

## Recommended Packing List for First-Time Visitors to Alaska

The climate and terrain of Alaska varies enormously from place to place, so be prepared for a wide range of conditions. Most of you will fly in small aircraft holding between 4-30 passengers. **You cannot take more than 2 bags.** There is no space for carry-on luggage; everything goes in the cargo hold and is subject to freezing temperatures. Computers, cameras, tablets, etc. make it just fine. They do need to be warmed up before being used or they run slowly.

This list is hardly exhaustive, but here are a few of the things we suggest you bring.

### ESSENTIALS

- Tickets
- Identification
- Some cash—at least \$100
- Your RIIN folder (we will give you this when you arrive in Anchorage)

### CLOTHING

- At least one summer outfit
- Some winter clothing (heavy jacket, hat)
- A variety of outfits for spring/fall weather
- Some professional clothes—most job sites have a dress code
- Good shoes for hiking
- Swimsuit and towel

### TOILETRIES

- Usual items for personal grooming
- Medicines, if any

### OTHER ITEMS

- Bug spray
- Sunscreen
- Raincoat or slicker
- Portable entertainment (books, cards, games—some rural sites have limited entertainment)
- Camera or phone—expect to take lots of pictures!

**KEY ADVICE FROM RAVN AIR:**

- Be sure to dress appropriately for weather conditions as village destinations do not have facilities to shelter passengers or their belongings.
- Many villages do not permit alcohol. Please call ahead to the regional hub to inquire about local rules and restrictions regarding alcohol transport and consumption.
- In most cases, carry-on baggage is not allowed. Be prepared to consolidate your belongings if necessary.
- Upon arrival be sure to identify the village agent. Simply ask your pilot or a local resident, “Who is the village agent and how do I reach them?” This is very important as the village agent will be checking you in and providing updates on the status of your return flight.
- All baggage is subject to load restrictions. Baggage that cannot be accommodated on your flight will be transported on the next available flight.
- Cellular phone service is VERY limited in rural areas.
- Many factors can affect actual flight times in rural Alaska. Planes can arrive an hour early or a day late. You will have a local village host that will advise you of your flight status.