



Alaska

North to the Future

Alaska's motto, "North to the future," captures the adventurous spirit and optimism of its people. Did you know that Alaska's 600,000 square miles make it the largest US state? It is one-fifth the size of the combined lower-48 states.

This Land of Extremes Boasts

Barrow, located 360 miles from the North Pole, is the farthest north city in the United States.

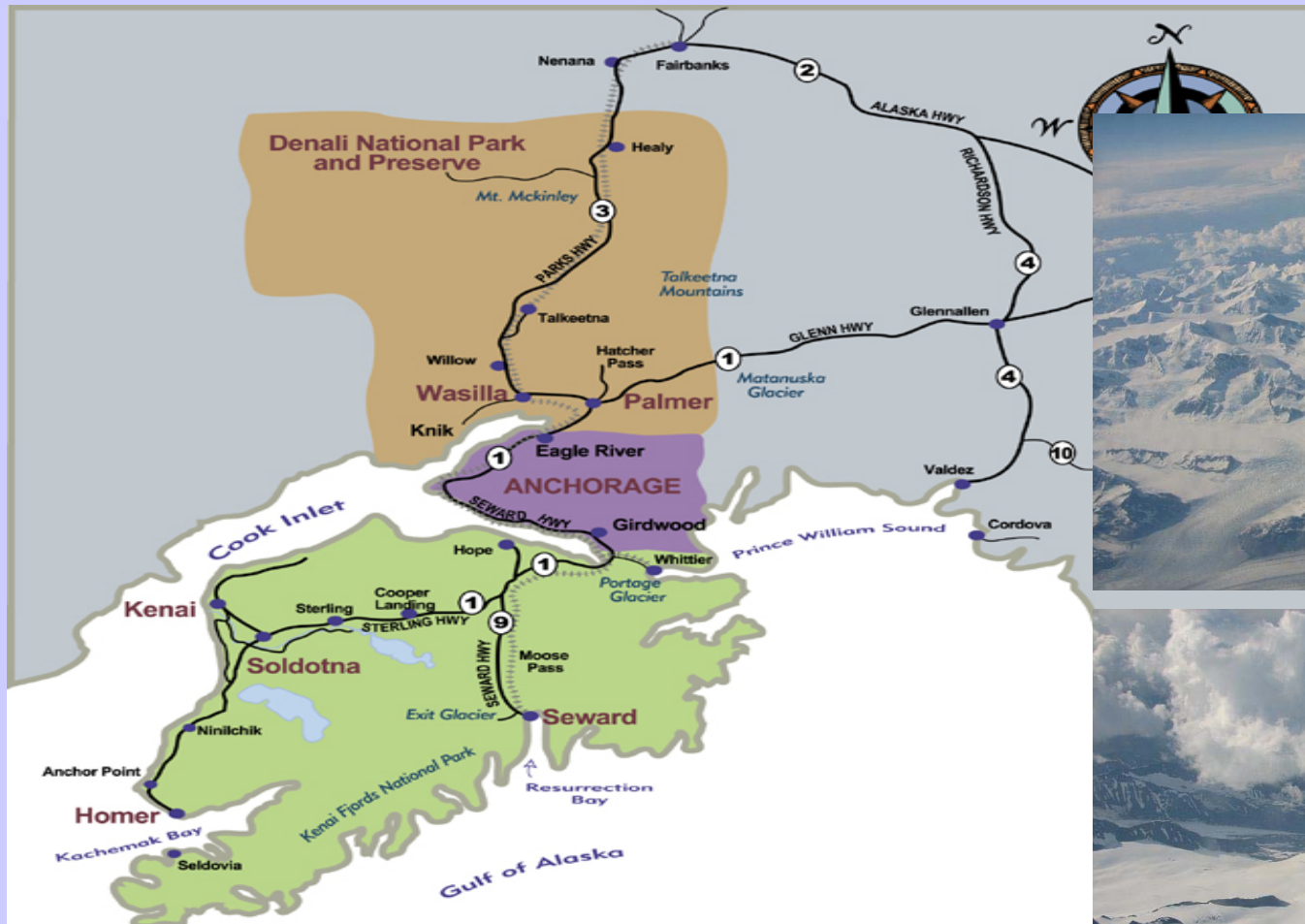
At 20,320 feet high, Mt. McKinley is North America's tallest peak.

