

# Goldbelt: Supporting the Community through Tourism

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# **Goldbelt Campus**

#### **Bridge from Past to Future**





#### There is a Market

▶In a recent study with Southeast Conference Tourism Committee, 64% of individuals surveyed said culture and history were strengths of the region

▶In this same study, 38% said "not communicating the Alaska Native story well" was a weakness in the industry

Cultural Tourism scored highest, at 72%, for "Tourism Opportunities\*

▶In a separate survey by Mandala Research, 52% of leisure travelers they would "spend more on a cultural/heritage activity"



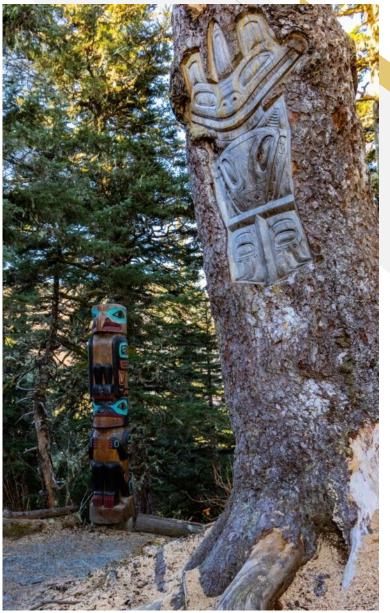
# The Totem Loop Trail





Incorporating Culture into Outdoor Experiences





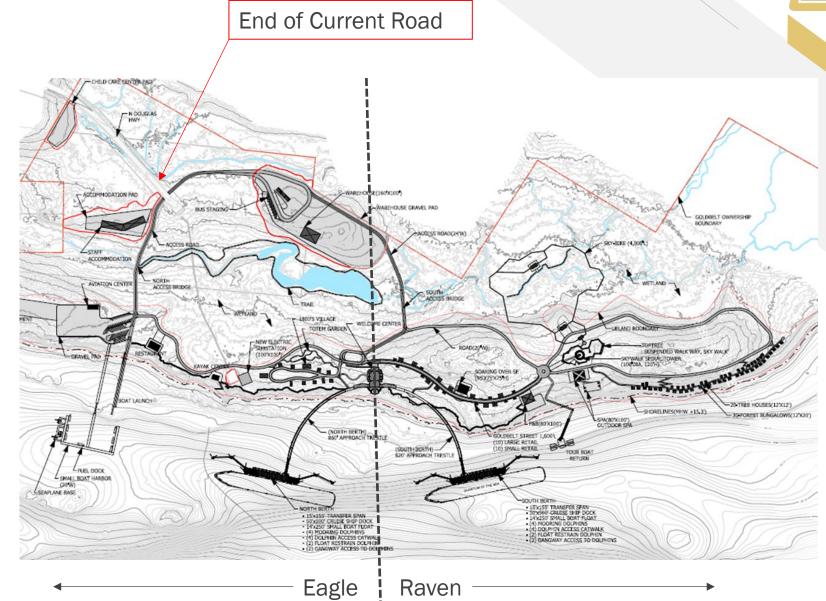




**Overview** 

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- The only Cultural Cruise Destination Alaska
- Goldbelt Aaní Cruise Port will welcome travelers ashore and into an immersive Tlingitthemed and inspired modern cruise destination
- 30 Years of cooperation in development with CBJ
- Opening Cruise Ship Season
   2028
- Phased Approach to construction
- Currently plans 11 structure types with 87 distinct vertical structures



### **Opportunity for Local Business**



Goldbelt Aaní will provide business opportunities for local and Alaska businesses A new destination that can allow new entrepreneurs to open businesses and allow local businesses to expand their footprint

Business opportunities during all aspects of the project

- Planning local architects and engineering firms
- Construction Local contractors
- Vendors Local shop owners and new local entrepreneurs
- Operations Local tour companies
- Overall New employment opportunity for many locals either working for Goldbelt Aaní directly or for one of the more than 25 vendors that will be located within the port
- Goldbelt Aaní is an opportunity to continue to grow Juneau's economy and ensure stability for many future generations

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# **Telling Our Story**



- Goldbelt Aani is designed to replicate an 1800s Tlingit Native Village where visitors will
  interact with Southeast Alaska Native culture, art, foods, and be invited to explore the
  history of Goldbelt's ancestral people.
- Local story tellers and artists will be active throughout the destination, ensuring guests have a one-of-a-kind learning experience about local native culture
- Aspects guests will learn about -
  - Long house uses and architecture
  - Wood Carving including canoe building and totem carving
  - Fish smoking and drying
  - Eagle and Raven stories throughout the destination telling the lessons of balance
  - Trails with signage explaining local Flora and Fauna

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