

# Juneau Alaska

Long before European settlement in the Americas, the Gastineau Channel was a favorite fishing ground for local Tlingit Indians, known then as the Auke and Taku tribes, who had inhabited the surrounding area for thousands of years. In October 1880, the two white men marked a 160-acre town site where a mining camp soon appeared. Within a year, the camp became a small town, the first to be founded after Alaska's purchase by the United States. Juneau has been Alaska's capital city since 1906, in spite of endless attempts to wrest the capital city away to the north. It is the only US capital not accessible by car, as you can only travel there by plane or boat. The population of Juneau, including adjacent Douglas, is 31,000, which includes 12% Alaska Natives. Juneau is nestled between mountain ranges and the Gastineau Channel, minutes from Mendenhall Glacier. It is like the Alps at the edge of the ocean. Juneau boasts an active art community, is a hub for folk music, and is home to many outdoor enthusiasts. A typical year affords 44 sunny days, 100 inches of rain, 90 inches of snow, 18 hours of daylight in June and a third of that in December. The Alaska Native population disproportionately utilizes social services in Juneau and throughout Alaska. Alaska has the highest per-capita incidence of alcoholism, rape, domestic violence and suicide in the United States. Juneau was identified as having one of the highest costs of living in the region, and Southeast Alaska suffers from a significant lack of affordable housing. JVs have served in Juneau since 1975.

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