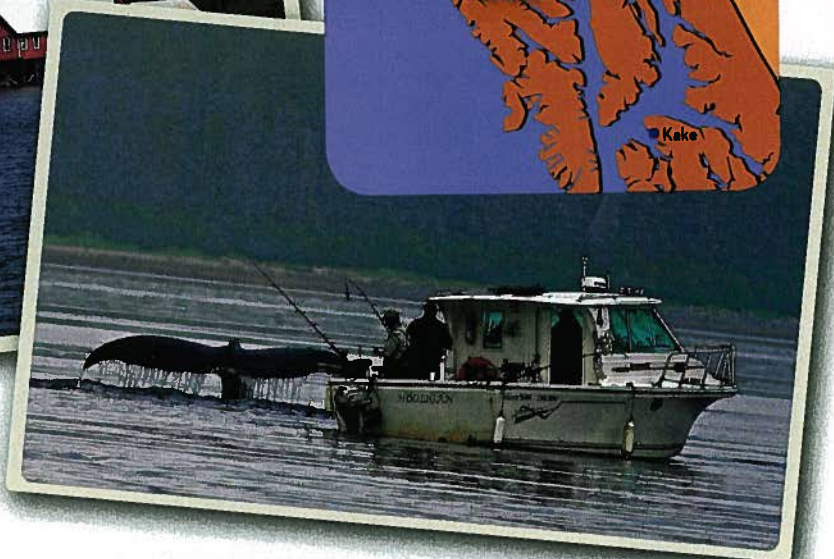


Hoonah, a small Native Tlingit village, is all about aquatic life: from the historic fish packing plant to great whales that often pass through the harbor - alongside fishing boats.



DESTINATION: OCEAN Hoonah

JUST ACROSS ICY STRAIT FROM GLACIER BAY, LIES THE small Native Alaska fishing village of Hoonah. The town is located 35 miles southwest of Juneau on Chichagof Island, which is the third largest island in Alaska, and the fifth largest island in the United States.

The largest Tlingit village in Alaska, Hoonah is the principal village for the Huna, a tribe that has occupied the area since prehistoric times. Legend has it that the original ancestral home of the Huna in Glacier Bay was destroyed by a glacial advance. The tribe settled in the location of present-day Hoonah, originally called the "village by the cliff," the name was eventually changed to mean "where the north wind doesn't blow."

Today, Hoonah is still a close-knit community where visitors can take in an abundance of breathtaking natural beauty, and a host of shore and wildlife excursions. Because of the town's small size, most points of interest are within walking distance.



Key to the city

Because of its location, Hoonah is known for its great fishing. In 1912, **The Hoonah Packing Co.** built a large cannery north of town. The village of 880 residents recently geared up for a new industry - tourism.

Icy Strait Point offers Alaska visitors a unique chance to gain first-hand knowledge of Alaska Natives and their rich culture and history. In addition to learning about the cannery at the museum, check out the hand-carved canoes and totem poles depicting the Tlingit history, legends and culture.



Play time

Hoonah is home to the world's longest zipline, the **ZipRider** - a 5,330-foot-long line with a 1,300-foot vertical drop that allows users to ride the cable to the bottom, propelled by gravity.

Adventurous riders pass through thick woods where **Port Frederick** and **Icy Strait** can be seen from a distance on the one and a half-minute-long descent. ★