

Packing List – Alaska

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 Alaska so temperatures are cooler, 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 may reach into the 70's, but can also still be in the 50's. During any month, the temperatures can be as low as 45°F when we are exploring in front of a glacier. 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 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.

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

Voyage Packing List	
<input type="checkbox"/>	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. You will need to step into ankle or calf-deep water to get ashore. Insoles can make these boots more comfortable for walking.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Warm jacket.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A woolen or fleece hat with ear protection for colder weather.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Baseball cap or visor (for rain or snow).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scarf.
<input type="checkbox"/>	One or two pairs of waterproof gloves or mittens that you can use while kayaking or in the rain. Waterproof ski gloves are a good option.
<input type="checkbox"/>	One or two pairs of waterproof ski mittens or gloves. You might want to bring a pair of thin, polypropylene gloves that fit under your ski mittens so that you can take your mittens off during photography without your hands getting cold. You may want to bring an extra pair of mittens or gloves in case one gets wet.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Waterproof rain gear. Be sure to bring waterproof pants and a waterproof 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.

<input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable walking shoes with rubber soles and good support (for onboard the ship and town 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.
<input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight thermal underwear.
<input type="checkbox"/> Cotton slacks (khakis, jeans, corduroy), or travel/hiking pants.
<input type="checkbox"/> Short and long-sleeved shirts/blouses.
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.
<input type="checkbox"/> Two or three different weight sweaters or fleeces.
<input type="checkbox"/> Lotions/creams for sun and wind protection.
<input type="checkbox"/> Hand laundry supplies, such as Woolite. Please note that there are no laundry facilities aboard.
<input type="checkbox"/> Small backpack or rucksack; waterproof bag to hold camera gear.
<input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof insect repellent.
<input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars.
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel alarm clock.
<input type="checkbox"/> Camera, lenses, and plenty of film and/or memory cards, and extra batteries.

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