

38 Days Until Departure

## Embarkation Port General Information

### Whittier, AK - General Information

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#### Port Details

Whittier is located approximately 70 miles southeast of Anchorage, in Prince William Sound, on the northeast shore of the Kenai Peninsula, at the head of Passage Canal. Seward is approximately 125 miles southwest and Valdez is 97 miles northeast. Whittier was an active U.S. Army port until 1960. Most of the town's buildings reflect its military origins, including the 14-story Hodge building (now known as Begich Towers) which was converted from army housing into condominiums in 1964. Today, it houses most of Whittier's residents (approximately 290). Unlike Anchorage's Cook Inlet which is choked by ice 5 months out of the year, Whittier is a year round ice-free port. Nearby Whittier Glacier was named for the American poet John Greenleaf Whittier.

The transfer time between Whittier and Anchorage is approximately 1 1/2 - 2 hours, via the Whittier Access Tunnel

#### Port Address

Whittier Cruise Ship Terminal  
West Camp Road  
Whittier, AK 99664

#### Luggage Handling

Luggage for all guests on a **Princess Cruise Tour** will be taken by truck to their hotel. Guests will not have any access to their bags until delivered to their hotel room. All necessary items such as travel documents and medications should be in their carry on.

Luggage for disembarking guests who have purchased a **Princess Transfer** will be **trucked** to the Airport or Hospitality Center. The specific location for each guest will be noted on the disembarkation information provided by the ship. All necessary items such as travel documents and medications should be in their carry on.

Luggage for guests with **independent travel arrangements** from Whittier will collect their luggage in the Cruise Terminal. There are no porters in Whittier and luggage will need to be handled by the guests. Carts are available at no cost; however, staff will not be able to assist due to longshore regulations.

Please note that there are no luggage storage services available in the Whittier Terminal.

#### Distance and Taxi Information

From/To	Approximate Miles	Approximate Travel Time	Approximate Taxi Fare (USD)
Whittier Pier/ANC Airport	65 miles	1.5-2 hours (depending on tunnel times)	\$150-200 - NOT recommended
Anchorage Hospitality Center/ANC Airport	7 miles	20 minutes	\$18-\$25
Whittier Pier/Whittier Rail Station	at pier	n/a	n/a

Taxi service between Whittier Pier and Anchorage Airport, and between Whittier Pier and the Hospitality Center (in Anchorage) is NOT available.

**Currency**

United States Dollar (USD)

**Time Zone**

PST -1 hr