

## **ANCHORAGE IN SEPTEMBER**

[Anchorage](#) is located in the heart of South Central Alaska. It is about as far north as Helsinki, Finland and about as far west as Honolulu, Hawaii. The [Alaska](#) time zone is one hour behind Pacific Coast time and we convert to daylight time in April along with most of the United States.

With about a quarter of a million residents, Anchorage is Alaska's largest community. South Central Alaska is recreational, cultural and economic centre featuring breath-taking scenery and extensive parklands, visual and performing arts centers, and a dynamic business community. From here you can drive to the majesty of the [Alaska Range](#) and [Mount McKinley](#), the sparkling waters of [Prince William Sound](#), and the world class sport fishing on [Kenai Peninsula](#). Anchorage truly opens the gateway to Alaska's scenic and recreation splendor.

Anchorage has been called the "air crossroads of the world". The aviation system links us closely with the lower 48 states, the nations of the Pacific Rim, Europe and Siberia. [Anchorage International Airport](#) is one of the nation's busiest. The remodeled domestic terminal handled 4,947,037 million visitors in 2007 and the international terminal handled another 364,778 hundred visitors. The airport is conveniently located about six miles southwest of downtown anchorage and about five miles west the [University of Alaska Anchorage \(UAA\)](#) campus. The [Hotel Captain Cook](#) in Anchorage is a landmark property located just six miles from the airport. It is situated on the corner of the 4th Ave and K street. [Egan Convention Center](#) and the scenic [Tony Knowles Coastal Trail](#) are three blocks from the hotel. The [Alaska Experience Theater](#) is located on the corner of 4th and C street and [Alaska Center for the Performing Arts](#) is located on the intersection of 6th and F street.

Anchorage is not as cold as you might expect. The waters of Cook Inlet bound the city on three sides, and the fourth side is protected by the Chugach mountain range. Approximately 15 inches of precipitation fall in Anchorage per year. The average temperature in September is 45 degrees. For the most part, Anchorage is a casual and informal city. A jacket or a sweater comes in handy during September. It is always a good idea to dress in layers so you can adjust as needed to weather conditions.

Anchorage is only a short distance from spectacular fishing and wilderness recreation opportunities. Plan to make some additional time before or after the conference to enjoy the scenic beauty.