



## WINTER PACKING LIST

**Our motto: “Dress Like an Onion!” and other tips from our local Alaska experts.**

### **DRESS LIKE AN ONION**

Winter weather in Alaska can be unpredictable with varying temperatures, even throughout the day and especially at higher elevations, coastal areas and Arctic regions. Ideally, we suggest layered clothing (i.e. dressing like an onion—several layers of vests, pull-overs and outer jackets you can peel off and throw back on throughout the day) is recommended.

### **DON'T GO OVERBOARD**

You need not pack everything on this list. Just use as a guideline, following your personal needs and make sure you are well equipped for any weather condition or chosen winter activity in addition to planned duration outdoors.

- **Warm winter jacket(s)**  
(fleece under-layer & wind/waterproof shell + with hood)
- **Long underwear** (especially for longer cold condition excursions i.e. northern lights viewing, boat tours)
- **Warm socks** (wool is suggested)
- **Long sleeve shirts & sweaters**
- Long leg durable **trousers**
- **Sun glasses + Sun screen + Lip Balm**  
(sun rays are surprisingly strong in winter)
- Windproof **winter hat** with ear protection
- Ski or rain/**snow pants** or leg gators
- **Scarf** (or neck warmer / face mask)
- Waterproof **boots/shoes** with good traction for ice (cold weather rated)
- Light **gloves & heavier gloves or mittens**
- **Hand warmers & foot warmers** (you can also purchase almost anywhere in AK)
- **Camera + Lenses + Video camera**
- **Memory cards** (bring extra!)
- **Batteries** and/or charger for cameras  
(Remember: cold weather will exhaust batteries fast while outdoor shooting)
- **Binoculars** (or spotting scope)
- **Medications**
- **Day-pack** (large enough to carry your snow gear, equipment & lunch)
- **Swimsuit** (in case your hotel has a hot tub or you visit Chena Hot Springs)
- **Watch** (easy to lose track of time when you're northern lights chasing)