiting the Visitor Information Center downtown at the ferry terminal. Maps, directions and suggestions for activities can all be found here. Visit the Baranov Museum, Alutiiq Museum and Kodiak Wildlife Refuge Interpretive Center. Don't forget to grab a local roast at one of our many coffee shops to keep your hands warm!



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DAY 2

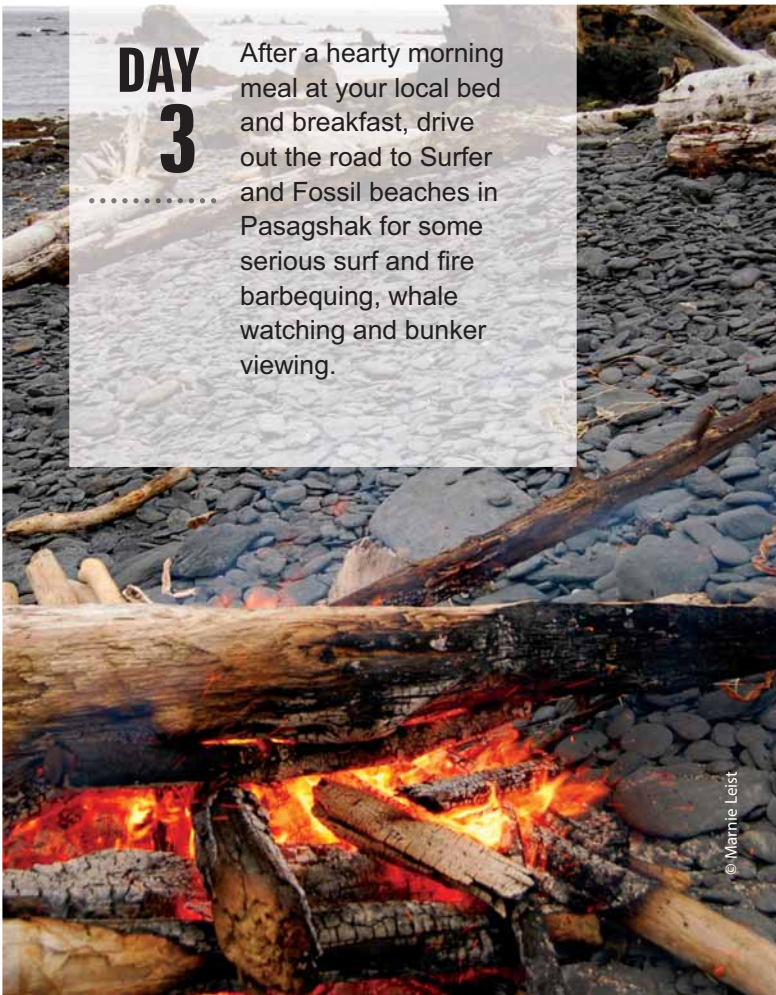
Have some first class seafood at one of Kodiak's finest restaurants. Visit the local ice rink for some local winter fun or to catch a hockey game!



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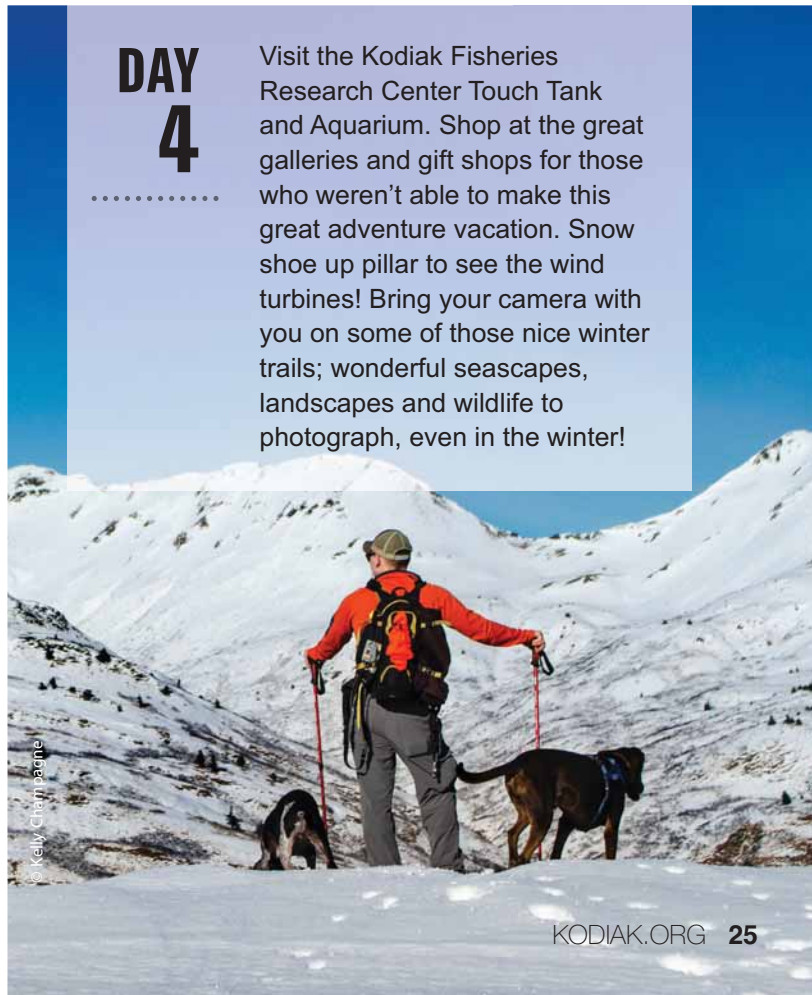
After a hearty morning meal at your local bed and breakfast, drive out the road to Surfer and Fossil beaches in Pasagshak for some serious surf and fire barbequing, whale watching and bunker viewing.



