



# Anchorage, Alaska

“*Home Sweet Home! Anchorage is Alaska’s largest city. It lies between the mountains and the sea and yet is no stranger to the wilderness and wild animals. Here are some fun things you can easily do in town pre or post wedding!*”

— Monica & Andy

## ACCOMMODATIONS:

There are many available accommodations that would be a great fit for any type of visit. We’ve put together a list of accommodations [HERE](#) for the wedding.

## THINGS TO DO IN ANCHORAGE:

- **Spruce and Summit Photography** Whether you’re revisiting Alaska or traveling here for the first time, each moment presents a unique point in time, unrepeatable and special in its own way. Photos are a great way to capture these moments! If you’re looking to get professional stunning mountainous photos with the family, friends or even alone without the actual “climb” – check out Spruce & Summit! Spruce & Summit is a local photography tour business based in Anchorage, Alaska. The founder and private photographer – Brittany - is one of Monica’s good friends who is familiar with the local area and all the ‘hidden photography gems’ in Anchorage. Check them out [here](#).
- **Fly-In Wildlife Viewing Opportunities from Anchorage:** You don't have to leave town to experience Alaska's wildlife. Fly-in bear-viewing adventures begin right in Anchorage. For our wedding [Rusts Flying Service](#) is offering our guests a **10%** discount off any trip if booked before August 31, 2021. Full payment is due at the time of booking. A 50% refund is available with 14 days or more advance notice. No refunds will be given less than 14 days before departure. Cancellation by Rust's due to weather will be refunded 100% of price paid. Please use

discount code “**PARKERWEDDING**” when booking!

- **Big Swig Tours:** Big Swig's philosophy and outlook on life are one in the same: drink good beer with good friends. It's really that simple! If you're interested in visiting some of our breweries and sampling Alaskan beers - check them out! For our wedding [Big Swig Tours](#) is offering our guests a **15%** discount off any tour between August 15, 2020 through August 30, 2020. Please use discount code “**MONICA20**” when booking through their website.
- **Anchorage Trolley:** Embark on a fully-narrated scenic trolley tour for 1 hour of the Anchorage's most iconic spots. For our wedding [Anchorage Trolley Tours](#) is offering our guests a discount off any tour between Book in advance [here](#) using discount code “**MONICA2021**”.
- **Alaska Railroad :** Experience the wild beauty of Alaska by train with the *Alaska Railroad*. The Alaska Railroad is a Class II railroad which extends from Seward and Whittier, in the south of the state of Alaska, in the United States, to Fairbanks, and beyond to Eielson Air Force Base and Fort Wainwright in the interior of that state. Day trips to and from Anchorage available! ([Alaska Railroad Website](#))
- **Tony Knowles Coastal Trail:** Hike, bike or run the 11-mile Tony Knowles Coastal Trail in Anchorage! This paved trail skirts the fault line of the famous '64 earthquake while various stops along the way highlight a long tale of natural and human history. From the trail there is opportunity to spot beluga whales, moose and (on a clear day) views of North America's tallest peak: Denali. ([Tony Knowles Coastal Trail](#))
- **Pablo's Bicycle Rentals:** Pablo's Bicycle Rentals is one of the largest bicycle rental shops in Anchorage. Since it's located downtown, this is a great choice for biking the coastal trail (listed above) or biking around downtown in general! Reserve a bike [here](#)!
- **Anchorage Museum:** The museum has wonderful exhibits on Native Alaskan culture, Alaska state history, northern artwork, and even an interactive science area for the kids. The museum's Muse restaurant offers contemporary Alaska cuisine featuring fresh seafood and local produce ([Anchorage Museum Website](#))
- **Flat Top Mountain:** Hike OR Walk to the Viewing Platforms at Flattop Mountain, a 3,245 feet mountain in the U.S. state of Alaska, located in Chugach State Park just east of urban Anchorage. It is the most climbed mountain in the state. This is a 3.3 mile heavily trafficked loop trail located near Anchorage, Alaska that features beautiful wild flowers, 360 degree views of the Alaska Range, Chugach Range, Cook Inlet, and Anchorage. The trail becomes steep near the summit and

requires some rock scrambling. The summit is often cold and windy; so bring appropriate clothing. If you plantings visit the viewing platforms, you won't need to hike as there are various areas you can easily walk below the mountain to get great views of Anchorage! A \$5 fee or state parking pass is required. Please note the road to the mountain changes from pavement to gravel and is narrow. Please drive safely. ([Flat Top Mountain Directions](#))