The world's largest and deepest ice field is Anchorage's Lake Umbagog, with over 800 lake-dolls on a 200-acre island.

The greatest concentration of gold in the US (29,000 square miles) is found in Alaska.

The strongest earthquake in North America (measuring 9.2) occurred here on Good Friday, 1964.

June 2007 Alaska Trip:



Week1: Anchorage - Denali-Fairbanks- by train

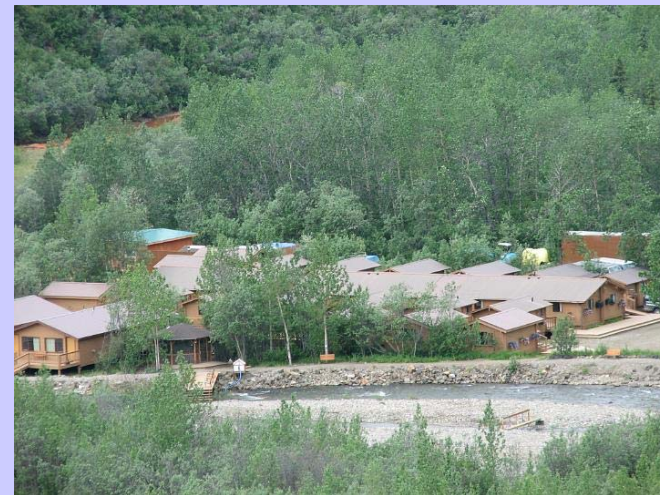
Week2: (car) Fairbanks—Valdez-Seward-Homer-Anchorage