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DAY 4

Visit the Kodiak Fisheries Research Center Touch Tank and Aquarium. Shop at the great galleries and gift shops for those who weren't able to make this great adventure vacation. Snow shoe up pillar to see the wind turbines! Bring your camera with you on some of those nice winter trails; wonderful seascapes, landscapes and wildlife to photograph, even in the winter!



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CALENDAR of EVENTS

What's happening in Kodiak



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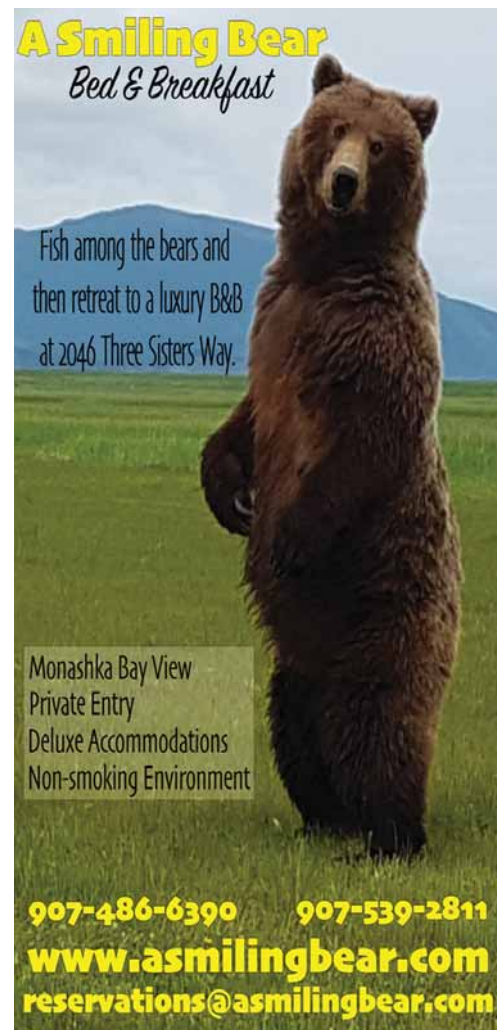
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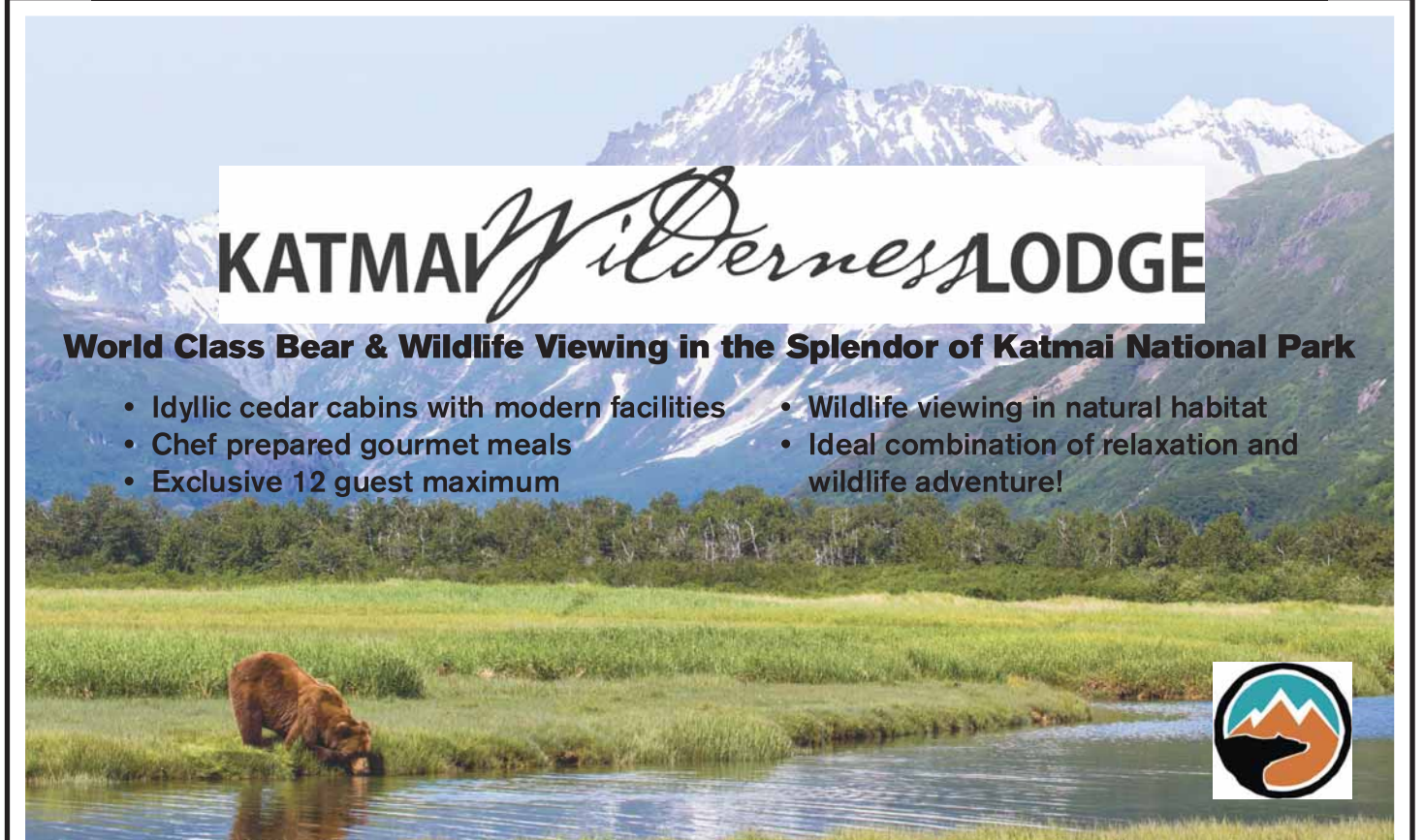


