Juneau, Alaska

About Juneau

The site where Juneau now stands, first called Dzánti K'ihéeni, was a fishing ground for the Áak'w Ḵwáan (Auke) and T'aaḵu Ḵwáan (Taku) tribes of the Tlingit nation.

In the 1880s the city of Juneau was built as a mining camp and later became the capital of Alaska. Jesuit Volunteers (JVs) have been in Juneau since 1975.

In the summers the island of Juneau is a bustling tourist destination; its usual population of 30,000 more than doubles in size. In the winters state politicians flock to the city for legislative sessions. Folks from rural towns or villages in the Alaskan panhandle utilize services at agencies operating primarily out of Juneau, the largest city in Southeast Alaska.

Joys of Juneau

The Juneau JV house is within walking distance of downtown Juneau and an easy bike ride to both the mountains and the beach. It also has a beautiful view of Mount Juneau from the living room window! Juneau is home to an active art community and many outdoor enthusiasts. It is also a hub for folk music and hosts the annual Juneau Folk Festival. The juxtaposition of mountains and the waters of the sprawling Gastineau Channel contribute to a unique natural beauty described as "the Alps at the edge of the sea."