Train ride from Anchorage to Denali



Good but not great— It
would have been better to drive myself

Full-day Denali backcountry Tour to Kantishna



Views of Denali's mountains and valleys



McKinley was not visible all day long

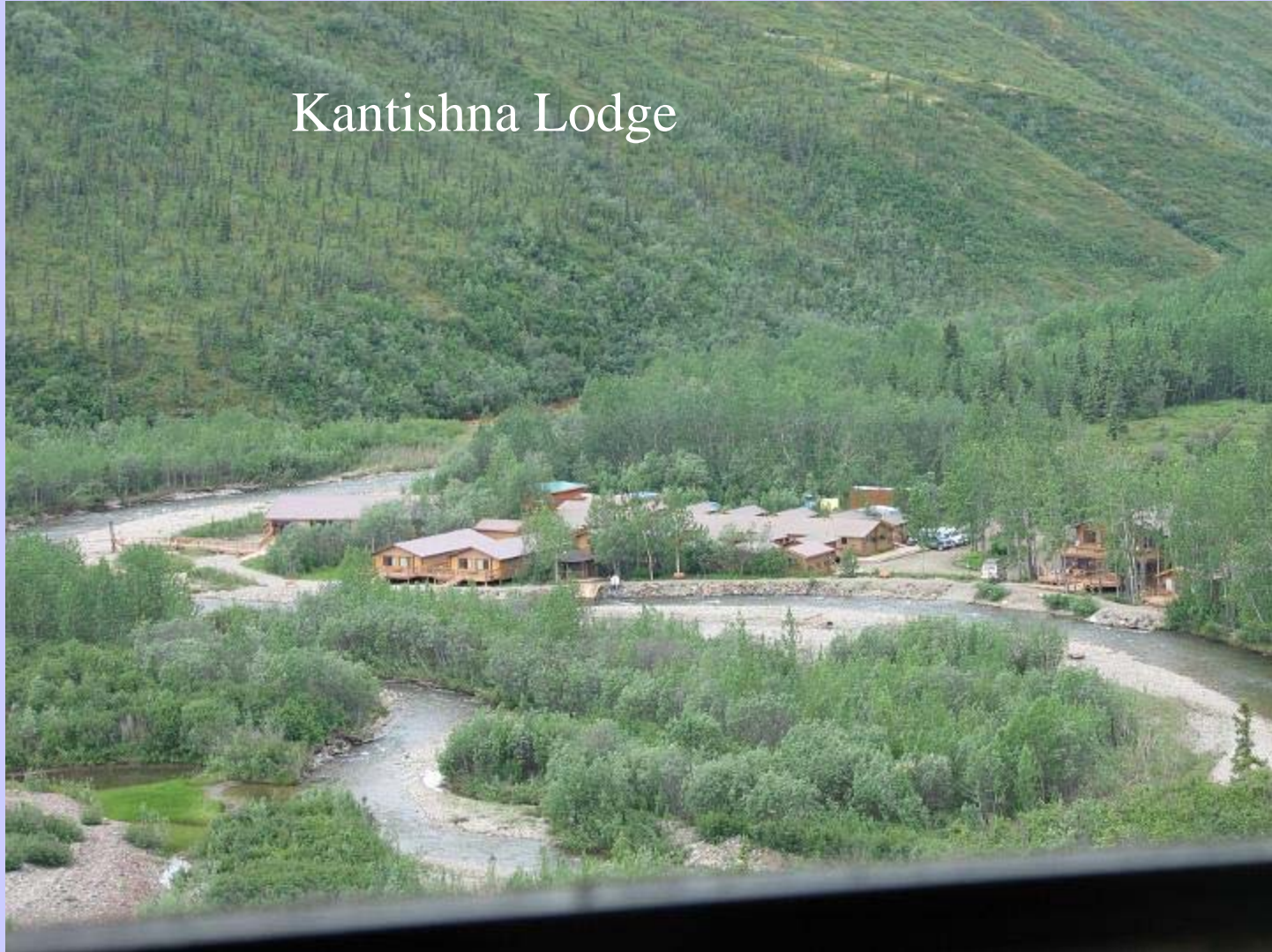




Perfect reflections on Wonder Lake



Kantishna Lodge



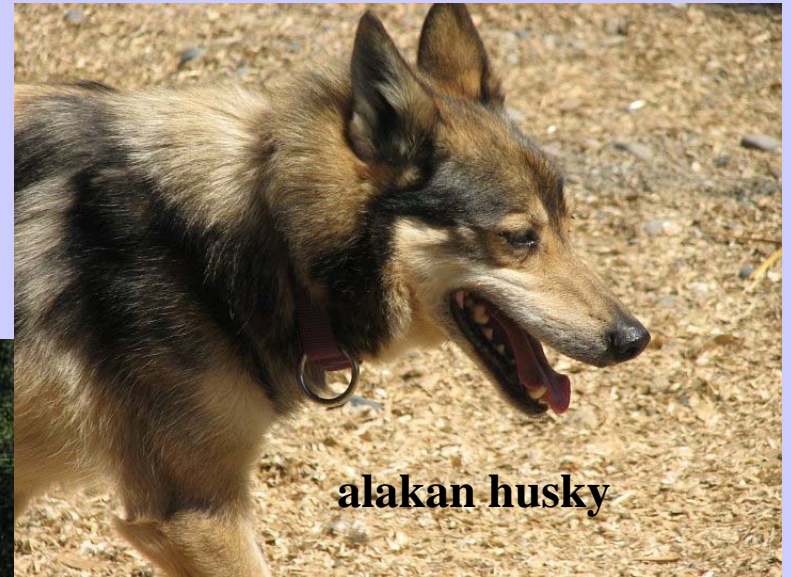
Mom and cubs crossing the road



Wolves too



dogsled show in summer



alakan husky



Fairbanks--



This is the bank where the city got its name!

Ok—it is just kidding. It was named after a senator from Indiana.