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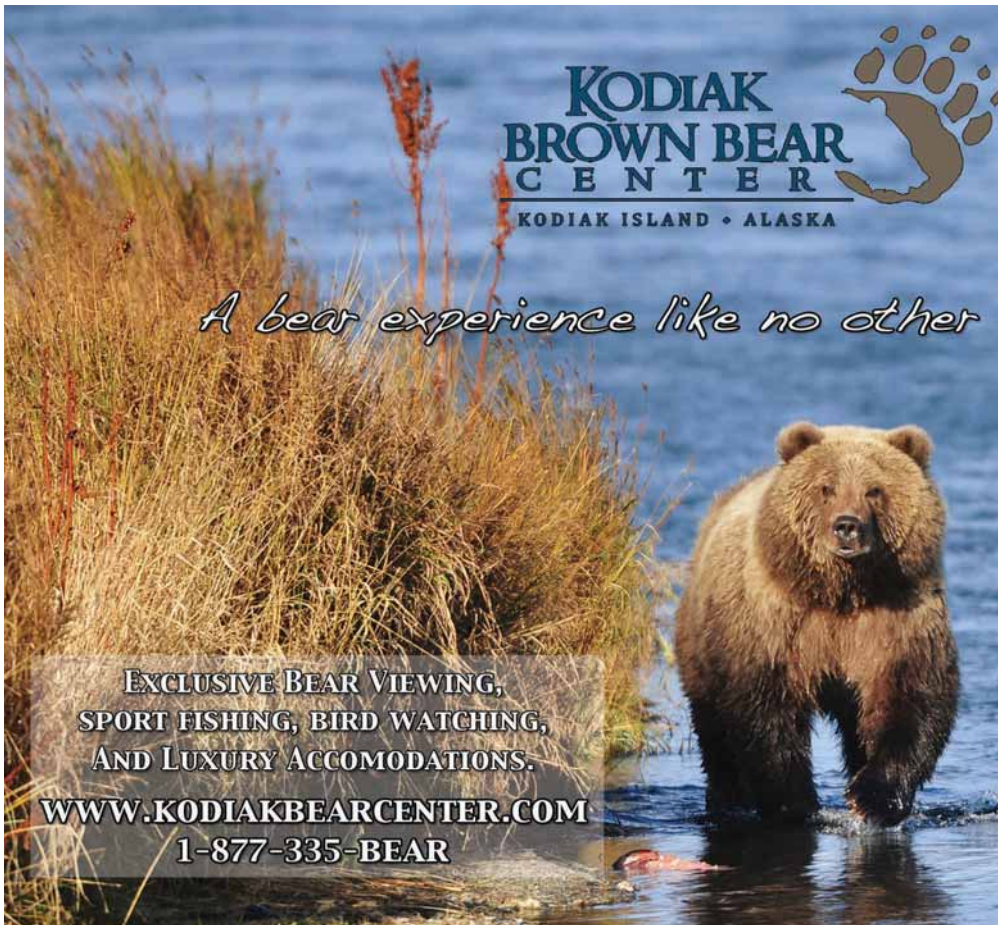
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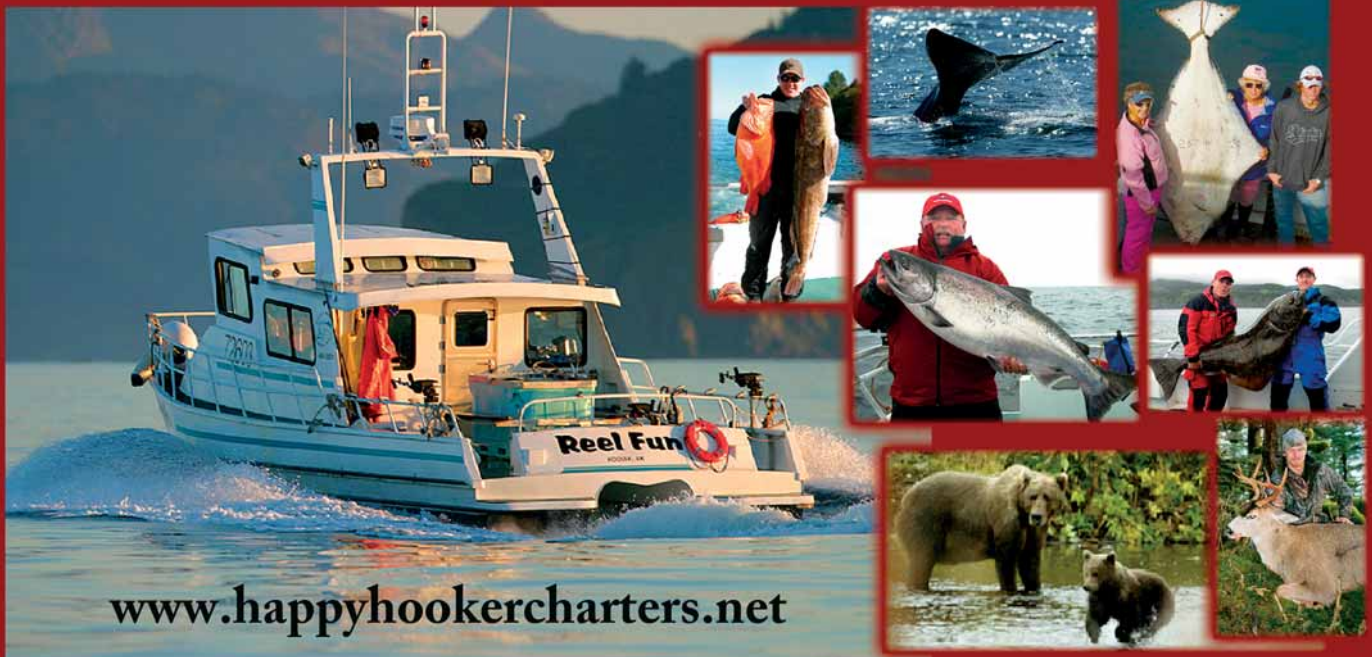
