



## Travel Information Juneau to Sitka/Sitka to Juneau on MV *Westward*

### General trip information

Your trip will begin in Juneau or Sitka, depending on which departure you are on (check your trip booking to confirm your date and departure port). Travel to/from Juneau or Sitka is usually booked to/from Seattle on Alaska Air ([www.alaskaair.com](http://www.alaskaair.com)).

You may also choose to use the Alaska Marine Highway System (State Ferry System) which has weekly arrivals from Bellingham, WA and Prince Rupert, B.C. Go to [www.alaska.gov/ferry](http://www.alaska.gov/ferry) for their schedule and fare information.

*We recommend that you arrive a day prior to the cruise departure date to insure that you will not miss the boat.*

### Finding the MV *Westward*

Juneau: *Westward* will be moored in downtown Juneau in the vicinity of the Mount Roberts Tram base station. Please call the boat at 360.298.1661 to verify our moorage site.

Sitka: *Westward* will be docked in Sitka Harbor. Please call the Sitka Harbor Master at 907.747.3429, or the boat at 360.298.1661 to confirm our moorage location.

### When to meet the boat

Juneau: We welcome guests aboard at 12:00 noon, hoping to cast off by 12:30 pm. After boarding, we will help you get your luggage into your cabin. Following a safety orientation, we will get underway. After leaving port, we will serve a full lunch and give brief introductions to the workings of the boat and an overview of the voyage ahead.

Sitka: We welcome you aboard at 10:00 am. After boarding and stowing luggage, we will take the time to visit a few historic sites in town and eat lunch at a local restaurant. Returning to *Westward* by mid-afternoon and cast off. After leaving port, we will give a safety orientation and give brief introductions to the working of the boat and an overview of the voyage ahead.

### **If you miss the boat**

Call our office at 360.378.7123 or the boat at 360-298-1661 as soon as it becomes obvious that you will be late. If there is no answer, leave a message. If you cannot leave a return number, call again in one hour. The best way to catch up to the boat is via float plane. Air taxi services are available as follows:

- Juneau: Alaska Seaplanes 907.789.3331
- Sitka: Harris Air 877.966.3050

The call sign for the *Westward* is WDD 4133. Your pilot will need our call sign to contact the boat. If your luggage is delayed, it can be delivered to the boat. Speak to the Captain, and he will help you in arranging this.

### **Journey's end**

Juneau: We will arrive at the dock in Juneau in time for you to catch the early afternoon southbound flights.

Sitka: We will arrive at the dock in Sitka in the early morning, allowing for a naturalist-guided sampling of the town's many historic sites.

It is worth spending an extra day or two in Juneau or Sitka (or both). Use the suggestions below to plan your stay before and after the trip.

### **Transportation form the Juneau airport**

- Evergreen Taxi 907.586.2121
- Capital Cab 907.586.2772
- Juneau Taxi 907.790.4511
- The municipal bus runs into town once an hour for \$2.00 (Duration approx. 60 min.)

### **Where to stay in Juneau**

You may wish to contact the Juneau Convention & Visitors Bureau, 134 Third Street, Juneau, AK 99801. Phone: 888.581.2201 or e-mail [info@traveljuneau.com](mailto:info@traveljuneau.com). There is also a useful Trip Planner at [www.traveljuneau.com](http://www.traveljuneau.com). Below are a few hotel suggestions:

- **Alaska Capital Inn** 888.588.6507, Historic 1906 mansion converted to a bed and breakfast. [www.alaskacapitalinn.com](http://www.alaskacapitalinn.com)
- **The Prospector Inn**, 907.586.3737, 375 Whittier Street across from the Alaska State Museum. Courtesy transportation from airport. [www.prospectorhotel.com](http://www.prospectorhotel.com)
- **The Westmark Baranof** 800.544.0970, 125 North Franklin Street in downtown Juneau, overlooking Gastineau Channel. It has 105 modern, full-service hotel rooms. [www.westmarkhotels.com](http://www.westmarkhotels.com)
- **Four Points by Sheraton** 886.716.6900, 51 Egan Dr, within walking distance of historic downtown Juneau. [www.fourpointsjuneau.com](http://www.fourpointsjuneau.com)
- **Driftwood Lodge Hotel** 800.544.2239, 435 Willoughby Ave. in downtown Juneau. One star budget hotel with decent Frommer's review. Complimentary airport transportation. Good for a group/family. [www.driftwoodalaska.com](http://www.driftwoodalaska.com)
- **Silver Bow Inn B&B** 800.586.4146, 120 2nd St., [www.silverbowinn.com](http://www.silverbowinn.com)

### **Things to do in Juneau**

Take the tram ride to the top of Mt. Roberts, hike around and/or visit the Alaska State museum. Take a helicopter ride to the top of a glacier or book a dogsled tour with Coastal Helicopters ([www.coastalhelicopters.com](http://www.coastalhelicopters.com)); or book a Taku Glacier Lodge Flight & Feast ([www.wingsairways.com](http://www.wingsairways.com)) three hours total with approx 40-50 min of flight time over the Juneau ice field, land on Taku River and take a salmon dinner at the historic Taku Glacier Lodge: Cost \$240 per person

### **Transportation from the Sitka Airport**

- Sitka Cab 907.738-5002
- Baranof Taxi & Tours 907.738.4722
- Hank's Cabs 907.747.8888

### **Where to stay in Sitka**

You may wish to check with the Sitka Convention & Visitors Bureau ([www.sitka.org](http://www.sitka.org)) or the Sitka town website ([www.sitka.com](http://www.sitka.com)) for more information.

- **Westmark Sitka** 800.916.4339, located downtown, near historic sites and points of interest. [www.reservations.com/hotel/westmark-sitka](http://www.reservations.com/hotel/westmark-sitka)
- **Otters Cove B7B** 907.747.4529, with beautiful views of Sitka Sound and Mt. Edgecumbe. [www.ottercovebandb.com](http://www.ottercovebandb.com)
- **There are some other B&Bs** as well. Check [www.sitka.org/stay](http://www.sitka.org/stay) for more information

### **Things to do in Sitka**

Sitka's rich history has made it an interesting place to visit with many sites to see. If you decide to spend some extra time here, visit the Russian Bishop's House, St. Michael's Cathedral or any of the many museums and shops.

### **Fishing Licenses**

Purchase fishing licenses for Alaska online at <http://www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/license>. Fishing on the *Catalyst* is dependent on activities and tides. Our fishing is limited to stream fishing for salmon and trout, setting crab/prawn traps, and casting with light poles off the boat. If you would like an opportunity to fish for halibut and salmon, we suggest extending your visit and take a full or half day trip with a local guide.