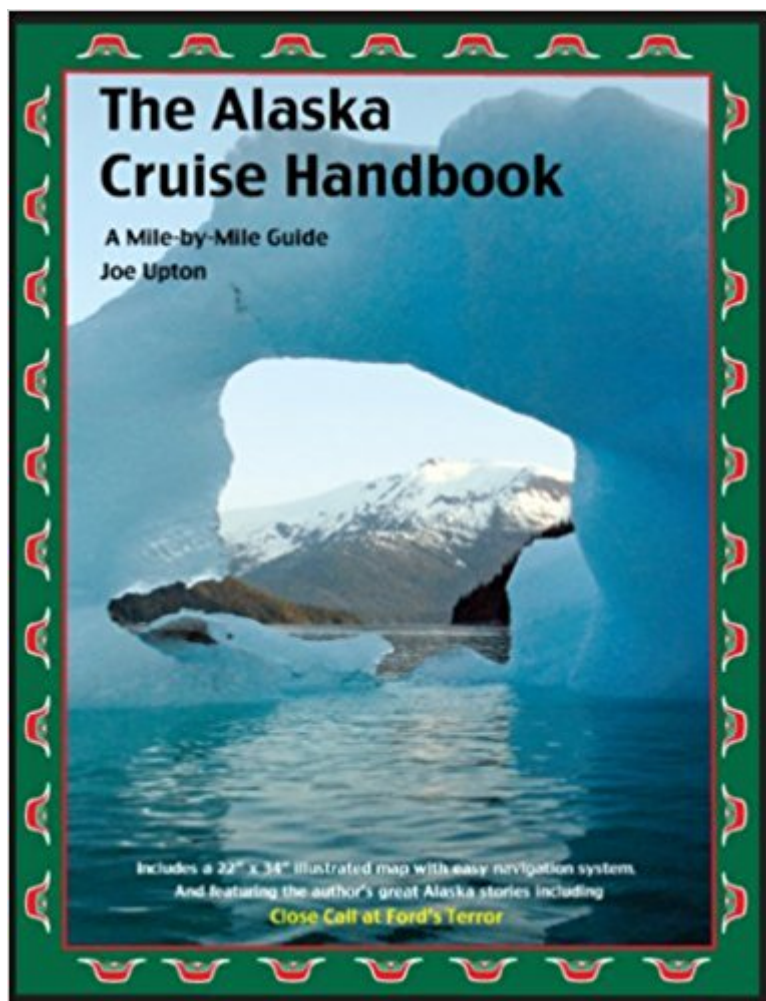




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# The Alaska Cruise Handbook: A Mile-by-Mile Guide 2012 Edition



## Synopsis

Updated for 2012, A Rich and Unique Cruise Guide. Award winning author and mapmaker Joe Upton spent 20 years exploring the NW coast as a commercial fisherman and journalist, collecting stories, taking photos, making maps, and catching fish. In this book with over 300 color photos and included large illustrated map, he has assembled all the information you need for your Alaska cruise. Includes detailed information on excursions, wildlife, walks, ports of call, cruise planning tips, where to look for whales, and much more. But the enduring popularity of this book is because in addition to being a fully informational guide, it is filled with Joe's wonderful Alaska stories. Upton's maps are displayed on many ships.

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"Love the book! We laminated the map for use on our balcony." -- review in "Cruise Critic"

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on a companion website, [www.alaskacruisehandbook.com](http://www.alaskacruisehandbook.com).

We took this book on our Alaska Cruise June 4-12, 2014 and used it as one of our resources for the stops along the way. The maps at each chapter beginning were excellent as well as the giant fold-out map in the back for following along. We found though that some of the rates quoted for activities (such as the Tram in Juneau) were quite out of date. However the featured activities at locations and the recommendations were well described. The book itself it soft cover but of very high quality glossy stock so it traveled well. I purchased it based on previous recommendations and I would recommend it as well. It was an excellent resource.

Highly recommended for the Inside Passage or Voyage of the Glaciers cruises. Great info on the voyage itself along with stories and info about the ports. Comes with a map to follow along and points out places of interest. Don't let the publication date to scare you off. This is THE book you want for your cruise.

Preparing for our Alaska cruise, I bought this book for my Hubby for his birthday. He's enjoyed reading it very much - He's gotten a lot of useful information for our trip and has just loved all of the stories that the author tells. Definitely worth buying!

I am taking this on an inside passage cruise to Alaska and it has been amazingly informative even before I board. I have already mapped out the cruise path on the map included with the book, and used the hints inside to help make the most of this once in a lifetime cruise. This is a great gift for someone planning an Alaska visit or cruise.

Too many anecdotes about the author's life, unrelated to the idea of an Alaska cruise. The pull-out map was useful, however.

I purchased this book as a guide for us on our forthcoming Alaskan cruise. The book is well documented, full of historical information, loaded with pictures and designed as a cruise accompaniment. It alerts you to many of the highlights you will see along the way, plus information on all of your ports of call. Many of the side trips one might take are also explained. The book also includes a large folded map which can be removed to assist you during your trip from Seattle to Glacier Bay. Great book and well worth the price!

I like this book for the stories. But it's not a guide book, so you will need to purchase one of those too. The paper is high quality. But problem with the binding of the book, as it fell apart the first 3 times that I used it.

I Initially bought this handbook prior to a 2009 Alaska cruise but subsequently misplaced the mile-by-mile map that was included with the book. It was so useful that I bought a second copy this year as we were essentially doing a repeat cruise. It was worth it - notwithstanding that I now have 2 copies of the handbook. All that said, once onboard the ship, this time, I discovered that the a/m map was available to purchase separately (but at 60% the price of book + map from ).

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