



## Welcome Aboard MS Koningsdam (June 19, 2027 to June 26, 2027)

### Your Cruise Vacation Guide

Welcome to your upcoming Alaskan adventure aboard the **MS Koningsdam**—a ship designed to combine an elegant, refined atmosphere with relaxation, and unforgettable experiences at sea.

At MB Travel Adventures, we know that planning the perfect vacation is just as important as the vacation itself. This guide has been created to help you prepare for your cruise, navigate the ship with confidence, and enjoy every moment from embarkation to disembarkation.

### Discover MS Koningsdam

She is a stunning Pinnacle Class ship where timeless elegance meets modern cruising. From world-class dining and live music at Music Walk to beautifully designed spaces, relaxing pools, spacious staterooms and exceptional service, Koningsdam offers an upscale cruise experience without the crowds of a megaship. She delivers the perfect blend of relaxation, entertainment and sophisticated cruising.

### Inside This Guide

This guide will walk you through everything you need to know, including:

- Ship highlights and must-see features
- Dining options and specialty experiences
- Entertainment and nightlife
- Tips for embarkation and onboard life
- Helpful planning advice to maximize your vacation

### Our Commitment to You

As your travel agent, my goal is simple: to ensure your vacation is seamless, stress-free, and unforgettable. If you have any questions before or during your trip, I'm always here to help.

### MS Koningsdam Deck Names

|         |             |
|---------|-------------|
| Deck 1  | Main        |
| Deck 2  | Plaza       |
| Deck 3  | Promenade   |
| Deck 4  | Beethoven   |
| Deck 5  | Gershwin    |
| Deck 6  | Mozart      |
| Deck 7  | Schubert    |
| Deck 8  | Navigation  |
| Deck 9  | Lido        |
| Deck 10 | Panorama    |
| Deck 11 | Sun         |
| Deck 12 | Observation |

### What's Onboard - Dining

| Complimentary Casual Dining |                |                                           |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------|
| The Dining Room             | Deck 2 & 3 Aft |                                           |
| Grand Dutch Café            | Deck 3 Mid     | Dutch food with desserts with comp food   |
| Lido Market                 | Deck 9 Aft     | Buffer                                    |
| Dive-In                     | Deck 9 Mid     | Poolside Terrace Grill with great burgers |
| New York Deli & Pizza       | Deck 10 Mid    | Fresh Pizzas, sandwiches and salads       |
| Explorations Café           | Deck 12 Fwd    | Coffee house with free morning pastries   |

### Specialty Dining

|                           |             |                            |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Canaletto                 | Deck 9 Mid  | Italian                    |
| Gelato                    | Deck 9 Mid  | Poolside gelato and sorbet |
| Tamarind                  | Deck 10 Aft | Pan-Asian Cuisine          |
| Rudi's Sel De Mar         | Deck 2 Mid  | French Seafood             |
| Pinnacle Grill            | Deck 2 Mid  | Steakhouse & Seafood       |
| Morimoto by Sea Sushi Bar | Deck 10 Aft | Japanese Sushi             |
| Club Orange               | Deck 2 Aft  | Upgraded Experience        |

### Room Service

Onboard Holland America you can indulge in free\* 24-hour room service. Enjoy Breakfast on your verandah, an afternoon snack or a late-night snack.

#### **Menu Examples:**

**Breakfast:** Continental breakfast, All American Breakfast, Frittata, Cereals and more

**All Day:** Cheese and Fruit, Caesar Salad, Cobb Salad, Oven Roaster Chicken, Rigatoni, Caprese Panini, Club Sandwich, New York Cheesecake, Chocolate Layer Cake and more

**Late Night:** Cheese and Fruit, Club Sandwich, Caprese Panini, Chocolate Layer Cake and more

\*Some items on the menu do have an upcharge.

### **Dining Room Dress Code**

#### **Daytime attire**

- Casual is fine.
- Indoors, please wear a shirt or cover-up and footwear.

#### **Evening dining attire**

- Smart casual is appropriate for most evenings and venues.
- Shorts, pool and beachwear, distressed jeans, and tank tops are not permitted in table service restaurants.

#### **Dressy Nights (There are usually 2 on a 7-day voyage – the first full day and the second-to-last evening)**

- Slacks, skirts, dresses, blouses, collared shirts, and jackets are encouraged.

#### **Where are jeans, shorts, and T-shirts allowed?**

- These are only allowed in casual dining restaurants.

