



Kodiak Fishing Boat
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and rent one on Kodiak Island; come aboard as a walk-on passenger and reserve a cabin for a good night's rest. Kodiak Island has wonderful bed and breakfasts, motels and lodges to accommodate your retreat into the wilderness.

The islands' original residents, today known as Alutiiq or Sugpiaq, arrived on Kodiak over 7,500 years ago, probably from the Alaska Peninsula. Plentiful evidence of Alutiiq petroglyphs date from this time and archaeological studies indicate that these early people lived off the sea, pursuing the sea mammals, fish and birds that still influence the island's economy.

Kodiak Museums
Alutiiq Museum and
Archaeological Repository

215 Mission Road Suite 101 Kodiak, AK 99615.
(907) 486-7004. Admission \$3.00 adults.

Visitors to Kodiak can learn about its 7500-year-old Native heritage at the Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository, a cultural center governed by the Alutiiq people. Exhibits of artifacts, photographs and contemporary art explore Alutiiq culture and illustrate how traditions continue in the twenty-first century. The museum oversees archaeological digs and the repatriation of Alutiiq remains and artifacts, which were removed by the thousands in the 1930s. The repository currently holds 100,000 objects.

During the summer of 2008, the Alutiiq Museum will feature "Giinaquq: Like A Face"—an exhibition of rare ceremonial masks collected from Kodiak Alutiiq communities in 1872, in collaboration with

the Châteaux Musée of Boulogne-sur-Mer, France.
*Baranov Museum and
Kodiak Historical Society*
101 Marine Way, Kodiak, AK 99615. (907) 486-5920.
Admission \$3.00 adults. The Museum has an exceptional gift store.

Originally known as the Russian American Magazin and later as the Erskine House, Alaska's oldest building now houses the Baranov Museum and is on the National Register of Historic Places. After an earthquake and tidal wave nearly washed the settlement into the sea, Baranov moved the entire community into the harbor of St. Paul. Today, the museum showcases the art, craft and legacy of Kodiak Island history and its residents. The Museum celebrates their 200th year in 2008 with special events taking place all summer.

*Holy Resurrection Russian Orthodox Cathedral
& Diocesan Museum of History of Orthodox Church
in Alaska*
414 Mission Road Kodiak. (907) 486-5532.

The church serves as the oldest Russian Orthodox parish in the New World. Established in 1794, the present day church built in 1945 is marked by its beautiful blue onion domes and is the third church to occupy this site. A gift store is located next to the church and is open 11-5 PM Monday through Saturday.

Ft. Abercrombie State Historical Park
Miller Point

In June 1941, 780 acres were reserved for a fort designed to be part of a linked group of permanent coastal defense installations in the area. Other forts were maintained at Long Island and Cape Chiniak. There were searchlight installations at Kizhuyak Point and Mt. Herman on Spruce Island. Battalion Headquarters was at Buskin Hill, with support barracks at the present day US Coast Guard housing in Nemetz Park. Remnants of fortification and bunkers still exist on Long and Spruce Islands.

In early June of 1942, six months after the attack at Pearl Harbor, Japan bombed the naval base at Dutch Harbor/Unalaska, located in the western Aleutian Islands and captured the islands of Attu and Kiska at the extreme western end of the chain; after the attacks the forts were manned continuously. Ultimately there were 700-750 men and about 25 Quonset huts at Ft. Abercrombie. All the local installations together reached a top strength of more than 18,000 men; by December 1944 they were placed in caretaker status.

Ft. Abercrombie was designated an Alaska State Historical Park in 1969 and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1970.

Kodiak Military History Museum
Located inside Fort Abercrombie State Historical Park at Miller Point. The entrance is found at Mile 3.7 on East Rezanof Drive, in a restored ammunition bunker. (907) 486-7015. Admission \$3.00 adults.

The museum created and maintains a central repository/archive for the preservation and exhibition of military related records, photographs, documents, technology, equipment and displays. Museum goals include the promotion and encouragement of education, tourism and historical preservation within the community.

Open May-September usually on the weekends. Special tours of 3 or more people outside this time period can be arranged by calling the museum business office; please allow at least two weeks, as staff members are volunteers who take time off work to guide visitors.

Kodiak Fisheries Research Center
Aquarium and Touch Tank
301 Research Court, across the bridge from Kodiak City on Near Island.

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