

Alaska's Inside Passage: Destination Map

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National Geographic Maps : Alaska's Inside Passage: Destination Map before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Alaska's Inside Passage: Destination Map:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. I bought National Geographic map AND Great Pacific Map for Inside Passage, and this one came in 2nd for my needsBy K. LevinI bought both this map (National Geographic "Alaska's Inside Passage") and A Great Pacific Map "Southeast Alaska and Inside Passage" (Southeast Alaska's Inside Passage Recreation Map Cruise Guide, 4th Edition). I was surprised no one else had compared these two maps, so here's my two cents.The National Geographic map has more "guide book" type information than the Great Pacific Map. Personally, since I also checked out several travel guides from the local library to enhance my trip planning process, I didn't need this from my map. If you aren't doing any other research, however, the National Geographic might be your best choice.The National Geographic map is larger, but not by too much. It's about six inches bigger in each dimension. Because it is bigger, they fit more of the map image on a single side of the map. National Geographic would be a better choice to hang up on a wall. HOWEVER, more image on one side means the scale is smaller. The Great Pacific Map chops up the Inside Passage into more sections spread over both sides of the map, but you are seeing a more "zoomed in" image with more detail as a result. Only the Great Pacific Map gives you city street maps for the most commonly visited ports. If you plan to rent a car in port, that makes the Great Pacific Map attractive.Both maps feel "water resistant", not like plain paper. The Great Pacific Map is my preference as it is a thicker weight of coated paper. The Great Pacific Map doesn't fold down quite as flat due to the thickness. The National Geographic is a nice quality map, however, and does have a slick/coated feel that I assume will hold up just fine.Only the National Geographic gives a view of the entire state of Alaska. It's hardly detailed enough for travel inland, but is nice for putting the Inside Passage into perspective to those with shakier geography, like kids. You need this hugely zoomed out view to find Hubbard Glacier on the National Geographic, because the close-up map ends before Yukatat. If you're the type to wonder, "What's that mountain over there?" and you're going to Hubbard Glacier, you'll prefer the Great

Pacific Map. I'm happiest to report that BOTH of these maps are good references, and I'd have been satisfied with either one. Having seen both side by side to compare, I personally would choose the Great Pacific Map, but that will really be a toss up, depending upon what, exactly, the traveler is looking for in a map. Finally, I'd strongly recommend at least reading Joe Upton's Alaska Cruise travel guide *The Alaska Cruise Handbook: A Mile-by-Mile Guide 2012* edition before you go. I didn't feel the need to purchase a copy after borrowing it from my local library, but I did use it to annotate my own personal cruise schedule with highlights to watch for and places I wouldn't want to miss in port. I've decorated my Great Pacific Map with post-it arrows Post-it Arrow Flags, Assorted Bright Colors, 1/2-Inch Wide, 24/Dispenser, 4-Dispensers/Pack, too. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great Map of a Spectacular Place By Neverland We went on an amazing Alaskan cruise in 2014. I've started framing maps of places that we've been for decoration around our house. This map is a beautiful reminder of that trip! It's amazing to see how far each port was from each other. You don't realize it at the time when you travel so much during the night. The map has great detail and even shows the route of the Alaskan Highway System (via boats/ferry). 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. this will be quite useful. By Michael Just what I was looking for. Am taking an inner passage small boat cruise, this will be quite useful.

Waterproof Tear-Resistant Travel Map Explore the exhilarating majesty and mystique of Southeast Alaska with National Geographic's Alaska's Inside Passage Destination Map. The Inside Passage is a meandering waterway formed by a myriad of islands that lie between the North Pacific Ocean and the quieter waters along the coast. At its heart is the Tongass National Forest, the largest national forest in the United States which at a staggering 16.8 million acres contains 19 designated wilderness areas and the Admiralty Island and Misty Fjords National Monuments. This remarkable region of Alaska boasts unparalleled scenery and countless opportunities to experience some of Alaska's most amazing and diverse wildlife as well as its rich native culture and history. Visitors can view the ever-changing landscape of Glacier Bay from passenger ships or wind through Tongass National Forest in a sea kayak. Few roads exist in the region so travel is mainly done by boat or seaplane, both of which allow for a greater opportunity to absorb the icy peaks, spruce-hemlock rain forests, and azure waters. The front side of Alaska's Inside Passage reveals a striking map of the region from the northern reaches of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve south to Prince of Wales Island. Information about the islands and other land features, wildlife viewing and safety, the weather, the tides and more is included. The reverse side of the map provides invaluable content for travelers with extensive descriptions of points of interest and information about tours, outfitters, visitor associations, lodging, the geology of the region, and local indigenous cultures. A National Parks chart includes services offered and contact information for each park, and an additional map of the entire state of Alaska provides context for the region. Key Features: Chart of Alaska's national parks including services and contact information Colorful photographs and information about some of the region's diverse wildlife Alaska Marine Highway, state and provincial highways, and sites for scheduled air or seaplane service National parks and monuments, wildlife refuges, and wilderness areas Detailed information about tides, weather, water features, wildlife viewing and safety, native cultures, geology, and more Descriptive content about Tongass National Forest, Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, and Sitka National Historical Park Every Destination Map is printed on durable synthetic paper, making them waterproof, tear-resistant and tough capable of withstanding the rigors of any kind of travel. Map Scale = 1:880,000 Sheet Size = 25.5" x 37.75" Folded Size = 4.25" x 9.25"