It is annual **midnight sun festival** on June 21, 2007



taken at midnight



athabaskan queen



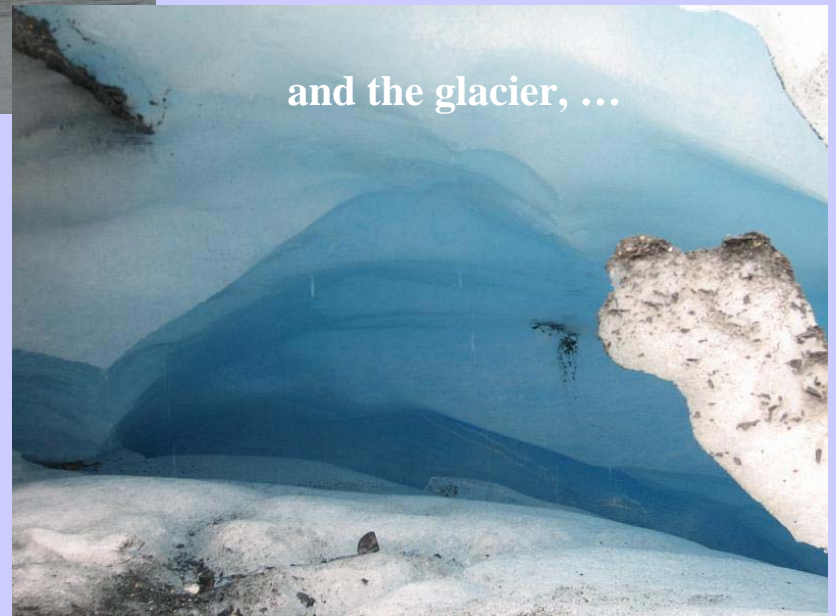
Our unsuccessful attempt to get rich—yes, we all get micro ounces of gold

2 millions barrels going
to your gas tank





but, first over the river, ...



and the glacier, ...

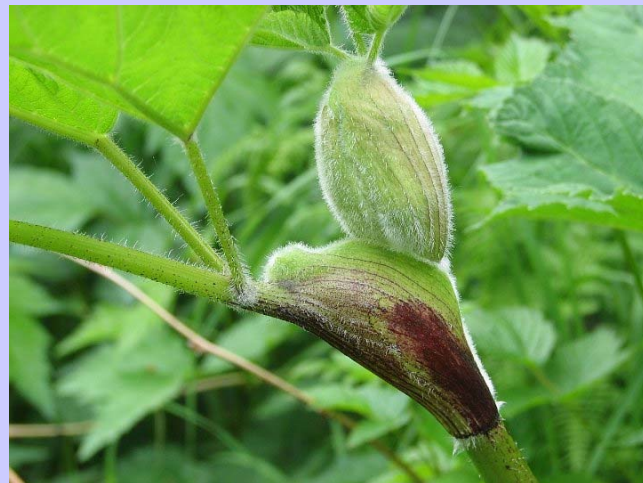
and Valdez,...



A highly
recommended
B&B



Valdez is Switzerland by
the sea



Seward– whole day cruise in Kenai National Park



The Kenai fjords is
serenely beautiful



Orca is hard to catch,
even on the "film"



Puffin



harbor seal



The steller seals— their number has declined by 80%
in the last 20 years



Flying
penguins?

