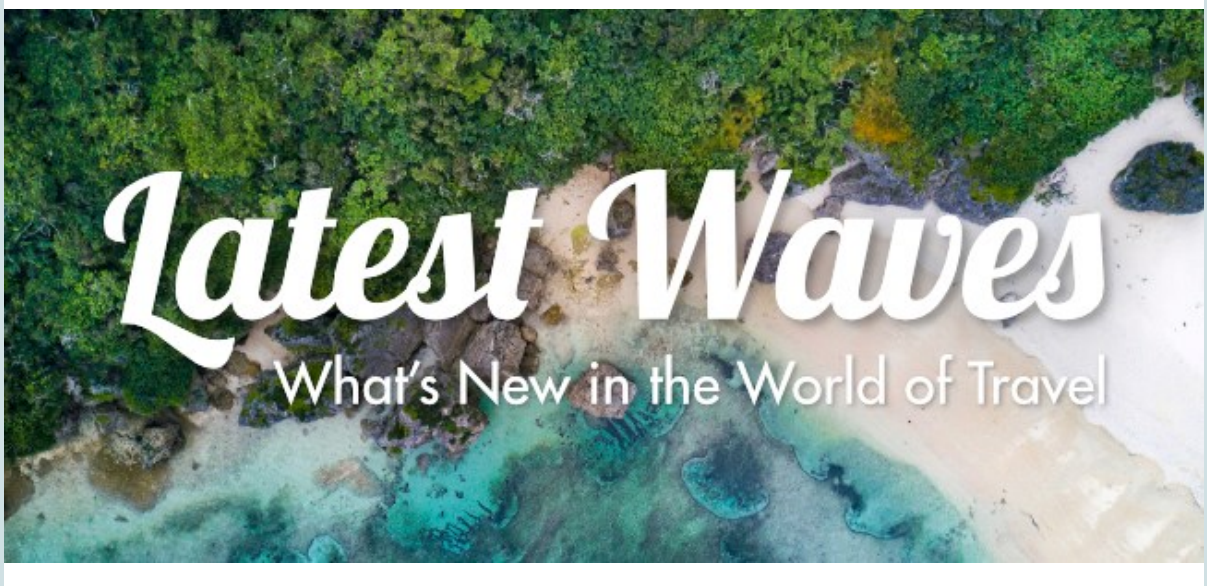




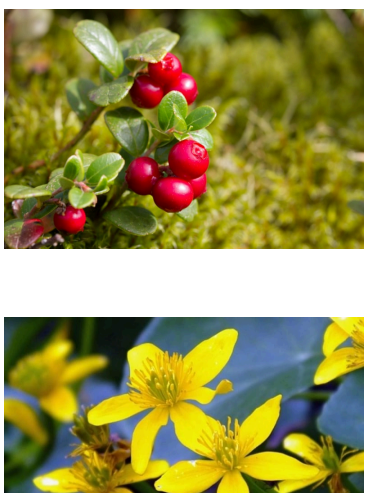
The Colors of Alaska

From sweeping shorelines to grassy interiors to snowy mountain peaks, Alaska's natural beauty delights tourists who sail and tour the state in the spring, summer, and fall months. Returning home, travelers often find themselves thinking about their time in The Last Frontier and dreaming about the breathtaking landscapes nature has painted across the state.

The color palette of Alaska is truly something to behold!



Purple – The lupine (known as bluebonnet in the rest of the United States) grow 1-3 feet tall in Alaska, flourishing in areas where sunshine is abundant, and even thriving in nutrient poor soil.



Red – Berries are bountiful in Alaska thanks to long summer days and cooler average temperatures. Salmonberries pop up along streams, on shorelines, and across moist forest floors and have a slight sweetness that is tasty off the bush or boiled into jam. Lingonberries grow in the tundra or in rocky, peaty forest soil and ripen later in the season. Their crisp tart flavor becomes more mellow when cooked and sweetened, so they are often enjoyed in syrup or jam.

Yellow – Bright pops of yellow present themselves in some of the beautiful floral varieties across the state, like Yellow Paintbrush or Yellow-Marsh Marigold.



Brown – When the brown bears emerge from hibernation and begin gathering at Brooks Falls in Katmai to fish for the fatty salmon, tourists make their way to the viewing platforms to watch the scene unfold. The social hierarchy that determines their fishing locations along the falls, the playful cubs toddling along the river, and even the occasional tree-climbing bear make for fascinating viewing in person or via the live Explore.org cameras on YouTube.



Green – Brilliant hues of green are the most viewed color of the Northern Lights, which are visible in Alaska from late August to late April. The interior and Arctic regions are generally the best viewing spots because of their clear dark skies free from light pollution of the cities.



Blue – When the warmer temperatures of late spring and summer melt the surfaces of the glacier ice, it causes pools of water to form. The color of these pools feels almost otherworldly, and the science behind how our brains interpret color makes the clear water atop the dense ice a truly magical shade of blue.

How many colors can you spot on your next adventure to Alaska?

With endless opportunities to immerse yourself in nature, trying to fit so many incredible activities into your itinerary might be the most stressful part of your Alaska plans.

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