- **The Alaska Zoo:** This is the only zoo in the state of Alaska! The wooded hillside setting allows visitors to get close-up views of the many animals of the north along the naturally wooded boreal forest with gravel pathways This is a great option if you aren't planning to head out of Anchorage but would like to see Alaskan Animals up close.(Andy and Monica love the Alaska Zoo, but prefer The Wildlife Conservation Center outside of Girdwood which is 30 minutes outside of Anchorage) for controlled wildlife viewing with vast mountain views. ([Alaska Zoo Website](#))
- **Alaska Aviation Museum:** Interested in Alaska's aviation history? Come to the Aviation Museum and learn about the daring bush pilots who opened up the Last Frontier. See rare aircraft dating back to WWI, historic photographs, artifacts, maps, newspaper accounts, aviators' clothing, and films. ([Alaska Aviation Museum](#))
- **The Oscar Anderson House Museum:** What was it like for a family living in Anchorage in 1915? The Oscar Anderson House Museum, located in Elderberry Park at 5th Avenue and M Street, is the perfect way to find out. The Museum was opened to the public in the early 1980's, and has provided Alaskans and visitors a chance to experience life in early Anchorage for over 30 years. Tours are available by appointment. Please call: 907-274-2336
- **Alaska State Trooper Museum:** The history of law enforcement in the Territory and State of Alaska is told in exhibits, memorabilia and photographs. The museum commemorates the Alaska State Troopers and features a variety of historical memorabilia, including a restored 1952 Hudson Hornet patrol car. A small gift shop is also located on the premises. ([Alaska State Trooper Museum](#))

## ANCHORAGE SHOPPING:

- **Anchorage 5th Avenue Mall:** Anchorage's 5th Avenue Mall is a distinctive, five level shopping center surrounded by the buzz of Anchorage's downtown core. \*This is Alaska's biggest mall. Boasting more than 110 stores ranging from jewelry to electronics to women's apparel. Some stores include: Sephora, Michael Kors, Lululemon, Banana Republic, Buckle, Bath and Body Works and

more. There is food court here and a delicious Steakhouse Restaurant! ([5th Avenue Mall Website](#))

- **Dimond Center Mall:** The Dimond Center Mall is one of Anchorage's second largest shopping centers. Some of the stores here include: American Eagle, Forever 21, Gap, H&M, Ulta, Lids and more. The mall also has a centrally located family-friendly indoor ice rink, athletic club and various food options like: Olive Garden, Dave & Busters, Subway and more. ([Dimond Center Mall Website](#))
- **Midtown Mall:** The Midtown Mall in Anchorage is one of Alaska's smallest malls. The mall has about 8 shopping retailers. Two of the most known retailers here include: REI and Nordstrom Rack. There is limited food options at this location.
- **Anchorage Market & Festival:** The Anchorage Market, located in downtown Anchorage, is a family friendly attraction for locals and tourists alike. Running every Saturday and Sunday from mid-May through mid-September, the Anchorage Market is a favorite spot to shop for anything from clothes to Alaskan artwork; eat local food; and enjoy live entertainment outside! The market is located on the corner of 3rd Ave between C and E Streets in downtown Anchorage. Free admission!
- **Cabelas:** Outdoor recreation store that sells apparel and equipment for hunting & fishing, boating, camping and shooting.
- **Bass Pro:** Outdoor recreation store that sells apparel and equipment for hunting & fishing, boating, camping and shooting.
- **Duluth Trading Company:** Sells tough, functional outdoor wear and workwear.
- **Alaskan Gift Shops:** You can find plenty of Alaskan gifts and souvenirs shops conveniently located in the middle of Downtown Anchorage. Most are located downtown on 4th and 5th avenue. If the weather is nice, find a place to park and walk around! You'll find some of our best restaurants as well. Monica's gift shop recommendations? Cabin Fever, Grizzly Gifts and Seignys!
- **Alaska Wildberry Products:** Alaska Wildberry Products is a darling gift store featuring Alaskan chocolates, wild berry jams and jellies, meats, cheeses and smoked salmon gift baskets & gift packs. ([Alaska Wild Berry Products Website](#))
- **Alaska Ulu Factory:** The factory offers a FREE vintage trolley ride from downtown Anchorage to the Ulu Factory daily from 10:00AM to 7:00PM. The ulu has long been an important tool in Alaska Native culture when it comes to preparing food, clothes and more. See the knives being assembled, as well as a demonstration on how to use, sharpen and care for an ulu/vashla and cutting

bowls. ([Ulu Factory Website](#))

