

Personal Gear and Clothing

Alaska weather conditions are variable making layers a must, to insure your comfort on and off the boat. Our voyages are not extreme expeditions, that being said you will not need special clothing or gear to enjoy your trip with us.

You should dress in layers and keep in mind wool and synthetic clothing keep you warm even when they are wet. Cotton, while a wonderful material, which is quite adequate on board, is not recommended for any outdoor activities since it does not dry quickly and offers no warmth once wet. Remember you will only need enough clothes for 7 days on the boat and we do have a washer and dryer for your use. You will find the days can run the gauntlet from warm, sunny, to cold, rainy, overcast and back again in the blink of an eye, so be prepared.

The following list will help you make the most of your trip.

- **Layers** – Multiple shirts, sweaters, and fleece) are much better than one jacket
- **Shirts** – Two to three mostly long sleeved. A shirt that is tightly woven will provide the best protection for bug and sun protection.
- **Pants** – Two to three pair with one quick drying synthetic pair
- **Shorts** – At least one pair
- **Socks** – Enough for the trip and some wool socks to wear with rubber boots
- **Jacket/Sweater/Vest** – Fleece jackets are just wonderful when incorporated with wind proof shell
- **Gloves** – Lightweight or mittens (quick drying)
- **Long Underwear** for your comfort one pair of polypropylene, capilene, or thermax top and bottoms.
- **Brimmed Hat** – for sun protection
- **Personal Toiletries** (shampoo, toothpaste, etc.)
- **Sun Block** and Lip Balm SP 30
- **Personal Medications** – Enough for the whole trip
- **Sunglasses**

- **Insect Repellent** – We suggest using pumps and creams.
- **Equipment and other miscellaneous items:**
 - Binoculars
 - Spare batteries
- **Camera:** We can download and burn your photos to CD & DVD free of charge on board.
- **Shoes and Hiking Boots:**
We will provide rubber boots, the commercial fishing variety, which are designed for hard use and comfort. You will need a wool-hiking sock to wear with the boots. These boots work great for shore excursions and kayaking. On board, tennis shoes or sandals will work just fine. Hiking boots, if you have them, increase your comfort level during high meadow hikes.
- **Gear and Luggage**
because soft bags pack best on board a vessel, we ask you NOT to bring hard sided luggage. Two medium bags are a much better option than on large bag.
- **Day Pack**
A small daypack is almost indispensable for shore excursions. It will carry rain gear, extra clothes, water bottle, snack, cameras, and anything else you wish to take on short hikes.
- **Rain Gear**
During your stay with us we will provide high quality commercial raingear (top and bottoms) by Helly Hanson and Grunden. Please provide your height/weight and shoe size by filling out our Client Information Sheet once you have made your reservation.
- **Suggested Personal Hunting Gear**
The ideal caliber rifle for Alaska is the 300 Winchester Magnum when hunting Sitka Blacktail Deer, Mountain Goat, Dall Sheep, Moose, Black Bear, and Caribou. The .375 caliber is recommended for Brown Bear. Forty cartridges are generally adequate. Be sure that the personal gear you bring is of the highest quality.