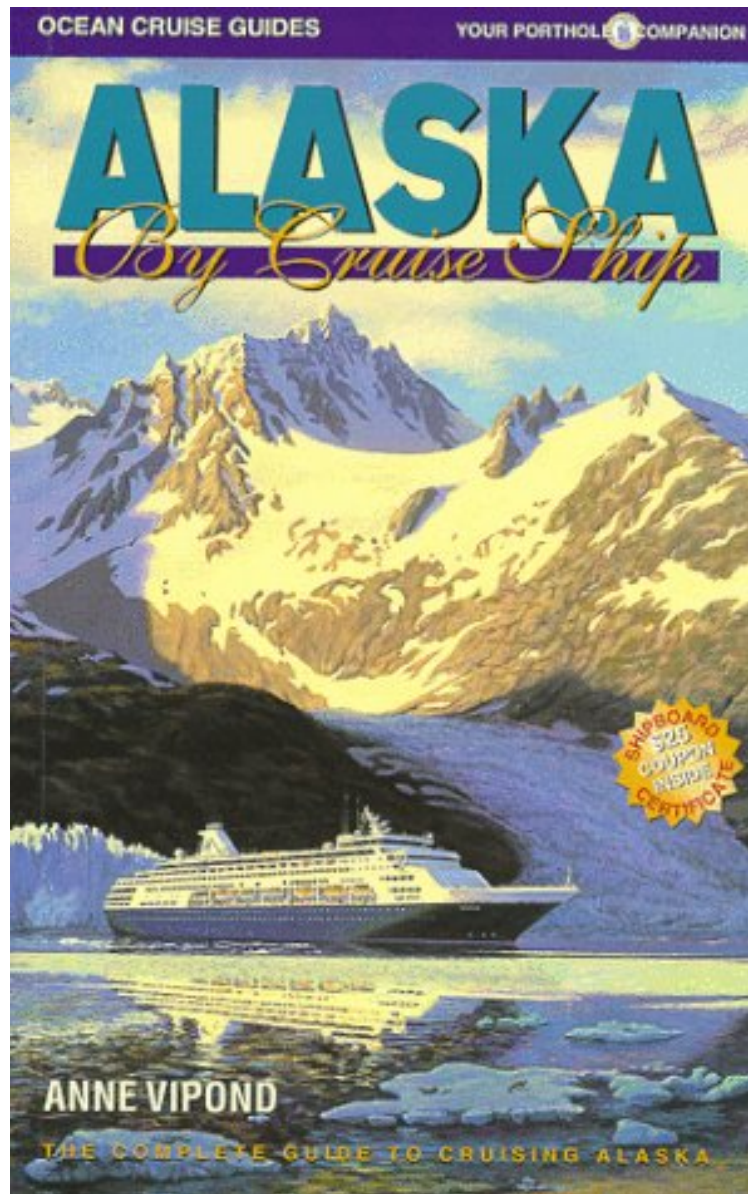


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This book does not provide any more information than could be found in brochures at the ship's guest relations desk. It doesn't offer any interesting alternatives to shore excursions and fails to mention the drawbacks of places listed. Here are two examples. First, Vipond says it is a must to take the White Pass Yukon Route train in Skagway. Tickets cost over \$100.00 per person. Vipond doesn't mention, however, that you can rent a car in Skagway for about \$125.00 and drive almost the same route and have the chance to get out and take pictures. There is an Internet guide describing this route and you can download it for a price. Next, Vipond mentions Totem Bight State Park in Ketchikan and says there is a bus that takes you there for \$2.00. That's true, but Vipond doesn't mention that between waiting for the bus to and from the park and time spent at the park itself, you will have spent 2 and 1/2 hours to see about 12 totem poles in 15 minutes. My kids would've rather have taken the duck tour in Ketchikan, which of course Vipond failed to mention. If it wasn't for the map and the historical and wildlife sections, I'd have given this book 1 star.  
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This beautiful guide book to the cruising experience in Alaska includes over 350 maps, illustrations and photos - most in color. This new edition of Alaska by Cruise Ship also has a giant pull-out color map and was updated in 2001. Veteran cruise writer Anne Vipond, with years of experience cruising the Inside Passage and the Gulf of Alaska, provides an insider's look at this beautiful coastline. Drawing on authorities at the Universities of Alaska and British Columbia, this is a reliable reference for passengers. From Seattle and Vancouver to the south to Seward, Anchorage and Fairbanks to the north. Read about Alaska's Russian past, the rough and tumble years of the Gold Rush and the renaissance of Northwest native culture. A detailed chapter of the book deals with the diverse wildlife and also includes special maps to help you locate and identify the different species of whales. Also in this updated edition are all port attractions with maps showing exactly where cruise ships dock as well as comprehensive shore excursion information and suggestions for those who want to explore each port on foot. Home port information also includes hotel recommendations and land tour information.

"...there are few books better on cruising than those by Anne Vipond." -- Globe and Mail national newspaper, Toronto  
"Covers the destinations with solid detail and from the cruiser's perspective." -- Travel Trade Magazine, New York  
From the Publisher  
This is the number one source across North America for travel agents and travelers going to Alaska by cruise ship. This is such a good cruise to take, it makes good sense to take along the best cruise guidebook on Alaska.  
About the Author  
Anne Vipond, author of a series of popular cruise guidebooks, draws on a sailing background to impart her enthusiasm for cruise travel. From her home port of Vancouver, Canada, she travels extensively by sailboat and cruise ship with her husband and two young sons. Her cruising articles have been published in magazines and newspapers throughout North America and overseas.