## PLACES TO EAT IN ANCHORAGE:

- **Simon & Seafort's Saloon & Grill:** This is one of Andy's and Monica's favorite date night places! Dine at an Anchorage landmark that offers beautiful panoramic views overlooking Cook Inlet, Mount Susitna and the Alaska Range as you experience fine Alaskan seafood. Reservations Recommended. Gluten Free Options. ([Simon & Seafort's Website](#))
- **Moose's Tooth Pizza:** Moose's Tooth strives to offer a truly gourmet pizza experience, focusing on creative, high quality food in a casual environment. If you've seen the reviews, you know: Come prepared to grab a pint and wait for a table. This place is hoppin'! - and they don't take reservations - but it's still worth the raves! \* Gluten Free Options ([Moose's Tooth Website](#))
- **49th State Brewery:** The 49th State Brewery is a lively brewpub with a rooftop patio serving lunch, dinner, bar bites and housemade ales. It's one of our personal favorites - especially if you can score a table or fireside couch on the rooftop patio that overlooks the Cook Inlet and the mountain ranges! 49th unfortunately doesn't take reservations so come their way when you are flexible with time - as the wait might be bit! ([49th State Brewery Website](#))
- **South Restaurant & Coffee House:** Monica's Fave Brunch Spot! South is an urban-chic spot offering a combination of New American dining with a bar and coffee cafe. ([South Restaurant & Coffee House Website](#))
- **Glacier Brewhouse Restaurant:** I know we keep talking *faves*, but this restaurant also makes the list for highly recommended places to eat! The Glacier Brewhouse Restaurant menu has something for everyone! It's Anchorage dining at its finest with fresh Alaskan seafood & brewhouse ales. Reservations are definitely recommended. \* Gluten Free Options ([Glacier Brewhouse Website](#))
- **Orsos:** Located in the same building as Glacier Brew House - Orsos is another great choice for local flavors and upscale vibes! They are well known for having a large selection of Alaskan Seafood, Grilled Meats and more. Reservations recommended! Vegetarian and Gluten Free Options Available! ([Orsos Website](#))
- **Spenard Roadhouse Restaurant:** Spenard Roadhouse is a restaurant and bar serving fresh comfort food in a casual, eclectic setting. It's a gathering place that welcomes families and friends to come and enjoy their creative food, local draft beers and Alaska's largest selection of small batch bourbons. Reservations



Recommended. ([Spenard Roadhouse Website](#))

- **Snow City Cafe:** This is Andy's and Monica's favorite breakfast spot in a corner of downtown Anchorage! Great staff, the food is tasty, and breakfast is served all day. This is a very popular place to eat amongst tourists and locals. Reservations are pretty much required if you don't want a long wait ([Snow City Cafe Website](#))
- **Sullivan's Steakhouse:** Sullivan's Steakhouse is located in downtown Anchorage and is attached to the 5th Avenue Mall. Here you can enjoy hand-cut steaks, fresh seafood, signature cocktails and live music. Reservations are recommended! ([Sullivan's Steakhouse Website](#))
- **Tequila 61:** Modern Mexican cuisine & craft cocktails in a charmingly rustic atmosphere. ([Tequila 61 Website](#))
- **Midnight Sun Brewing Company:** One of Andy's favorite places to grab a beer with friends! Midnight Sun Brewing Co. began commercially producing ales and lagers for the fine people of Alaska in 1995. It is the oldest brewery in Anchorage and the second oldest statewide! Great beer, great food! ([Midnight Sun Brewing Company Website](#))
- **Table 6:** Table 6 is one of Monica's lunch time favorites for hearty hand-pressed burgers, mountainous sandwiches and house made soups that feature "Alaska Grown" ingredients! They have a full bar with great specialty cocktails and 17 beers on tap (most from outstanding Alaska breweries). ([Table 6 Website](#))
- **Matanuska Brewing Company:** Matanuska Brewing Company offers the largest selection of craft beer in Alaska. Local seafood, steaks, weekend brunch and more. Live music, outside dinning, lots of parking. ([Matanuska Brewing Company Website](#))
- **Wild Scoops Anchorage:** Looking for Icecream? Wild scoops is a microcreamery in downtown Anchorage, Alaska that handcrafts smalls batches of inventive, seasonal ALASKAN flavors starring products from local growers, gardens and vendors. Each batch is concocted and churned right in Anchorage. Try them out! ([Wild Scoops Website](#))
- **WooHoo! Ice Cream:** Another incredible small Icecream joint in Anchorage! Old-fashioned Icecream sweetened with honey. This is one of Andy's and Monica's favorite Icecream joints! ([Woohoo Icecream Website](#))



**ADDITIONAL PHOTOS:**

