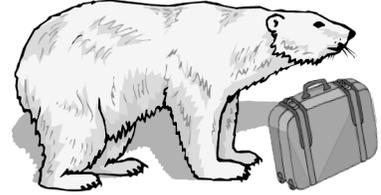




## PACKING TIPS FROM THE EXPERTS

# ALASKA BOUND!



Daytime wear in Alaska is casual. You will be covering a broad territory and climates can vary. Temperatures can easily range from the 80's to the 50's during the day and colder at night/early morning. You will need to pack a variety of clothing, but the best plan is to layer your clothes so you will be comfortable without taking too much. It is a good idea to check the weather online about 1-2 weeks before you go. It may not be exact, but will give you some idea of current conditions.

Take comfortable walking shoes that will keep your feet dry. Leather shoes/sneakers are good (canvas or mesh can get wet in the rain/wet grass). You usually won't need boots/hiking boots unless you are really planning on doing hard hikes. A pair of sandals might be an option for use during the cruise portion. Medium weight pants like jeans or Dockers are good for most days. You can also pack a pair of shorts or capri pants for warmer days.

Your "top deck" is where you will really layer. Plan to take some short and/or long sleeve tops as the first layer. Then layer a sweater or sweatshirt and then a coat or fleece. You will not need a winter coat, but more of a Spring/Fall jacket that is water repellent and has a hood. You can also take a poncho or a small umbrella – just be prepared for rain. Consider taking a pair of gloves and a hat for windy days – and don't forget your bathing suit for the hot tubs!



Evening dress on cruise ships are a little more casual in Alaska, but most ships will still have 1-2 formal nights for the dining room. This usually means a jacket & tie for men and a dressy dress or pants for ladies. Other nights you can be casual, but no shorts/sweatshirts/t-shirts, etc. for the main dining room in the evening. You can go to the buffet on board if you want to stay in what you were wearing during the day. There won't be any formal attire during the land tour, so you just need to plan for evenings on the cruise to dress up a little more.

Don't forget to take binoculars, insect repellent, sun screen/sun glasses and anti-bacterial wipes or gel. Of course you will need your camera for all of the great photo opportunities! Many people use their cell phone which is great, but if it doesn't have a "zoom" option, you may want to consider a regular camera.



Cruise lines generally allow two large suitcases (50 pounds) per person, however, most airlines charge for bags, so the less you can take the better. Many ships and some Alaska lodges have self-serve laundry. It is not always convenient to use however, so don't plan on doing several loads. If you are participating in a land and sea vacation, most cruise lines will transfer one suitcase per person with you during the land tour while anything extra can be sent to the ship. You will keep a carry-on with you at all times for your personal items, medications, etc.

These are general recommendations and your MAGIC agent will be happy to go over more specific details with you before you leave.