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(1 Mile)

1/2 Mile

# Attractions

NHLS = National Historic Landmark Site

NRHP = National Register of Historic Places

♿ = Wheelchair Access

\$ = Admission Charge

☀️ = Summer Seasonal

Welcome! Downtown Sitka is rich in history and attractions that share the culture of our community. With a mix of old and new, there is something for everyone in the walkable core of our town.

- 1** **Visit Sitka Visitor Information Center** is open year-round. Here, staff can answer your questions with the most up-to-date information. Don't forget to ask for your free Visitors' Guide. Call the office directly at (907) 747-8604 for on-the-go questions. ♿
- 1** **Baranof Castle Hill** was an early stronghold of the Tlingit Kiks.ádi Clan. Later, the Russian Governor occupied the hill in "Baranov's Castle" until 1894. In 1867, this was the site of the Alaska transfer from Russia to the United States. Access stairs from Lincoln St. or a paved walkway from Harbor Way. NHLS ♿
- 2** **St. Michael's Cathedral** was the first Orthodox church in the Americas. The current building is an exact replica of the original, which was built in the 19th century and destroyed in the fire of 1966. The church has an active congregation and houses a collection of artifacts and icons believed to date back to the 17th century. NHLS, NRHP ♿ \$
- 3** **Sitka Lutheran Church** is the site of the first Protestant church on the West Coast of North America. The church contains artifacts from the original 1843 Finnish Lutheran Church, including the 1844 Kessler organ. ♿
- 4** **Harrigan Centennial Hall** is Sitka's civic and convention center. In the summer, the hall is the drop-off location for cruise shuttles and is also home to tour operator vendor stations and the New Archangel Dancers. ♿
- 5** **Sitka History Museum** features Sitka's story from the U.S. purchase to the current day, with rotating exhibits highlighting different aspects of local history. ♿ \$
- 6** **Russian Bishop's House**, c. 1841, is a log structure and one of the oldest surviving buildings of Russian America. Now an NPS museum, it was once the home and office of the first Bishop of the Orthodox Church. NHLS, NRHP ♿ \$ ☀️
- 7** **St. Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church & See House** is the oldest standing church in Sitka. Built in 1899 of stone and wood in the Gothic Revival style, the church features a rose stained glass window with a Star of David. **The See House** behind the church was built in 1905 as the church rectory. NRHP
- 8** **Sitka Sound Science Center** (The Sage Building, c. 1929), housed a hydro plant that supplied energy to the neighborhood. Today, it is home to an aquarium, a wet lab, and an onsite fish hatchery. ♿ \$
- 9** **Sheldon Jackson State Museum** is the oldest museum in Alaska and the state's first concrete building. Occupied since 1897, the octagon-shaped building currently houses a collection of over 6,000 Alaska Native artifacts from across the state. NRHP ♿ \$

- 10** **Sitka Fine Arts Campus**, formerly Sheldon Jackson College, was founded in 1878 and was comprised of over 18 buildings. Today, it is home to year-round arts education programs for youth and adults. NHLS, NRHP ♿
- 11** **Sitka National Historical Park**, Alaska's oldest federal cultural and historical park, was designed in 1890. This park preserves and interprets the 1804 battle site between the Tlingit Kiks.ádi and Russians. Haida and Tlingit totem poles from the early 1900s, as well as modern carved poles, are located in the visitor center and along the gravel pathway. NRHP ♿
- 12** **Alaska Raptor Center** is a rehabilitation center for bald eagles and other birds of prey. The center aims to heal injured birds and release them back into the wild. ♿ \$
- 13** **Fortress of the Bear** is a bear rescue center where resident brown and black bears roam in a naturalized setting. The visitor center allows you to view from above in a covered area or from ground level. ♿ \$ ☀️
- 14** **Sitka National Cemetery**, established in the late 19th century, is one of two National Cemeteries in Alaska that memorialize U.S. military veterans. NRHP
- 15** **Sitka Russian Cemetery** is over 200 years old and contains more than 1,600 graves, many marked with headstones made from the ballast of Russian ships.
- 16** **Princess Maksoutoff's Grave** honors Princess Maria Maksoutoff, the Russian-born wife of the last Russian governor, Prince Dimitri Maksoutoff. After her death in 1881, at the age of 36, Princess Maksoutoff was returned to Sitka for burial.
- 17** **Russian Blockhouse** is a replica of the building that was once part of a fort wall that separated the Russian and Tlingit sections of Sitka after the Tlingit moved back to the area 20 years following the Battle of 1804.
- 18** **Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall** (Sitka Camp No. 1), c. 1914, was built as a meeting place for the fight for Alaska Native rights, and the camp continues to be an important force in preserving Native heritage. NHLS, NRHP ♿
- 19** **Sheet'ka Kwaán Naa Kahidi Tribal Community House**, home of the Naa Kahidi Native Dancers, was built in the style of a traditional Tlingit clan house on a site that once housed the Indian Government School. ♿ ☀️
- 20** **Totem Square** is an Alaska State Park area at the end of Lincoln St. This small park contains a 40-foot totem pole that displays the double-headed eagle of Sitka's Russian heritage. ♿

- 21** **Sitka Pioneer Home** was built in the 1930s on the site of wooden Russian barracks. Today, the building is an assisted living facility for 75 elderly Alaskans. A 13-foot bronze statue titled "The Prospector" graces the front of the building. NRHP ♿
- 22** **Hames P.E. Center** is an athletic and wellness center offering daily memberships and class passes. \$
- 23** **Crescent Harbor Tender Dock**
- 24** **St. Gregory Catholic Church** (and Ave Maria Chapel, c. 1922), has offered Catholic masses in Sitka since 1867.
- 25** **O'Connell Bridge Dock**



## Sitka Sound Cruise Terminal

Sitka Sound Cruise Terminal is located 5 miles from downtown Sitka and hosts the majority of Sitka's cruise ship traffic.

### Shuttle service

- Free
- Departs every 15 minutes while ship is at the terminal
- Shuttle ride is 10-15 minutes
- Drop off and pick up at Harrigan Centennial Hall #4
- Last shuttle leaves downtown Sitka 30 minutes prior to all aboard



## Tour Information

**Independent tours** can be purchased by vendors located at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

**Shore excursions** purchased through the cruise line depart from either the terminal building or at Harrigan Centennial Hall. Be sure to carefully check your ticket for meeting times and locations. ☀️



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