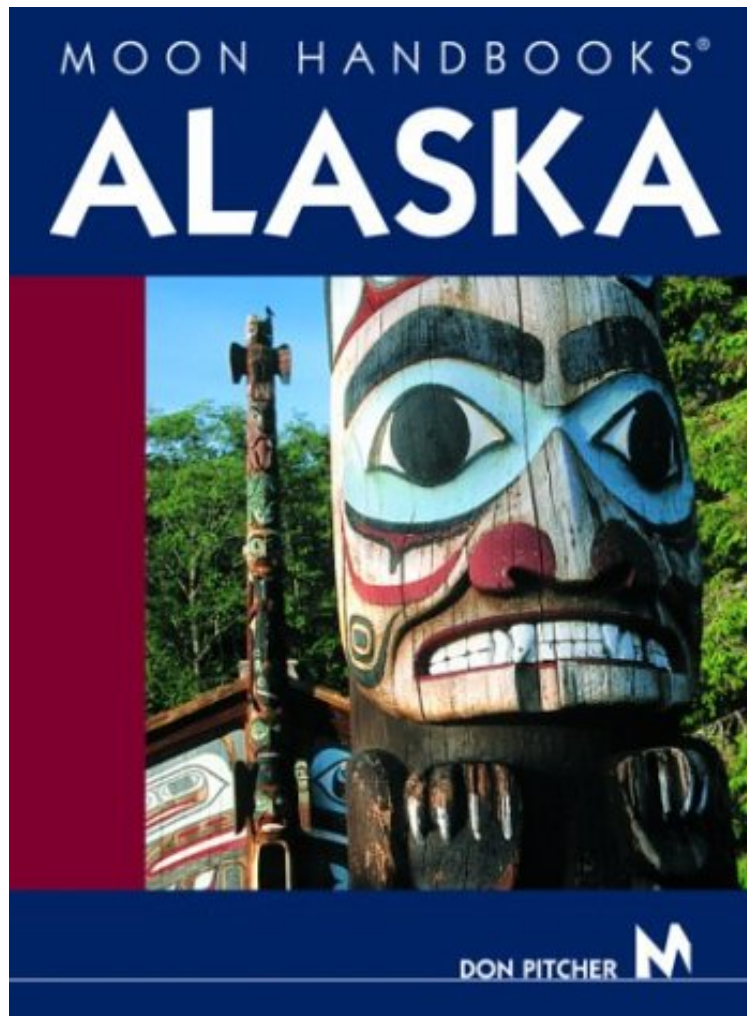


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Very thorough and informative guide to Alaska By Customer I am planning a road trip from Texas to Alaska. As this would likely be a "once in a lifetime experience" and as we were committed to spending approximately one month in Alaska, I wanted to make sure we would have no regrets once we completed the "in Alaska" portion of our itinerary. I found Don Pitcher's Moon Alaska travel guide very, very helpful and informative. Pitcher's wit, knowledge and indeed even love for the state of Alaska shine through in the guide time and time again. He doesn't just include facts, but also includes helpful descriptions and opinions that help each reader tailor their visit to Alaska to events and places that would be most enjoyable to them. In particular, his description of the Copper River Highway outside of Cordova convinced me to include Cordova on our itinerary. The book is

extremely thorough. I would guess that there is not a place that one can get to with a private car that is not described in this book, and there are certainly a number of places described beyond the reach of a car. The descriptions of how to get to towns, and how to get around are helpful both for the cruise / packaged tour visitor as well as someone driving on their own. The thoroughness extends to places and events to see in each location. Additionally, Pitcher does an excellent job of providing lodging recommendations across a variety of price ranges, as well as a number of dining recommendations (any book that includes both Simon and Seafort's and Moose's Tooth Pub and Pizzeria in Anchorage covers the dining scene quite well). Not all readers will share Pitcher's political and religious views, and I include myself in the group that does not share those views. Nonetheless, the guide is so thorough and helpful in planning a visit to Alaska, that I would recommend the book without reservations to anyone planning to visit Alaska. 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Helpful material, but obsessive left-wing preaching. By Diogenes There is much here that is helpful and cannot be found in other guides. The author frequently draws upon his background as a scientist to give insights into the natural history of Alaska, and he seems to have first-hand knowledge of most of the restaurants listed. It is written in an informal style, albeit one that is often a bit too casual, for the author obsessively edifies us with gratuitous left-wing views on everything from the "privileged aristocracy" of Czarist Russia, the putatively "conservative" judges who ruled on the Valdez oil spill, the generally villainous nature of Republican politicians in Alaska, his hyperbolic claim that RVs and campers are not just annoying but "environmentally disastrous," Christianity as a cause of alcoholism among native peoples, and of course the obligatory, snarky remark that you can't see Russia from Sarah Palin's hometown, all no doubt intended to make liberals feel warm and fuzzy and conservatives feel tormented by shame. (The author seems fixated on the former governor, returning to her repeatedly throughout the text.) Avoid the book if this sort of sniping bothers you, but otherwise it offers a good deal of useful material on a vast and complex part of the world. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Moon is the best! By RV Traveler Wherever I'm vacationing, I always get the corresponding Moon Handbook to tell me the best things to see and do in the area and the best places to eat. They are the most informative tourist guides available in my opinion.

At 591,000 square miles, America's largest state encompasses vast glaciers, verdant coastlines, abundant wildlife and acres of space for adventures. This guide to Alaska provides insight into the local culture as well as tips on key attractions, accommodation options and advice on transportation options.