

## *Fantasy Cruises Small Ship Cruises 2017 Cruise & Tour Alaska on the MV "Island Spirit"*

### **Packing Tips**

Think practicality, active comfort, and layers. Weather and your choice of activities—exploring trails ashore, kayaking among fjords, skiff exploring, on deck taking in the sites—should be your guide for packing.

In Alaska, temperatures and weather change quickly. Using a layering clothing system allows you to add/remove layers as conditions change throughout the day for greater comfort. Personal gear that serves you well on other outdoor adventures will also work well for you in Alaska. Keep in mind that storage space is limited, so pack efficiently.

Layers and rain gear: Multiple thin layers are better than one or two thick ones. Moisture-wicking/quick-drying fabrics are most effective in keeping you warm and dry. Cotton absorbs moisture and is slow to dry—keep cotton to a minimum. Chances are it will rain, you should have an outer layer and it should be waterproof for rain and wind protection.

### **“Gear up” using this suggested checklist:**

#### **Outerwear**

Fleece or hooded jacket/pullover  
Scarf, gloves and warm hat  
Rain jacket

#### **Clothing**

Thermal top and bottom base layers  
Sweaters, sweatshirts, cozy long-sleeve fleece  
Casual t-shirts, blouses, jeans/khakis, shorts

#### **Footwear**

Comfortable walking shoes  
Socks (synthetic or wool)

#### **Optional Items**

Rubber boots (for water landings and mud)  
Water socks or multi-sport shoes  
Waterproof rain jacket and/or rain pants  
Binoculars with safety strap (if you prefer your own)  
Chargers/power cords for electronics  
Camera, memory cards, extra batteries/charger, safety lanyard  
Moisture-wicking long and short sleeve shirts (polypropylene, merino wool, etc.)

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