

Sitka:

About:

Sitka is a beautiful, coastal fishing community with a population of 9,000 people. With stunning mountains and ocean, Sitka sits at the edge of wilderness teeming with wildlife including brown bear, deer, eagles, sea otters, whales, and lots of salmon.

Weather:

Summer weather in Sitka can be beautifully sunny with temperatures in the 60's and 70's or can be chilly and wet with temperatures in the 40's and 50's. We recommend dressing in layers and bringing warm clothes so you will be comfortable in any weather. The sun rises early around 4 am and sets around 11pm in the summertime.

Getting Around:

Sitka is a walkable community. If you do need transportation Sitka's bus system is called Community Ride. For more information about the schedule and stops visit <http://local.sitka.com/rideschedule.pdf>. We recommend Hank's Cab for a taxi service (907-747-8888).

Recommended Things to Bring:

- Warm clothes to sleep in if you get cold easily
- Soap and other toiletries
- Raincoat
- Waterproof Shoes
- Quarters for doing laundry
- Sleep mask if you are light sensitive when sleeping
- Water bottle
- A laptop if you require computer access

Useful Links:

Sitka Fine Arts Camp Website: www.fineartscamp.org

Sitka Fine Arts Camp Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/sitkafineartscamp

Sitka Visitors Guide: www.sitka.org

Sitka Summer Music Festival: www.sitkamusicalfestival.org

Sitka Sound Science Center: www.sitkascience.org

Sheldon Jackson Museum: http://museums.alaska.gov/sheldon_jackson/sjhome.html



Tourist Activities:

Boat Trips:

We recommend Esther G Sea Taxi for private boat trips (<https://www.puffinsandwhales.com>). For larger group wildlife tours, we recommend Allen Marine (<http://allenmarinetours.com>)

Kayaking:

Sitka Sound Ocean Adventure rents kayaks and leads kayaking expeditions (<http://www.kayaksitka.com>)

Sightseeing:

Harris Air offers flightseeing tours out of Sitka (<http://harrisair.com>). Bike rentals are available through Yellow Jersey (<http://www.yellowjerseycycles.com>).

Raptor Center:

Located a short walk from campus, the Alaska Raptor Center is a rehabilitation center for birds from around Alaska (<https://alaskaraptor.org>)

Fortress of the Bears:

A safe haven for orphaned bears in Sitka (<http://www.fortressofthebear.org>)

Accommodations for visiting guests.

Sitka has a youth hostel bordering the campus. The community also have numerous hotels and B&Bs. We recommend The Fisherman's Quay (<http://www.fishermansquay.com>)