



• WHAT TO PACK • EXPLORING ALASKA'S COASTAL WILDERNESS

First of all, the atmosphere aboard is casual. There is no expectation of any formal dress whatsoever; after all, it is an expedition.

We offer voyages from May to September in Southeast Alaska and therefore it is important to note that temperatures vary from early season to late season. May is springtime in Southeast so temperatures are milder, with average daytime temps in the 50's. As summer sets in, June will have daytime temperatures in the 60's and by July and August daytime temperatures can reach into the 70's. Nighttime temperatures will typically be in the low 40's in the spring, mid to high 50's in the summer. Keep in mind too that you will be traveling on the water, and with a breeze, the temperature can feel a bit cooler. You'll also be traveling through regions with bountiful precipitation so planning for rain is also important. Overall, planning for a variety of weather conditions is most important.

There will be whale watching outings using our Zodiac landing craft and opportunities to kayak from the shore. A key element to your comfort and enjoyment is sufficient protection, both in clothing and footwear. Layering of clothing will ensure your comfort and protection from the possible elements and knee-high waterproof boots will keep your feet sufficiently dry and warm.

Below is a packing list developed by one of our expedition leaders. If you have any questions, please give us a call.

- Essential: Waterproof knee-high rubber boots with a strong non-skid sole. Some of our landings will be wet, by Zodiac onto a beach or low jetty.**
- Warm jacket.
- Gloves and a warm hat.
- Waterproof windbreaker.
- Lightweight rain gear, such as waterproof pants and jacket, under which you can wear pants and a sweater, to protect you from spray during Zodiac rides as well as from possible rain when you are walking in various areas.
- Comfortable walking shoes with rubber soles and good support (for onboard the ship and shore excursions). Most people find tennis shoes or sneakers suitable. You may want to bring two pairs so you will have a dry pair if one should get wet.
- Lightweight thermal underwear.
- Cotton slacks (khakis, jeans, corduroy).
- Short and long-sleeved shirts/blouses.
- Sweatshirts or outfits of fleece.
- Three or four pairs of warm, sturdy, tall wool socks and an equal number of thin socks to wear underneath for extra insulation. Silk or polypropylene sock liners do well for this purpose. Make sure to bring several pairs of socks as you will probably get your feet wet.
- Two or three different weight sweaters (one each).
- Lotions/creams for sun and wind protection.
- A small backpack or rucksack; a waterproof bag to hold your camera and/or binoculars.
- Hand laundry supplies, such as Woolite.
- A magnifying glass for botany walks.
- Waterproof insect repellent.
- Travel alarm clock.
- Binoculars.
- Camera, lenses, plenty of film and/or memory cards, and extra batteries.

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