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2,607 km - about 3 d 2 h 19 m - @ 600 kms/day = avg speed 100 kph

Tok - Valdez - ferry to Whittier - Anchorage - Fairbanks - Arctic Circle - Coldfoot. Takes in Richardson Hwy to Valdez and the one lane Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel at Whittier. Valdez to Whittier ferry takes 5:45 hrs. Mongolian Yurt Camping at Chena Hot Springs is a 181 km return trip from Hwy 2. Coldfoot is a 192 km return trip from the Arctic Circle Sign



Anchorage to Valdez, Alaska (AK-1 and AK-4)

N 61.214734°, W 149.870453° to N 61.132629°°, W 146.341095°° - 298 mi, 480 km, 5:38 hrs

The trip from Anchorage to Valdez, which connects Glenn and Richardson highways, runs past prehistoric glaciers and into mountain ranges with so many 14,000-foot peaks a lot of them haven't even been named. Along the 300-mile route, the trans-Alaska pipeline pops in and out of view. The final approach to Valdez includes a 25-mile drop from Thompson Pass (2,771 elevation) to sea level through the waterfalls of Keystone Canyon, opening into Prince William Sound.

Stop: Gawk at domesticated musk oxen, the Ice Age wonders of the Alaskan landscape prized for their wool, in Palmer. (*muskoxfarm.org*; tours \$8 per adult.) USA-americas-most-scenic-iconic-roads.doc

Ferries run from Valdez - Wittier - then road back to Anchorage



Alaska Marine Highway System

Online Reservations

Sailing Search

Departure Port VALDEZ Arrival Port WHITTIER Departure Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 06/23/2015

Search

This search is only to be used to view schedules and help in planning your reservation. At this time you will not be able to save your search to create your reservation. You will need to go to <u>Begin your reservation</u>.

Departing: VALDEZ	Arriving: WHITTIER	Vessel
Mon, Jun 22 at 7:00 AM	Mon, Jun 22 at 12:45 PM	M/V Aurora
Passengers: AVAILABLE	Vehicles: AVAILABLE	Cabins: NONE ON THIS VESSEL
Tue, Jun 23 at 7:00 AM	Tue, Jun 23 at 12:45 PM	M/V Aurora
Passengers: AVAILABLE	Vehicles: AVAILABLE	Cabins: NONE ON THIS VESSEL
Thu, Jun 25 at 7:00 AM	Thu, Jun 25 at 12:45 PM	M/V Aurora
Passengers: AVAILABLE	Vehicles: AVAILABLE	Cabins: NONE ON THIS VESSEL
Thu, Jun 25 at 11:15 AM	Thu, Jun 25 at 2:00 PM	FVF Chenega
Passengers: AVAILABLE	Vehicles: AVAILABLE	Cabins: NONE ON THIS VESSEL
Fri, Jun 26 at 7:00 AM	Fri, Jun 26 at 12:45 PM	M/V Aurora
Passengers: AVAILABLE	Vehicles: AVAILABLE	Cabins: NONE ON THIS VESSEL

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http://www.dot.state.ak.us/creg/whittiertunnel/schedule.shtml

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel

Schedules and Hours of Operation

A Controlled One-Lane Tunnel with Alternating Train and Vehicle Use

Phone: 907-566-2244 Toll-free: 877-611-2586 or Tune to: AM 530, Whittier or AM 1610, Portage Vehicles wait in a staging area at each end until a scheduled departure at fifteen minute intervals. For freezing temperatures and fixed winter openings, travel is limited to a five minute window. Vehicles must be in line before that time.

SUMMER TUNNEL SCHEDULE

May 1 to September 30: Open daily 5:30 am to 11:15 pm

TIME	DIRECTION
1:00 - 1:15 pm	Whittier to Bear Valley
1:30- 1:45 pm	Bear Valley to Whittier
2:00 - 2:15 pm	Whittier to Bear Valley
2:30 - 2:45 pm *	Bear Valley to Whittier
3:00 - 3:15 pm	Whittier to Bear Valley
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Bear Valley to Whittier
4:00 - 4:15 pm *	Whittier to Bear Valley
4:30 - 4:45 pm	Bear Valley to Whittier
5:00 - 5:15 pm	Whittier to Bear Valley

Traffic starts at 5:30 a.m., continuing until 11:15 p.m. during the summer, accommodating vehicles most of the time.

Unscheduled trains using the tunnel in addition to the regularly scheduled passenger trains may cause occasional 15 to 30 minute delays. Please plan with this possibility in mind.

*Oversize vehicles are allowed only on Monday through Thursday at these times. See the link: <u>Vehicle</u> <u>Size, Tunnel Restrictions</u> for limitations.

Motorcycle helmets must be worn in the tunnel, and convertible vehicles must have the top in place.

PLEASE HELP TO FACILITATE THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC. PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE AT THE STAGING AREA TEN MINUTES BEFORE THE SCHEDULED OPENING.

Seward Highway -- Alaska, from Anchorage to Seward N 61.220024°, W 149.870911° to N 60.103195°, W 149.442444° 125 mi, 201 km, 2:19 hrs

This road is 127 miles (204 kilometers) long and connects the cities of Anchorage and Seward. It takes about five hours to make the drive, but many people will spread the trip out over a few days in order to explore the area in depth.

Seward Highway holds a triple designation in the United States: USDA Forest Service Scenic Byway, Alaska Scenic Byway and All-American Road. The highway begins at the base of the Chugach Mountains and the shore of Turnagain Arm. In addition to gorgeous waterfalls and glaciers, tourists might see sheep, eagles, moose and even beluga whales. The most popular time to visit Alaska is during the summer, when the most sunlight is available.

The highway ascends 1,000 feet (304 meters) into the mountains and back down to sea level within an hour. The rest of the drive winds up, down and around the wilds of Alaska. You'll see fishing villages, mining towns and national forests. You can even stop off at a place called Crow Creek Mine to pan for gold.

<u>http://adventure.howstuffworks.com/10-beautiful-drives.htm#page=0</u> <u>http://travel.nationalgeographic.com.au/travel/road-trips/seward-highway-alaska-road-trip/</u>

Mongolian Yurt camping, Fairbanks

N 64.888399°, W 147.620693° to N 65.053229°, W 146.056480°

from Hwy 2 - 112 mi, 181 km, 2:26 hrs - return YURTS \$65 - CHECK IN AT 3PM - CHECK OUT AT 11AM

Mongolian Style Yurt Tent with NO Heat, NO Electricity, NO Plumbing, NO Bedding. Available May 15-September 15 - Reservations allowed by calling (907) 451-8104 x 0. Yurts have three cots, one table and three chairs. Please bring your own sleeping bags or linens.

\$65 for two persons. Additional 3rd person \$20 (maximum three persons).

Does not include swim or soak passes. Purchase Swim Passes at Pool House for \$15 per adult per day. Seniors (60+) \$13, Youth (6-17 years) \$12. \$5 Towel Rental. Pool House open daily 7AM-12 Midnight.

To view a brochure detailing Chena's highlights click here. http://www.chenahotsprings.com/camping/







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