

INFOS AND EQUIPMENT LIST

Included in the price of a trip are all the air fares from and back to Fairbanks, all transfers and over-nights, water crafts like folding canoes or inflatable boats, life vest, waterproof dry bags, boating and safety equipment including GPS and satellite phone. We provide all the camping and cooking gear and all quality meals in the wilderness. An experienced and skilled guide will lead the trip. Not included are personal tent, sleeping bag and sleeping pad. Your personal tent should be a lightweight, quality brand three season tent. We also recommend for the river trips a sleeping bag with synthetic fill and a comfort rating of 20 degrees Fahrenheit. If you want to bring a down bag, it is smart to have a waterproof compression bag for it. For our river trips we will use ALLY Pac boats. The Norwegian made folding canoes are very well built and have a great maneuverability even with a heavy load. Under certain circumstances we use inflatable canoes or rafts.

Weather

Alaska's Interior and the Yukon Region have a dry climate. You can expect dry and warm weather for a longer period of time during the month of June and July. We usually experience more precipitation later in summer; rain can last in August several days. The weather in Alaska's arctic and subarctic is different. You have to be prepared for more variable weather. June has shown to be a little bit unpredictable, rainy and windy weather with snow in higher elevation are not uncommon, especially north of the continental divide. July tend to be the most stable month. Precipitation usually increases towards middle and the end of August.

Bugs

Mosquitoes can be annoying, especially in early and mid summer. Bug protection is needed, DEET in a concentration of 20% or more is still the way to go.

By late July mosquitoes have tapered off a bit but now black flies are more abundant. A good investment is a bug jacket, available in Alaska in sporting goods stores.

Personal Gear to bring

- Personal Tent (lightweight, quality brand)
- Sleeping Pad - preferably Therm-A-Rest or similar style and quality
- Sleeping bag - preferably synthetic, rated 20 degrees F.
- Daypack or small backpack
- Pocket knife (Swiss Knife or similar)
- Personal items - toiletries, spare glasses, prescriptions
- Sun glasses
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito repellent - 20% DEET minimum
- Head net
- Bug jacket (recommended)
- Camera
- Water bottle
- Small binoculars
- Moleskin journal and pen
- Your favorite book

Rain gear

Your rain gear should be of good quality, waterproof and breathable fabrics preferred. Laminates like Gore Tex, Conduit or Event breathe well and act as a barrier on windy days.

Insulation

- Hat
- Medium weight synthetic long sleeve and long john
- Lightweight synthetic or wool short sleeve (Ibex and Icebreaker make great merino wool tops & bottoms)
- Pair of light fleece gloves
- Pair of neoprene gloves
- Shirts - fast drying
- Pants - fast drying; fleece or other synthetic
- Fleece jacket, preferable windproof
- Medium weight shoes for around camp and for hiking
- Rubber knee boots and extra felt insoles

Please pack light, all your personal gear should fit into one large dry bag. (around 75L or 4500 cubic inches)