

The Rubber Boot Question: “Do I *need* them & what kind to pack?”

We recommend calf or knee-high rubber boots for onshore activities – The Tongass is a temperate rainforest and tends to be wet everywhere. Often trails are ungrouted, and you splash through streams and tidal wetlands – so sturdy boots that are comfortable to walk in are a better all-around choice than hiking shoes.

Here are pictures of people doing stuff where you want taller (15” or just below the knee) boots:



The Naturalist and two guests - sticking with boots and carrying their hiking shoes.



Our captain has recommended just getting regular rubber boots not insulated. He says the insulated are pretty hot.

Here are pictures of the crew’s favorite - **Xtratuf** boots! They are also known as the Alaskan Slippers.

<https://www.xtratuf.com>

Another option is Muck Boots. Seen below. They have many different options of the 15 inch boots in a variety of colors.

<https://www.muckbootcompany.com/>



If you do not think you are going to want a high-end expensive boot after the cruise, one previous guest recommended Tingley boots the PVC ones: ultralight and, they say, comfortable to walk in. Seen to the right.

<https://www.tingleyrubber.com/pages/all-boots>



Meltwater is a Canadian company that make tall, waterproof, comfortable boots. Seen on the right.

<https://www.baffin.com/collections/rubber-w/products/5310w001>



Most people seem to end up in waterproof boots exclusively while onshore, so you do want something comfortable for walking. We recommend that you pick boots that are comfortable to wear - with good support – suitable for walking distances over uneven terrain.

Cute, but will they be comfortable to walk in?



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