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News and Insights About Life in Alaska's Capital City

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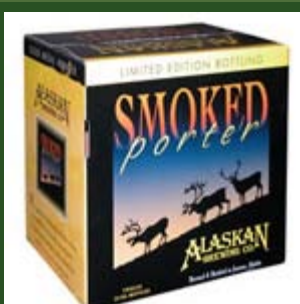
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### HAPPENING NOW!



[Alaskan Brewing Company](#) has just released this year's vintage of their famous Smoked Porter beer. Also, the seasonal Alaskan Winter Ale -- brewed with Sitka spruce tips -- is available, perfect for holidays or warming up on a winter day.

### AND...



[Chez Alaska Cooking School](#) introduces "Friday Night Supper Club," featuring a 4-course meal. The event is part demonstration, part hands-on, and lots of fun.

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**Thank you for subscribing to the Juneau Travel News. We hope you'll use this newsletter to stay informed about Alaska's beautiful capital city.**

### The Bears May Hibernate, But We Don't!

The Off-Season is ON in Juneau, Alaska



Once the activities of the summer season have waned, the "off" season picks up speed in Alaska's Capital City. For those who know, Juneau is a vibrant arts and adventure destination during any season. For those who don't, here's the skinny on why you should consider Juneau and its neighboring communities as an exciting target for your off-season fun.

**Winter Sports:** Winter sports enthusiasts find challenges at every turn, from snow-clad mountain meadows for cross-country skiing to the stunning slopes of [Eaglecrest Ski Area](#) for downhill devotees. Ice skating, ice hockey, snowshoeing, and invigorating walks beckon in postcard-worthy settings.

**Arts & Culture:** Juneau's rich cultural community comes alive from October through April with an impressive array of performing and visual arts. From gallery walks to folk music and dance, from light opera to [world-class theatre](#), you can find activities to stimulate your senses and renew your spirit.

**Nearby Communities:** As our [neighboring communities](#) settle down from summer, visitors can find quaint, unique communities in which to wind down, decompress, and enjoy life's simpler pleasures. And getting there can be an experience unto itself!

**Getting Here:** For those seeking a fast track, [Alaska Airlines](#) is just a two hour flight north from Seattle (and a 1.5 hour flight south from Anchorage). For the more adventurous spirits, the Alaska Marine Highway ferry system continues to connect Southeast Alaska communities even in winter (about 2 1/2 days from Prince Rupert). The new [Fall-Winter-Spring ferry schedule](#) is now available, and once read, it is easy to use as a planning tool for traveling the waters of Alaska's Inside Passage.

**Putting the Pieces Together:** Now that you know Juneau is a great winter destination, how can you put it all together to plan your trip? Check out this [sample itinerary](#), and then have some fun creating your own!

### More Cruise Choices in 2011

Crystal Cruises and InnerSea Discoveries Add Juneau to Their Itineraries



Exciting news on the cruising front results in even more options for traveling to Juneau starting in 2011. In addition to the Disney Wonder's new sailings to Alaska, Crystal Cruises and InnerSea Discoveries have both announced itineraries that include Juneau in 2011.

Crystal Cruises will return to Alaska waters after a six year absence with nine 12-day voyages out of San Francisco. The 781-foot, 922 passenger "Crystal Symphony" enjoys the #2 position in the *Conde Nast Traveler's* list of best ships in the world 2009 (second to its sister ship "Crystal Serenity").

InnerSea Discoveries will begin Ketchikan to Juneau "wildlife-centric" 7-day voyages in the summer of 2011. The 80-passenger "Wilderness Discoverer" and the 66-passenger "Wilderness Adventurer," both currently under extensive renovation, won't stop at ports along the way but will instead spend the journey sailing through fjords, around glaciers, and through the islands and coastal cruising areas of Southeast Alaska.

### Science on a Sphere

A New Alaska State Museum Permanent Exhibit



Any trip to Juneau must include a visit to the [Alaska State Museum](#) to catch the new Science on a Sphere exhibit.

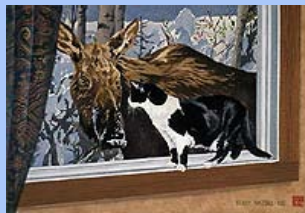
Developed by NOAA researchers, the room sized, global display system uses computers and video projectors to display planetary data onto a six foot diameter sphere, analogous to a giant animated globe.

Animated images of atmospheric storms, climate change, ocean temperature and more can be shown on the sphere. Watch winter advance and recede, be surprised at a 24-hour moving display of airplane flights around the globe, and see the sunrise and sunset paths across the Earth.

It's amazing, it's fun, and it's a must-see in Juneau.

### Gallery Walk -- a Moveable Art Feast

Be a Part of Juneau's Premier Art Gala!



Alaskan artist Byron Birdsall, whose painting "Cat and Moose" is shown to the left, is just one of the many talented artists represented in Juneau's shops and galleries. To celebrate this vast pool of talent, Juneau hosts Gallery Walk the first weekend in December each year. This enormously popular annual arts event is scheduled for December 4-6.

Dozens of art galleries and shops in downtown Juneau participate, as well as other locations throughout town. Gallery Walk features exhibitions and shows, and the public has the opportunity to meet and chat with various artists at the different venues, which include everything from hotels and restaurants to museums and coffeehouses. The event runs Friday evening (the big night) and Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

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