

Anchorage Recommendations

Restaurants

Reservations recommended

Downtown

Crows Nest – 939 West 5th Avenue, located at the top of the Hotel Captain Cook (907) 276-6000. Offers award-winning, elegant and contemporary fine dining. Panoramic views, extensive wine list, formal. www.captaincook.com

Ristorante Orso – 737 West 5th Avenue (907) 222-3232. Alaskan seafood, pastas and choice meats inspired by the flavors and styles of the Mediterranean. Award-winning, excellent wine list. www.orsoalaska.com

Simon & Seaforts – 420 “L” Street (907) 274-3502. Great Alaska dinner house with breathtaking views of Cook Inlet – a long-time Alaska favorite specializing in Alaskan seafood. www.simonandseaforts.com

Glacier Brew House – 737 West 5th Avenue, Suite 110 (907) 274-2739. Fabulous Alaskan seafood, rotisserie-grilled meats, pastas and wood-fired pizzas. Handcrafted brews and specialty cocktails. Warm, casual atmosphere with a fireplace focal point. Great choice if there are younger anglers in your party. www.glacierbrewhouse.com

Sullivans of Anchorage – 320 West 5th Avenue (907) 258-2882. Recently renovated, vibrant neighborhood American steakhouse, offering the finest steak and seafood. Known for their martinis. www.sullivanssteakhouse.com/anchorage

49th State Brewing Company – 717 W. 3rd Ave. (907) 277-7727. Locally brewed beer, menu filled with freshly sourced Alaska products and a rooftop patio with wonderful views of Cook Inlet and Mountains. www.49statebrewing.com

Near the Airport

Flying Machine Restaurant – 4800 Spenard Road. (907) 266-2249. Located in the Lakefront Hotel, formally known as the Millennium Hotel. Views of Lake Spenard and Lake Hood. Serving breakfast and dinner, the décor is inspired by Alaska's rich aviation history. With succulent seafood, steaks and a variety of other options along with enticing cocktails and a charmingly casual ambience, the Flying Machine Restaurant captures the very essence of Alaska. www.millenniumhotels.com

Gwennies Old Alaska Restaurant – 4333 Spenard Road, (907) 243-2090. Gwennies is famous for their historical Alaskan décor and atmosphere. Casual attire, especially incredible breakfasts, generous portions - you will not leave hungry. www.gwenniesrestaurant.com

Pipers Restaurant – 3450 Aviation Ave, (907) 243-2233. Great food, breakfast, lunch and dinner. Sports Bar (18 TVs for your entertainment) and outdoor patio with views of Lake Spenard. www.pipersanchorage.com

Things to See & Do

Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum – 4721 Aircraft Drive, on Lake Hood (907) 248-5325, very near to the airport. Provides an interesting collection of Alaskan aviation history. If you have an hour or two and are interested in aviation, this is well worth seeing. Open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. www.alaskaairmuseum.org

Anchorage Museum – 625 C St, (907) 929 9200. Newly renovated, located downtown at the corner of 7th Avenue and C Street. Alaska's largest museum tells the real story of the North through art and design, history, science and culture. Explore Alaska Native cultures with a collection from the Smithsonian Institution. Expansive interactive history gallery tells the story of Alaska. A hands-on science discovery center has marine life tanks, a planetarium and more. Plan on at least two hours. Open daily from 9:00am to 6:00 pm. www.anchoragemuseum.org

Alaska Native Heritage Center – 8800 Heritage Center Drive (907) 330-8000. This center is an interactive cultural destination. Explore exhibits and village sites with native dancing, art and language. Plan on at least two hours. Open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm from mid-May through mid-September. www.alaskanative.net