



How to Pack for Your Alaskan Tour

Alaska has many micro climates that change the weather daily and even hourly. Glaciers, mountains, the oceans all have an effect on their surrounding area. Alaska climate trends have not been consistent from year to year for the past several years. Temperatures have reached record highs one year to be followed by record rainfall and lowest overall temperatures the next.

Be prepared by wearing layers that you can add or take off to meet the weather of the moment. A general rule of thumb is three layers of clothing to regulate your comfort. If you have one, bring a day pack or knapsack for the daily wear you put on or take off. You can leave it in the van as you travel through the day. Your guide will tell you each day how to prepare for the next.

Most important ...

- raincoat
- comfortable walking shoes - gym shoes are fine, does not require hiking boots unless you prefer them or we specifically mention it to you. Do Not break in a new pair of shoes on the trip.
- sunglasses
- camera

Dress casually

- sweater or fleece pullover or a light jacket
- jeans are the primary choice, casual slacks for those who prefer
- no dress code in Alaska
- tshirts, sweatshirts or pants are acceptable if that is what you are comfortable in.

For Tours in Early May or September

- A mid weight jacket, hat and gloves may be needed on the day cruise and in Denali, where temperatures are colder. **Note:** this is not needed for June, July or August.

If you are scheduled for adventure activities....

- under armor is good but not required
- extra socks, not cotton - wool or synthetic
- rain *pants* if you have them and if you are kayaking

What **not** to bring....

- Open toe shoes for touring is not always adequate. Bring a pair of fully covered walking shoes.
- Winter coat - generally not needed June - August
- Too much - the majority of our tours include stays at lodging with some type of laundry facility. Check with us and pack lighter.