



Packing List

We're looking forward to your Kodiak adventure. Here are some packing tips to help you prepare:

Try to leave behind items you won't be using during your time with us (hair dryers, dress clothes, etc.). We want you to be comfortable during your time with us, but things that are important to have during a vacation to more frequented areas (such as stylish shoes and an extensive wardrobe) aren't necessary on Aleut Island 😊

Suggestions for downsizing prior to flying to the lodge:

Leave excess items in Anchorage, at your hotel or B&B in Kodiak (inquire about this service upon booking), or with the air taxi service.

Excess weight can make flight costs more expensive

We reserve the appropriate size plane for the # of passengers and the total weight of the group. (Larger planes cost substantially more than smaller ones and excess baggage will affect your flight costs.) Please aim to minimize your load. It's inconvenient for pilots, for you, and for us as well to haul excess gear out to the lodge and then back to town.

Having said that, here's what you should be sure to bring. **(It is important for *all* guests to read this document.)**

- 1) First and foremost: respect for wildlife, local culture, and an interest in learning about Kodiak.
- 2) **Hiking boots**-should be fully waterproof, comfortable (not brand new), and offer good ankle support. Guests who have worn tennis shoes have experienced discomfort, so we ask that you bring a more appropriate style of footwear.
- 3) **Layered NEUTRAL-COLORED clothing.** Bright-colored garments (especially outerwear) will be visually detected by bears and alert them to our presence (causing them to leave). Please pack natural colors (earth-tones such as beige, brown, black, gray, etc.) to minimize stress on bears and for best viewing opportunities for you and the entire group.
- 4) Pack **clothing appropriate for a range of 45-75 degrees Fahrenheit (7-24 degrees Centigrade).** Please avoid cotton garments as Kodiak has a wet, maritime climate, and staying dry and comfortable is important to the entire group. Tank tops and shorts are nice to have for warm weather days. In general, we wear 2-3 layered shirts and sweaters and have our jackets and rain gear with us **at all times**. An extra layer to wear under pants is also recommended. Note: Jeans are perhaps the worst choice one could make for a Kodiak trip (once wet, they do not dry.) There are many light-weight, quick-drying materials on the market today. REI, Quechua, and Cabella's are good sources for this type of gear. We'll have a recent update on weather when you arrive at the lodge, but for planning purposes, it's best to bring quick-drying, breathable layers that you can put on and peel off as needed.
- 5) **Hat and gloves** are important since it can be quite cool, especially in the open skiff on the water.
- 6) **Rain coat and rain pants.** It's not *always* raining on Kodiak, but the grass is generally wet with dew in the mornings, so rain pants and jacket are a **MUST**. **Please be sure your rain gear is 100% water proof** and try it out before your trip with us. Flimsy rain ponchos are not adequate for our

trips. Additionally, testing your rain gear for the first time during your Kodiak trek (in the rain) is not recommended!

- 7) **Flashlight/headlamp**-especially late in the summer. All Kodiak Treks trips include at least one night at our outcamp, where lightweight headlamps are particularly handy.
- 8) **Binoculars** enhance everyone's trip. Goats, deer, and bears can be high in the mountains, so lightweight (but not cheap) binoculars are recommended (at least 1 pair for every 2 guests—1 pair/guest preferable).
- 9) **Plastic bags/zip-lock bags** are handy as liners for backpacks, camera protection, etc. Consider a variety of sizes for your gear.
- 10) Water bottle
- 11) Light-weight sleeping bag liner (or light sheet) for outcamp trips.
- 12) Towel for the banya (sauna)
- 13) House shoes or slippers for the lodge (no outdoor shoes in the lodge please).

Please remember to charge camera and video batteries before leaving Kodiak. Bring ample back-up batteries, memory cards, and film. Generally, charging camera and video batteries is not a problem. Occasionally, power is limited, however.

We don't serve alcohol, but you may bring your own. At the lodge, you may enjoy drinks in your quarters or in the lodge and use refrigerator space as available.

Fishing licenses can also be purchased at the lodge.