

Packing Suggestions

Those who come to Southeast Alaska's temperate rainforest prepared with a wide range of clothing for warm, cold or wet days seldom find the weather an inconvenience. It's always casual on board and functional clothing is recommended. **Dressing in layers is the key to comfort.** The average summer temperatures are normally in the mid 60's; though they have been known to reach as high as the 80's and dip as low as the mid 40's. The following are a few suggestions for what to pack. Feel free to contact the Reservations Office for explanations or details.

Recommended:

- Casual long pants like jeans, khakis, corduroys, sweat pants
- Long & short sleeved shirts, turtlenecks for layering
- Hooded sweatshirt *or* sweater *or* fleece jacket (for layering)
- Lightweight rain jacket & pants
- Outdoor jacket and/or vest (it gets *cold* up near the glacier)
- Long underwear (for our day near the glacier)
- Soft-soled shoes (to wear onboard)
- Hiking boots or sturdy walking shoes
- Rubber boots – calf or knee-high ¹
- Extra socks – to wear inside your rubber boots
- Wool or other knit cap & gloves
- Sunglasses [polarized are best], spare prescription glasses, reading glasses, contact lenses & supplies
- Personal toiletries, prescription drugs, sunscreen [we'll provide soap, shampoo, conditioner & hairdryers]

Sorry, laundry service is not available – but there *is* a drying locker aboard to dry your wet clothes.

Optional:

- Shorts & bathing suit (yes, some brave folks actually **do** go swimming)
- Camera, lenses, tripod, film & extra batteries or digital camera & cables (and don't forget your charger²)
- Small daypack or fanny pack (good for carrying excess layers on hikes)
- Portable binoculars (we provide large binoculars in each stateroom)
- Waterproof bug repellent – if you have a preferred brand (we have a variety of repellants onboard AND we provide head-nets)
- Your personal fly-rod & reel (we have a limited supply basic fly-fishing rods aboard, but we have everything you'll need for salmon and halibut.)
- Waders (sorry, no 'loaners' onboard but we'll advise you on how to ship yours to the boat)
- Collapsible walking stick (if you would like to use one on uneven terrain)

¹ Many times our skiff will have to drop you off in several inches of water and you'll wade the last few feet onto the beach. If you feel your rubber boots won't be comfortable for long walks once you're ashore, you can change to hiking boots or shoes on the beach and leave your rubber boots with the skiff.

² *Electricity aboard is the same as homes in North America. If you're coming from outside the US you may need an adapter.*

