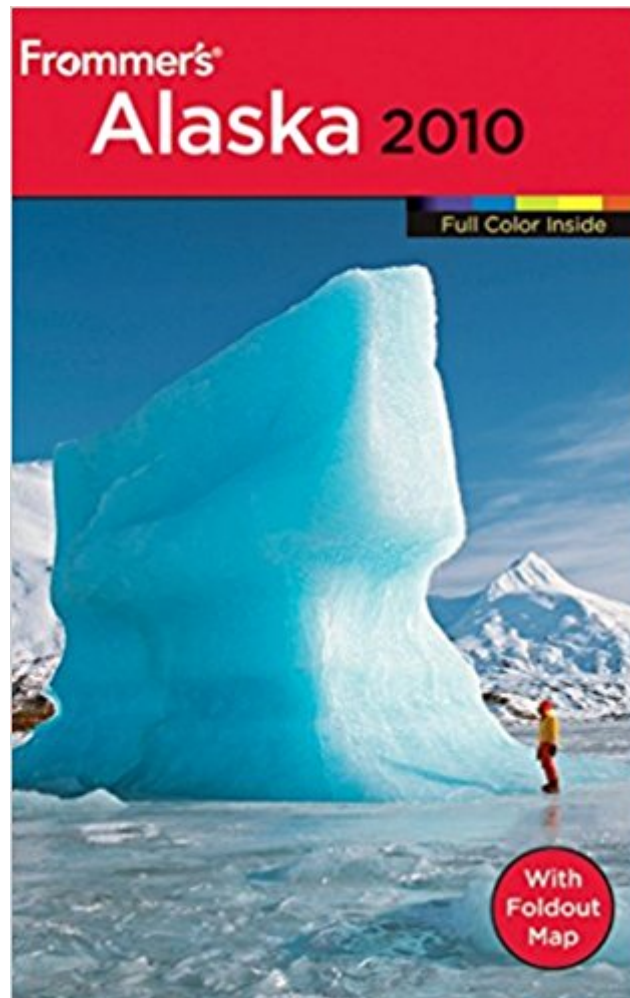




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Customer Reviews

Discover The Best of Alaska Content from Frommer's Alaska 2010 As a child, when my family traveled outside Alaska for vacations, I often met other children who asked, "Wow, you live in Alaska? What's it like?" I never did well with that question. To me, the place I was visiting was far simpler and easier to describe than the one I was from. The Lower 48 seemed a fairly homogeneous land of freeways and fast food, a well-mapped network of established places. Alaska, on the other hand, wasn't even completely explored. Natural forces of vast scale and subtlety were still shaping the land in their own way, inscribing a different story on each of an infinite number of unexpected places. Each region, whether populated or not, was unique far beyond my ability to explain. Alaska was so large and new, so unconquered and exquisitely real, as to defy

summation. In contrast to many places you might choose to visit, it's Alaska's unformed newness that makes it so interesting and fun. Despite the best efforts of tour planners, the most memorable parts of a visit are unpredictable and often unexpected: a humpback whale leaping clear of the water, the face of a glacier releasing huge ice chunks, a bear feasting on salmon in a river, a huge salmon chomping onto your line. You can look at totem poles and see Alaska Native cultural demonstrations, and you can also get to know indigenous people who still live by traditional ways. And sometimes grand, quiet moments come, and those are the ones that endure most deeply. As the writer of this guidebook, I aim to help you get to places where you may encounter what's new, real, and unexpected. Opening yourself to those experiences is your job, but it's an effort that's likely to pay off. Although I have lived here all my life, I often envy the stories visitors tell me about the Alaskan places they have gone to and what happened there. No one owns Alaska, and most of us are newcomers here. In all this immensity, a visitor fresh off the boat is just as likely as a lifelong resident to see or do something amazing.

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"Frommer's Alaska 2010" weighs in at over 600 pages, and needs all of it to describe the many interesting corners of a huge state with lots to offer the visitor willing to get off the beaten path. "Alaska 2010" opens with a "Best Of" list and some commentary about the state as a whole, before getting down to business on travel information. One chapter offers sample itineraries around the state; another covers the cruise lines that travel every summer up the coast. A geographic breakdown brings out the attractions of Anchorage, Southeast Alaska, the Kenai Peninsula, Denali National Park, the Alaska Interior, and the Bush. There is lots of information about what to see, where to stay and how to get there. The coverage for Alaska off the road network is extensive and commendable, and recommended to tourists who may not realize just how thin the tourist infrastructure is, outside cities like Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau. The narrative is detailed, entertaining, and full of the anecdotes that come from long-time residence. The text is enhanced by

a lavish selection of photographs and maps. Sections of it can be read as a travelogue on the eclectic mix of hardy people and hardier wildlife that inhabit the state; highly recommended.

Frommer's Alaska is delightful reading. It creates excitement for those who will be traveling to Alaska for the first time, as we will be in August. It is well organized, easy to read, and gives you very practical hints as to where and when to find what you are looking for. We have already recommended it to our friends. Norman De Jong, Fremont, MI

This book was among many that we used as resources when planning our Alaska vacation. It was very helpful with the detailed descriptions of local things to see and places to stay and eat. The history was actually interesting. It listed places to see and also places to avoid.

EXCELLENT!!

After looking through this book I really hope we can make it to Alaska!! There's great tips, helpful info, color pictures. It's organized into sections which is very helpful & gives you page numbers when it refers to something that was discussed in more depth in another section. It has suggested itineraries for different kinds of travelers. I really don't know what more you could ask for in a travel guide.

A really interesting book that gives a different angle (as compare to Lonely planet or Rough guide etc...) about traveling in Alaska, the attached map is nice though not that detailed, great pictures - very good information, I recommend as a good book to study before heading up North :)

I thumbed thru the book, but my intent with this book was to give it to my daughter and her family who will visit Alaska this summer.

Pretty good for Alaska but does not cover the Yukon Territory. I realize that the Yukon is in Canada but most of those who drive the Alcan highway or travel from Fairbanks to Skagway must travel thru a portion of the Yukon and will have to purchase a second guide.

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