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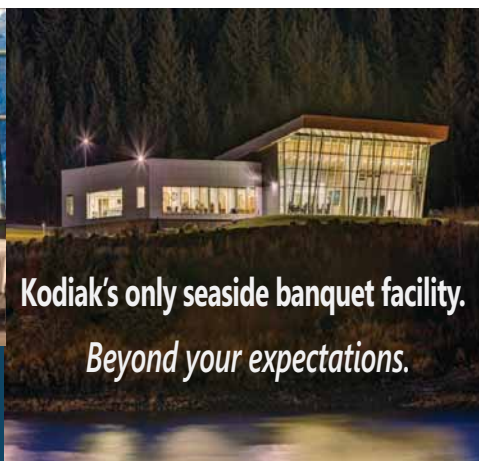
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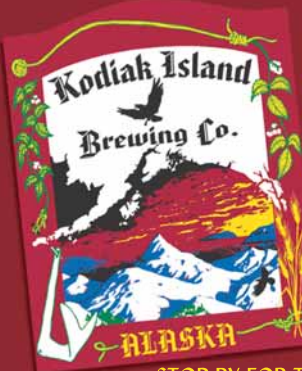
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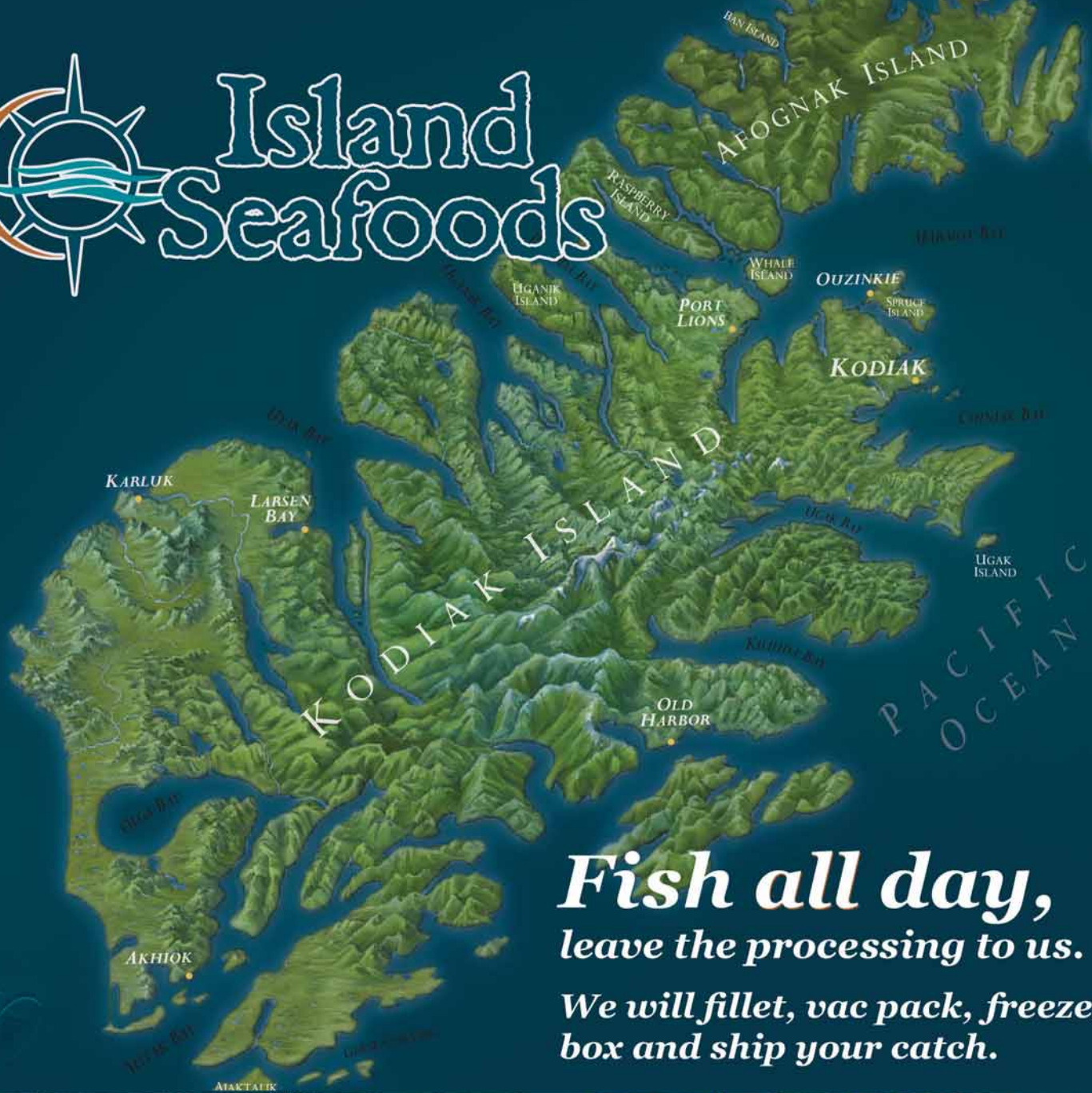
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