

Downtown Map & Attractions

KEY: **NHLS** = National Historic Landmark Site
NRHP = National Register of Historic Places
♿ = Wheelchair Accessible
■ = Gift Shop | \$ = Admission Charge

- 1. Russian Cemetery** – Over 200 years old with many headstones crafted from the ballasts of Russian Ships; a fascinating reminder of Sitka's Russian past.
- 2. Princess Maksoutoff's Grave** – Princess Maksoutoff was the wife of the last Russian governor, Dimitri Maksoutoff.
- 3. Russian Blockhouse** – Replica of the blockhouse that separated the Russians from the Tlingit, when the Tlingit returned to the area in the 1820s.
- 4. Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall** – Built in 1914, located in the Tlingit village, it serves as an Alaska Native community center. **NHLS** ♿
- 5. Sheet'ka Kwaán Naa Kahídi** – Built in the style of a Tlingit clan house, with the largest hand-carved house screen in the Pacific NW. Sheet'ka Kwaán Naa Kahídi Native Dancers perform onsite during the summer. ♿ ■
- 6. Totem Square** – Recently refurbished, Totem Square is a grassy park area in downtown Sitka. ♿
- 7. Pioneer Home** – This state home for elderly Alaskans was built in 1934. A massive pioneer statue, made of bronze by Alonzo Victor, graces the building front. Visitors are welcome. **NRHP** ♿ ■
- 8. Castle Hill** – With stunning panoramic views of Sitka, this was an early stronghold of the Kiks.adi clan. Later, successions of Russian buildings were erected including "Baranov's Castle" from 1837 to 1898. This is also the site of the Alaska transfer from Russia to the United States on October 18, 1867. **NHLS** ♿
- 9. Sitka Lutheran Church** – The site of the first Protestant Church on the West Coast of North America. Contains artifacts from the original 1843 Finnish Lutheran Church: 1844 Kessler organ, chandelier, pulpit, & communion rail. ♿ ■
- 10. St. Michaels Cathedral** – Located in the heart of downtown, the Russian Orthodox cathedral is an exact replica of the original that was destroyed in 1966. An important collection of art and rare treasures are housed inside. **NHLS** ♿ ■ \$
- 11. Sitka Historical Museum** – This is the place where all elements of Sitka's history converge. Packed with displays, photographs and artifacts from Sitka's Tlingit, Russian and American history, the museum is a worth-while stop! ♿ ■ \$
- 12. Harrigan Centennial Hall & Summer Information Desk** – Built in 1967, this public auditorium houses the Sitka Historical Society/Museum, wildlife display, and during the summer: Baranof Arts and Crafts Association, a visitor information desk, and the New Archangel Dancers perform. ♿ ■
- 13. Russian Bishops House** – Built in 1842 by the Russian American Company as a residence for the bishop of the Orthodox Church, it's the oldest intact Russian building in Sitka. Bishop Innocent (Ivan Veniaminov) was its first resident. **NHLS** ♿ \$
- 14. St. Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church** – Made of natural stone and wood, this is the oldest standing church in Sitka. The first service was held in 1899. **NRHP**
- 15. Sitka Sound Science Center** – Experience the amazing diversity of the many creatures that thrive in our surrounding waters at the aquarium, wet lab, and onsite fish hatchery. ♿ ■ \$
- 16. Sheldon Jackson Museum** – Est. 1895, this is Alaska's oldest museum and housed in the state's first concrete building. Collected from 1880–1900, this is the largest collection of Alaska Native artifacts in the state. ♿ ■ \$
- 17. Sitka Fine Arts Campus**, formerly SJ College – Home to a nationally acclaimed program that provides artistic development for youth K-12 in visual arts, music, dance, theater, writing, and Alaska Native arts. **NHLS** ♿
- 18. Sitka National Historical Park** – This 107-acre park preserves and interprets the site of the battle of 1804 between the Tlingit and Russians. Haida & Tlingit totems from the Louisiana Exposition in the early 1900s are located along a gravel pathway that meanders through the rainforest. **NRHP** ♿ ■
- 19. Sitka Cultural Center** – The Sitka Cultural Center is a studio for local Sitka Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian artists to learn, teach, and create long-practiced cultural arts. ♿ \$
- 20. Alaska Raptor Center** – A pioneering wildlife project offers close-up encounters with bald eagles and other birds of prey. The goal is to rehabilitate injured birds and release them back into the wild; however, a few never recover flight and remain housed at the center's outdoor display. ♿ ■ \$