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ZIPLINES AND CANOPY TOURS

One of Alaska's most stunning destinations is the lush rainforest of the **Inside Passage**. A set of canopy tours in Ketchikan's Herring Cove lets travelers enjoy the flora and fauna in a section of the immense 17.5-million-acre **Tongass National Forest**, the largest national forest in the United States. **Ketchikan** is a popular port of call on Inside Passage cruise itineraries, and canopy tours are popular excursions for cruise passengers while in port.

Another tour, located in **Juneau**, allows visitors a chance to learn about the ecosystems of Alaska's Inside Passage. Zipline riders will sail over salmon-spawning streams and have access to spectacular panoramic mountain views. On nearby Douglas Island, located just across the Gastineau Channel from Juneau, the ruins of a former gold mine provide the backdrop for yet another experience in the treetops. A canopy tour on the island offers views of the historic Treadwell Mine, at one time the world's largest gold mine. The Treadwell complex housed four mines operated by three separate companies, but closed in 1917 after a devastating flood. Canopy tour participants in this area will learn about the area's gold mining history and the world-class mineral deposits that once inspired thousands of prospectors to leave it all behind to make their fortunes in Alaska.

Just 35 miles from Juneau by small plane or boat is the Tlingit village of **Hoonah**, home to Icy Strait Point, a port of call for several cruise lines. One of the biggest attractions here is a 5,400-foot-long zipline, the longest in North America. The zipline hits speeds of up to 60 mph as it descends and allows travelers to take in a panoramic view of the surrounding island. At one point riders are hoisted 300 feet above open ground, a surefire thrill for those looking for some scenic fun.

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