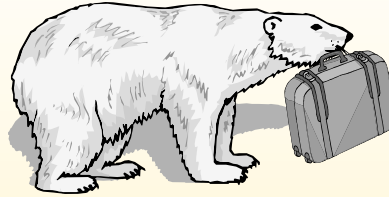




PACKING TIPS FROM MAGIC CRUISES

ALASKA BOUND!

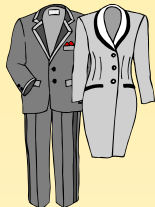


Daytime wear in Alaska is casual. With temperatures ranging from the 70-80's during the day in Anchorage and Fairbanks, to mid-fifties (or lower at night), in Denali Park and the Glacier areas, you will need to pack a wide variety of clothing. The best bet is to layer your clothes so you'll be comfortable through all of the changes in the weather, and still be able to get out and see the sights. Here are some ideas we would like to share with you.

- Wear comfortable walking shoes that will keep your feet dry. Leather shoes or tennis shoes are great, but not canvas.
- Medium weight pants are best, like Dockers or jeans. You may want to pack a pair of shorts...they don't take up much room and may come in handy for warm days.



- On top is where you can really use the "layering." Start with a couple short-sleeved tops, or turtlenecks (if you tend to get cold, or are traveling at the beginning or end of the season). You may want a couple of sweaters or sweatshirts that can be taken on and off as the weather varies. You should take a medium weight spring/fall jacket (a heavy winter coat is not recommended, and should not be needed if you are layering). If your jacket is waterproof or has a hood, that is great; if not, bring an umbrella or poncho to be prepared for rain.
- You may want to consider taking a pair of gloves and a hat as it can get cool and windy around the glaciers.
- Don't forget a swim suit for the hot tubs and spa.
- Jogging suits are great (nylon ones don't wrinkle) and pack easily.



• Evening dress in Alaska is a little more casual than other destinations. Onboard a 7-night cruise there are normally 2 formal nights, where gentlemen will be asked to wear a jacket and tie, and women wear a cocktail/party dress or a nice pants outfit. The other nights are casual, where gents wear slacks and a collared shirt and/or sweater. Ladies will feel comfortable in pants or skirts with a blouse or sweater, or a dress. Most ships offer an alternative dinner option where you do not have to dress up for dinner.



• Other things to pack include insect repellent, sun screen (even on a cloudy day you could get more sun than you think!), and sun glasses.



- Anti-bacterial hand wipes or lotion can come in handy during tours.
- Binoculars are a **MUST!** And try to bring a pair for each person, so you don't have to share!
- Don't forget your camera! Bring more film than you think you need, because you'll end up taking more pictures than you think. You may also want to bring extra batteries! (And for the digital camera users, extra batteries & memory cards!) If your camera doesn't take panoramic shots, buy a disposable one from the drug store or grocery. There will be lots of opportunities for beautiful landscapes.

Remember: All airlines now have a weight limit for checked luggage, not to exceed 50 lbs each. Typically you are allowed two checked bags, plus one carry-on and a personal item (purse, camera bag, lap top) per person. If you are taking a land tour in addition to your cruise, you might try to pack one suitcase for touring and the other for cruising. Ask us about specific luggage logistics for your particular vacation.

With the new security procedures at the airport, please be ready to open any of your bags for inspection, Odd shaped items should be placed near the top of your luggage and/or carry-on. It is recommended that you not "roll" your clothes. Stacked clothes make it easier and a neater inspection. Any medications should be in original bottles and packed in your carry-on. You might want to use 'clear zip-lock' plastic bags for your toiletries.