They are
called
Murres





You got to watch the glacier calving into the ocean too





The queer reflection





On the road, first you cast the rod,



then, next page

The king

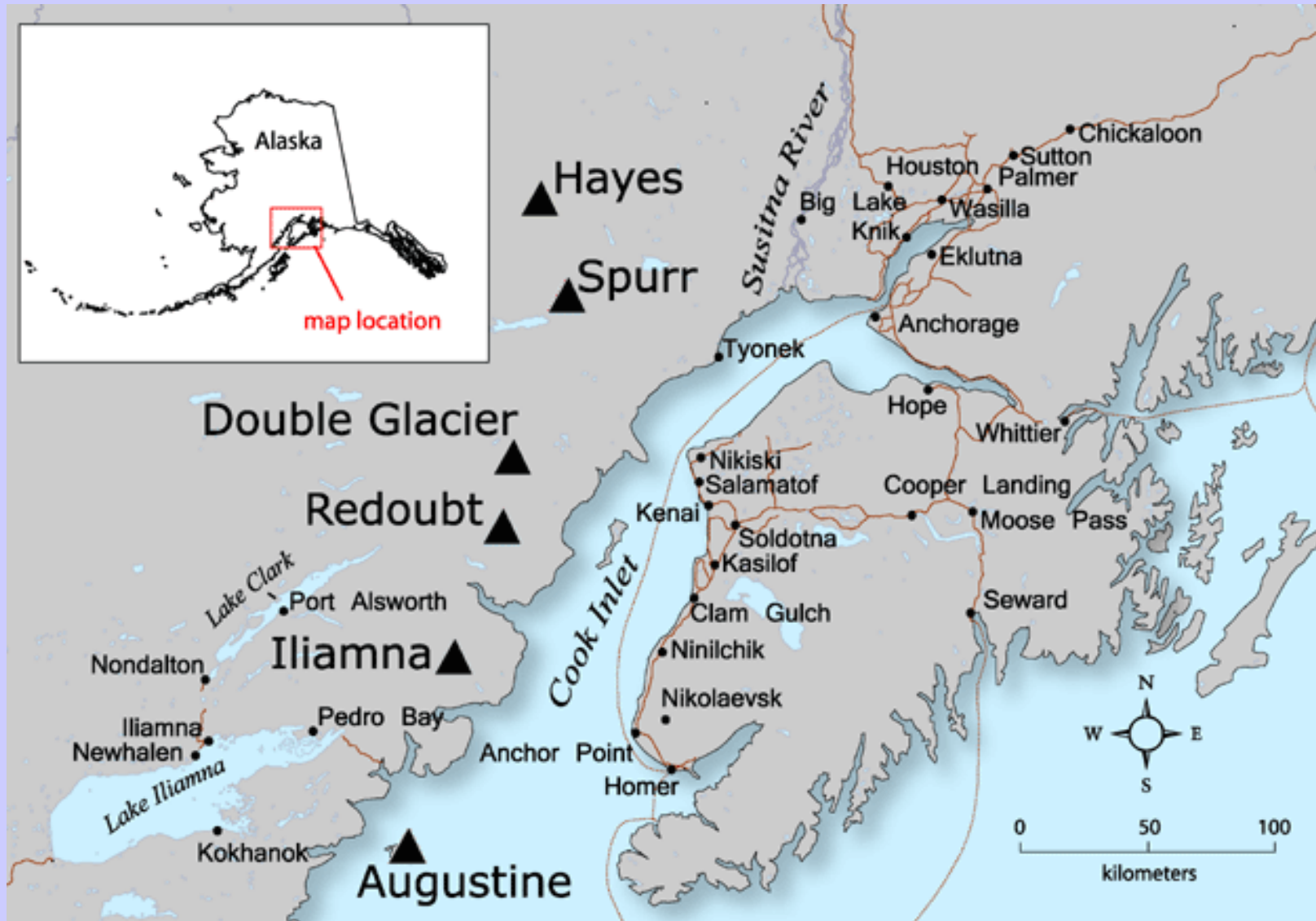


Nigiri - Sake (salmon)



