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KITCHEN**
20 tips, tricks
& time-savers

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plant it in
a weekend

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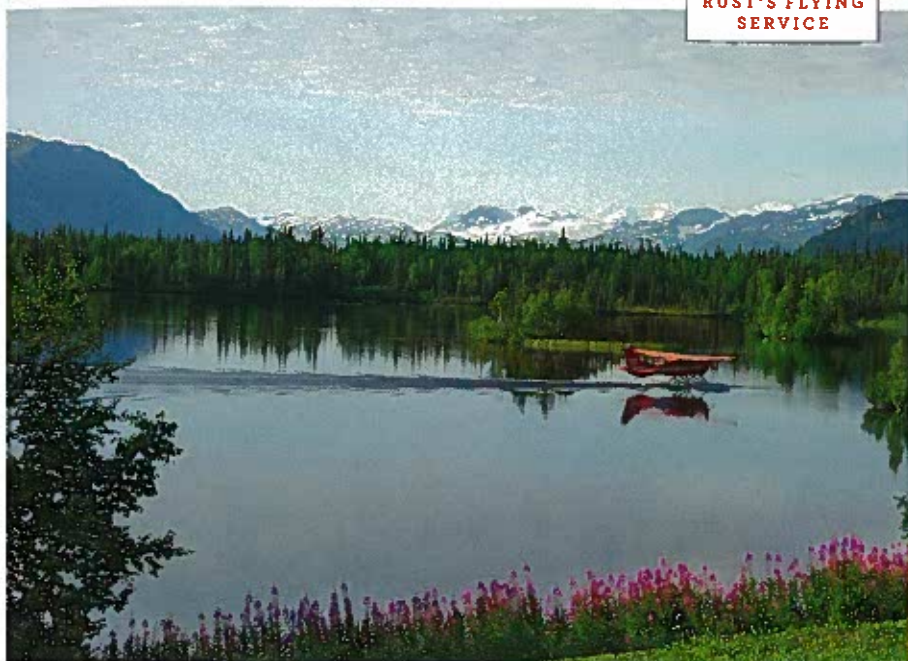
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56 ultimate summer recipes

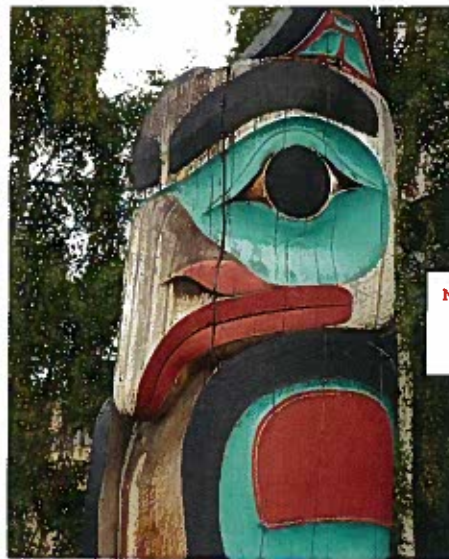
**DINNER
SALADS
THAT FILL
YOU UP**

**RELAX
OUTSIDE**
45 ways
to make the
most of
your outdoor
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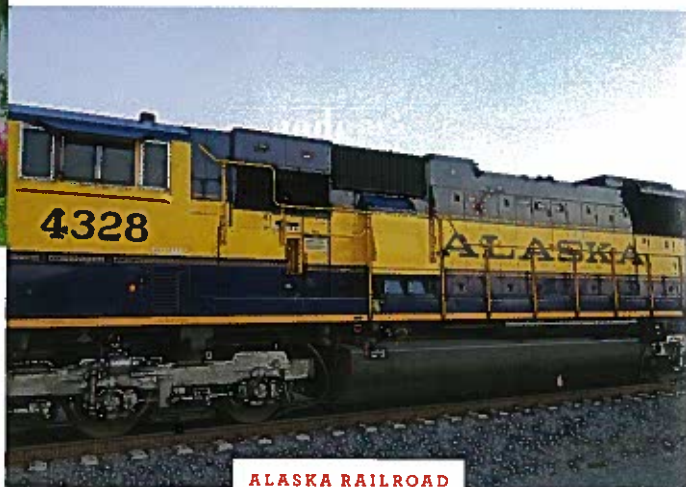
PEACHY KEEN: Get dessert ready in 15 minutes with poached stone fruit and vanilla beans



RUST'S FLYING SERVICE



NATIVE TOTEM POLE IN DOWNTOWN ANCHORAGE



ALASKA RAILROAD PASSENGER TRAIN



CRUSH WINE BISTRO AND CELLAR



NATIONAL PARK RANGER

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

More than a jumping-off point for the many fishing tours and summer cruises that depart from its ports, Anchorage is ripe for exploration. “North to the future,” Alaska’s state motto, seems to draw those with an entrepreneurial spirit to the city—M. A. Gourmet Dogs, which has been serving up reindeer hot dogs for 20 years; Kaladi Brothers Coffee, roasting coffee since 1986; and more recent comers like Modern Dweller’s Chocolate Lounge, with its innovative handcrafted truffles. Whether Anchorage is a layover before you board a cruise ship, a stop along the Alaska Railroad, or a destination in itself, give yourself a full day or two to get into a frontier state of mind and experience the city. Here, a few suggestions to help you hit the ground running.

CRUSH WINE BISTRO AND CELLAR

Need a break from all that salmon? This restaurant focuses on cheese and charcuterie—the coppa, prosciutto, and duck salamis are house-made. 343 West Sixth Avenue, crushak.com.

SNOW CITY CAFE

Locals have voted its breakfast the best in Anchorage for nearly a decade. Hits include the snow-crab omelets and salmon cakes with eggs. 1034 West Fourth Avenue, snowcitycafe.com.

RUST'S FLYING SERVICE

Book a daily flight-seeing tour for bear-watching or glacier-viewing, or join a group for a day of fly-in fishing. flyrusts.com.

ANCHORAGE MARKET & FESTIVAL

It's held Saturday and Sunday; vendors sell crafts, food, and produce. Highlights: Leroy Barlip's handmade knives and Kahiltna Birchworks birch syrup. Corner of Third Avenue and E Street, anchoragemarkets.com.

KALADI BROTHERS COFFEE

Start your day with a fresh-roasted coffee at one of the 10 Anchorage locations, and leave with a pound of the Big Wild Life blend. kaladi.com.

THE HOTEL CAPTAIN COOK

A standout in the skyline, it's the only luxury hotel in town, with more than 500 rooms and art-filled public spaces. Crow's Nest restaurant crowns the hotel's Tower 3, offering stunning views. Sit at the bar for a plate of oysters, or go big with the tasting menu. 939 West Fifth Street, captaincook.com.

M. A. GOURMET DOGS

People line up for the reindeer dogs smothered in fried onions (the secret caramelizing ingredient: Coke). Corner of Fourth Avenue and F Street.

ALASKA NATIVE HERITAGE CENTER

Explore the traditions of Alaska's indigenous people, and don't miss the demonstrations of native arts. 8800 Heritage Center Drive, alaskanative.net.