**Alaska’s Cupcake**

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Alaska’s natural wonders are almost like making a cupcake! Alaska’s wonders are like making a cupcake because, like the batter, sprinkles, and frosting there are three wonders that make Alaska special. The wonders of Alaska that you will be learning about today will be the Northern Lights, Bering Glacier and the Augustine Volcano.

First of all, the Northern lights are one of Alaska’s natural wonders. The Northern lights are like the batter in the cupcake. With cupcake batter, it has to cook before you can eat it, but with the lights, you’re going to have to know a bit about them before you want to see them. First, the colors of the lights are caused by, nitrogen and oxygen. The colors are blue, purple, green, red, brown, orange, yellow and sometimes even white! Blue and purple are all caused by nitrogen. Green is the most common color. Brown, white and red are less likely to happen. The rest of the colors are caused by oxygen. The Northern lights are personally my favorite natural wonder. The Lights can cause noises for example clapping, cracking, and crackling hearing noises with the Lights is very rare.

Second of all, the Bering Glacier is another natural wonder in Alaska. The Bering Glacier is like the frosting on the cupcake because, when you make a cupcake you’re going to need frosting to make it taste good; and knowing about the Bering glacier you will make your trip to Alaska even better! First, the Bering glacier is Alaska’s largest and widest glacier and also it’s the biggest glacier in North America. It’s also more than two times the size of the Colorado River! Also its 2,000 sq. miles, bigger then Delaware, and its 800 miles thick! That’s about the size of the earth’s inner core! The Bering Glacier has blue tints to it because of all the minerals in the water and the sunlight on the water.

One last natural wonder in Alaska is the Augustine Volcano. The Augustine volcano is more than 40,000 years old. The Augustine volcano is like the sprinkles on the cupcake you don’t need to know about it like with sprinkles you don’t need to have them on your cupcake but it makes it look and taste delicious. The Augustine Volcano has little threat to humans but there can be a small earth quake and some shock waves can cause floods but, that rarely happens. A shockwave is like an invisible wave but it has electricity. The Augustine volcano is 1,260m high. There was a 15 day eruption in 2006 and that was the latest eruption.

There are many wonders in Alaska, but these are the most famous and most amazing wonders. They are the Northern Lights, The Bering Glacier and the Augustine Volcano. I hope you learned how these wonders are just like making a cupcake!