The red

Along Cook Inlet to **Homer**– prettiest town ever



The snow-capped peaks across the Inlet are alluring anywhere you are

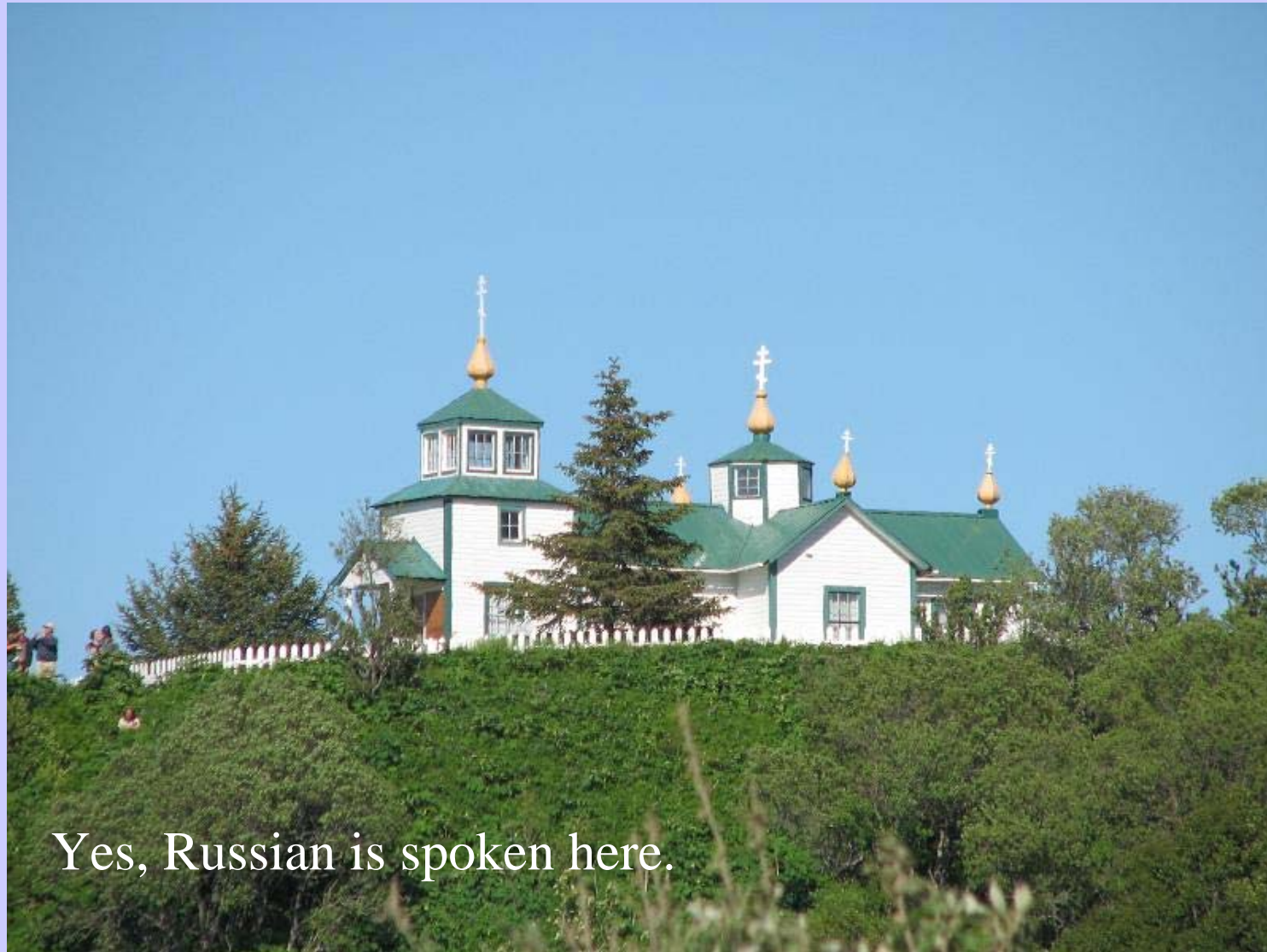
But, first, the town of **Kenai**



The Russians arrived here early and here is the priest of the Russian Orthodox church in Kenai

