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***ondering what to do with a day in Anchorage?***

***ome helpful ideasbut there is so much to do that i  
better if you have more than one day.***



***1. It is best to rent a car to get around. They can be as little as \$40 a day. To take cabs all day would cost a lot***

***more. With the sun coming up in the very early am and setting around midnightthere is a lot to see.***

***2. Take a walking tour of downtown. With just a two hour tour you will get to see why almost 500,000 people call***

***this home. To arrange a guided tour talk with your hotel concierges and the tour operators.***

***3. Visit the Native Heritage Center. Here you will get to see firsthand the culture and beliefs of our Natives. Enjoy***

***the Native dances, story-telling, sings, representations of homes, huts and their villages. See the spectacular art***

***work and artifacts of the different Native Cultures.***

***4. Take a tour of the Anchorage Museum of Art and Natural History. Our museum is world class. From the***

***historical displays to the current works of art, you could easily spend the whole day there.***

**5. Visit the Alaska Railroad Museum. Here you will get to see how significant the railway system was to**

**developing Alaska and how it protected us in WWII.**

**6. Ship Creek Salmon Run. In season this waterway is full of salmon and fisherman. It is a sight to see them**

**fighting their way up stream.**

**7. If you are interested in gift shops and antique stores there is an assortment for you along Fourth Ave. As you**

**stroll along the Avenue there are great shops and when you get hungry there is an assortment of great places to**

**eat all around you.**

**8. Anchorage Performing Arts Center. Located in the middle of the hotels and downtown this is a great**

**opportunity to take in one of the short features about wolves, glaciers or the northern lights.**

**9. Experience the great Alaska Earthquake of 1964. Stop at the Experience Theater and see the movie and**

**experience the feeling of the earthquake that made world history and changed Anchorage and Alaska forever.**

**10. Eagle River Nature Center. A short drive north and you can enjoy a nature hike, an interpretive tour of the**

**center or just the great outdoors and the chance to see some of the wildlife.**

**11. Flattop Mountain and Lookout. Drive up O'Malley Road and follow the signs. In just a 10 minute stroll you will**

**get to see the best lookout of the city and the surrounding 200 miles. If you are up for more of a challenge then**

**climb to the top of the mountain.**

**12. Potter's Marsh. As you head south of Anchorage just outside the city is Potter's Marsh and Nature Preserve.**

**As you walk along the boardwalk you will be immersed in the middle of ducks, geese, waterfowl and an**

**occasional moose.**

**13. Beluga Point. In just a 10 minute ride south of Anchorage you can park and look out at the water at high tide**

**and watch for the white backs of the Beluga whales. If you turn around and look at the mountains behind you see**

**if you can see some of the Dahl Sheep that like to hang out there.**

**14. The Alaska Zoo. Here you will get to expand your knowledge of the Arctic wildlife. With the zoo small enough**

**to cover in a short time there is still a wide variety of animals to see.**

**15. Take a stroll along the Tony Knowles Trail. This is a fully paved trail that winds along the Cook Inlet**

**shorelines around Anchorage. You can rent a bike or just walk along this 11.5 mile trail.**

**16. Earthquake Park. Located at the halfway mark of the Tony Knowles trails. Here you will get to see some of**

**the devastation from the earthquake and the tides.**

**17. Lake Hood. At the entrance to the International Airport is the largest float plane "lake-port" in the world. Park**

**behind the Dept. of Transportation along the "runway" and with the planes land and take off.**



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