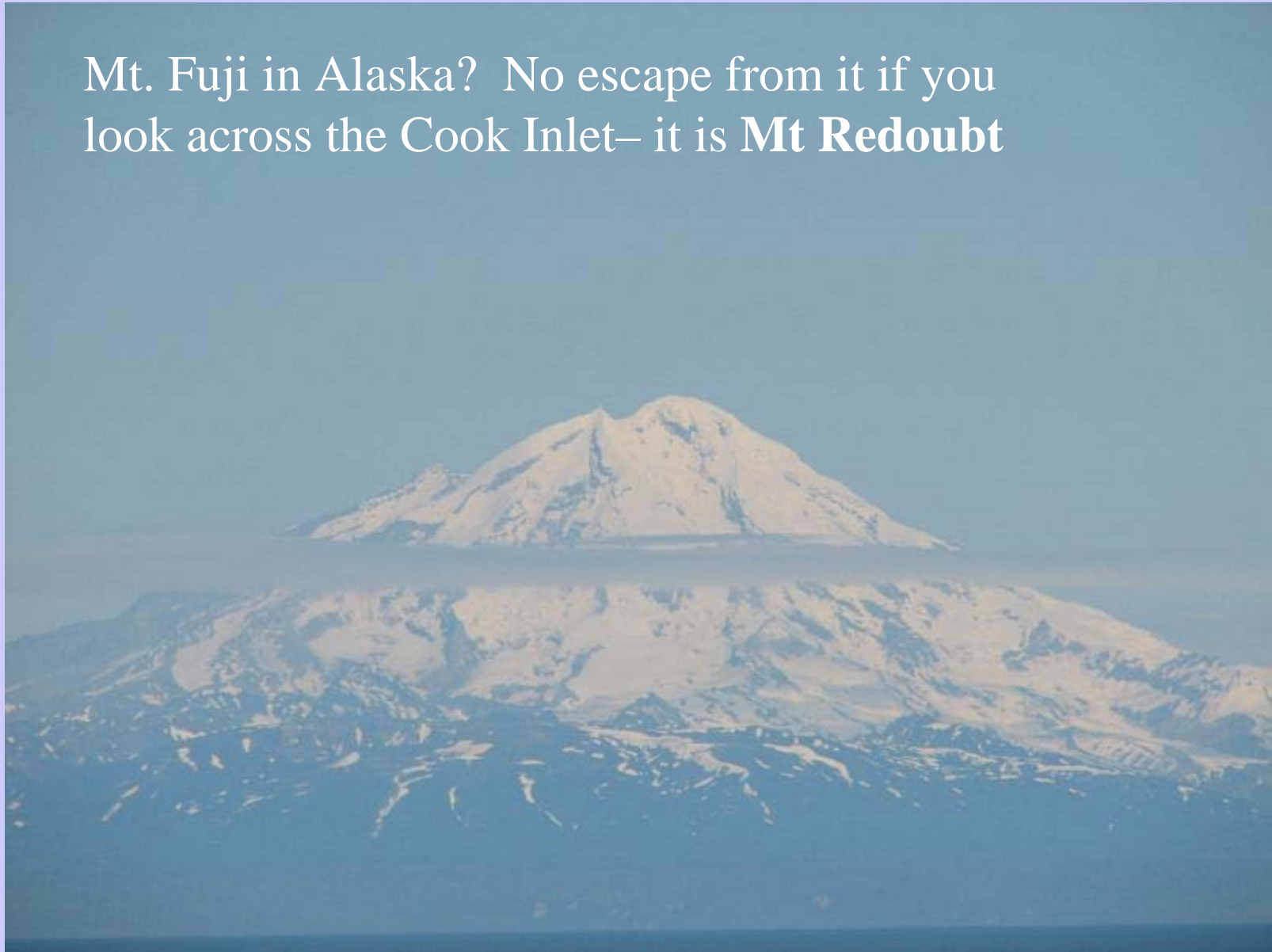


A gorgeous Russian Orthodox church in Ninilchik



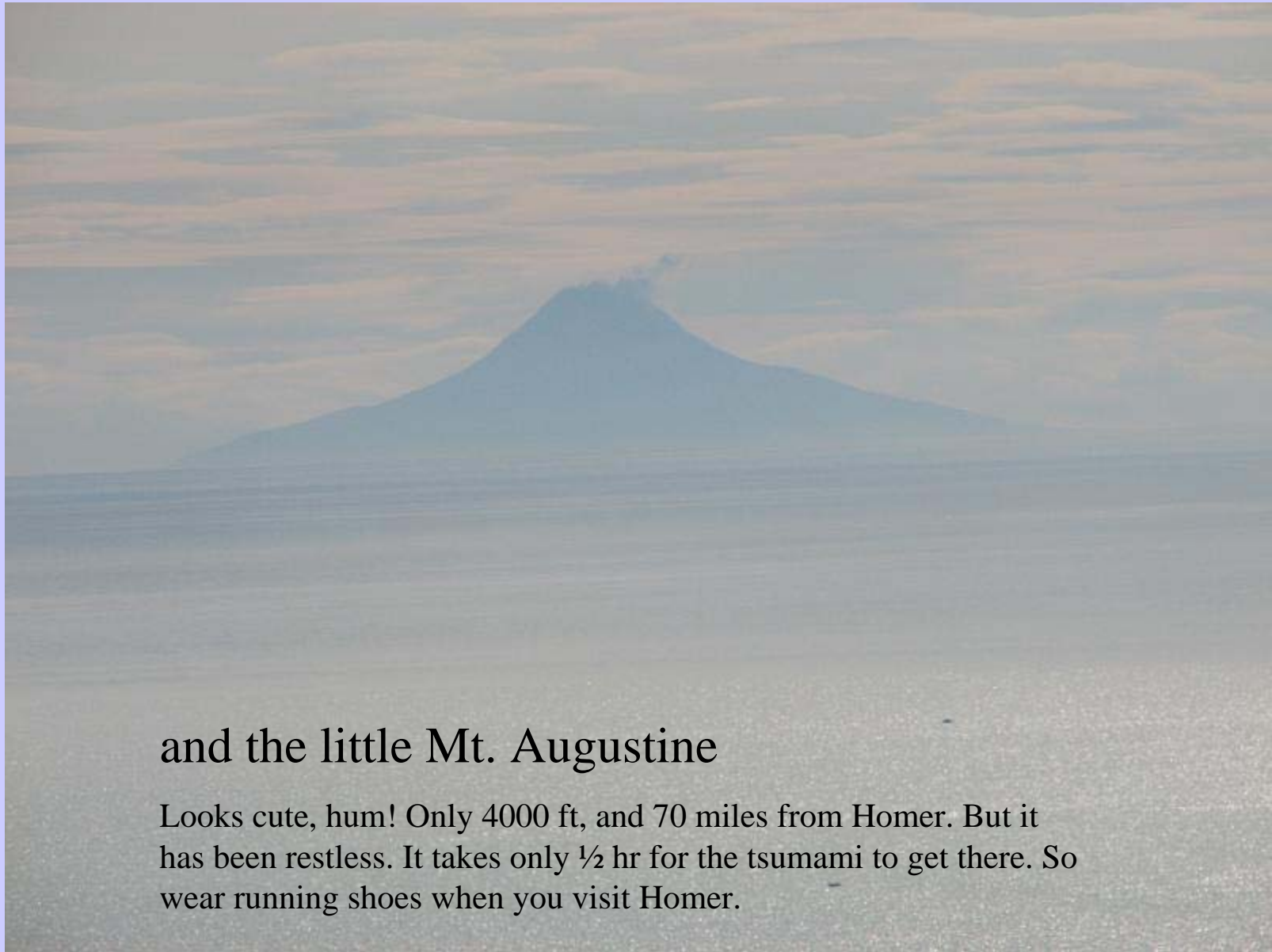
Yes, Russian is spoken here.

Mt. Fuji in Alaska? No escape from it if you look across the Cook Inlet– it is **Mt Redoubt**





Here is Mt. Iliamna



and the little Mt. Augustine

Looks cute, hum! Only 4000 ft, and 70 miles from Homer. But it has been restless. It takes only ½ hr for the tsumami to get there. So wear running shoes when you visit Homer.

One more town before Homer



The city of Homer *where the road ends*





From the overlook



across Kachemak Bay



across Cook Inlet

Views from Homer



the Spit



Looking across Kachemak bay at 11:30pm



The spit



The crowded Gull Island beyond the tip of the Spit



Alaska has too much to offer,



For a change, you can also watch how other tourists watch, or look at our 79-yr old B&B hostess June cooking breakfast...



Words of wisdom for visiting Alaska:” If you are old, go by all means; but if you are young, wait. The scenery of Alaska is much grander than anything else of the kind in the world, and it is not well to dull one’s capacity for enjoyment by seeing the finest first”—by Henry Gannet