### What's Onboard – Hydration

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Crow's Nest Bar | Deck 12 Fwd |
| Ocean Bar       | Deck 2 Mid  |
| Lido Bar        | Deck 9 Mid  |
| Panorama Bar    | Deck 10 Mid |
| Sea View Bar    | Deck 9 Aft  |
| Tamarind Bar    | Deck 10 Aft |
| Taste           | Deck 2 Mid  |

### What's Onboard – Other Notable Areas

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Guest Services   | Deck 3 Mid   |
| Shops            | Deck 2 3 Mid |
| Photo Gallery    | Deck 3 Mid   |
| Future Cruises   | Deck 3 Mid   |
| Library          | Deck 2 Fwd   |
| Art Gallery      | Deck 1 Mid   |
| Fitness Center   | Deck 9 Fwd   |
| Spa & Salon      | Deck 9 Fwd   |
| Lido Pool        | Deck 9 Mid   |
| Sea View Pool    | Deck 9 Aft   |
| Kids Club        | Deck 10 Mid  |
| Jogging Track    | Deck 11 Mid  |
| Sports Court     | Deck 11 Mid  |
| Sun Deck         | Deck 11 Aft  |
| Art Studio       | Deck 12 Mid  |
| Game Room        | Deck 12 Mid  |
| Shore Excursions | Deck 12 Mid  |

### What's Onboard – Entertainment

#### Onboard Shows – Subject to Change

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| World Stage           | Deck 2 & 3 Fwd |
| Rolling Stone Lounge  | Deck 2 Fwd     |
| B.B. Kings Blues Club | Deck 2 Mid     |
| Piano Bar             | Deck 2 Fwd     |
| Casino                | Deck 3 Fwd     |
| People Watching!      |                |

**Make sure that you check out the Holland America Daily Newsletter and the Holland America Navigator app, for all the activities and entertainment offerings onboard your voyage.**

**SPECIAL INCLUSIONS – AS NOTED ON YOUR CRUISE CONFIRMATION**

- **Elite Beverage Package (cocktails, wine beer, specialty coffee, mocktails and soda up to \$16 each. (15 alcoholic drinks per 24 hr. period)**
- **Choose one shore excursion per guest (up to \$100 value per tour)**
- **1 night Specialty Dining (Pinnacle Grille, Canaletto or Tamarind)**
- **Premium WIFI**
- **Prepaid Crew Appreciation**

**I always recommend taking a copy of your confirmation that shows the inclusions in case something is missing onboard.**

### Your Itinerary

| Date          | Port               | Arrive | Depart | Subject to Change |
|---------------|--------------------|--------|--------|-------------------|
| June 19, 2027 | Vancouver, B.C.    |        | 3:00p  |                   |
| June 20, 2027 | The Inside Passage |        |        | Scenic Cruising   |
| June 21, 2027 | Tracy Arm Inlet    | 09:00a | 09:30a |                   |
|               | Juneau, Alaska     | 01:30p | 10:00p | Docked            |
| June 22, 2027 | Skagway, Alaska    | 07:00a | 08:00p | Docked            |
| June 23, 2027 | Glacier Bay        | 06:15a | 03:15p | Scenic Cruising   |
| June 24, 2027 | Ketchikan, Alaska  | 11:00a | 07:00p | Docked            |
| June 25, 2027 | The Inside Passage |        |        | Scenic Cruising   |
| June 26, 2027 | Vancouver, B.C.    | 07:00a |        |                   |

### Your Itinerary Highlights

#### Juneau, Alaska

Juneau, Alaska's capital city, is a spectacular cruise port surrounded by towering mountains, lush forests, and pristine waterways. A highlight for many visitors is Mendenhall Glacier, just outside the city, where you can take in breathtaking glacier views and scenic hiking trails. Other popular experiences include whale watching, exploring the historic downtown waterfront, riding the Mount Roberts Tramway, and discovering Juneau's Gold Rush heritage. With its dramatic scenery and abundance of wildlife and outdoor adventures, Juneau is a quintessential Alaska cruise experience.

#### Skagway, Alaska

Skagway, a historic Gold Rush town, offers a fascinating glimpse into Alaska's frontier past. Stroll along the colorful wooden buildings of historic downtown, once filled with prospectors heading north during the Klondike Gold Rush. One of the most popular experiences is the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad, a spectacular journey through rugged mountains and breathtaking scenery. Visitors can also explore Gold Rush-era sites, enjoy scenic hikes, or take a guided excursion into the Yukon. With its combination of history, dramatic landscapes, and adventure, Skagway is a memorable stop on any Alaska cruise. Whether you spend the evening enjoying a sunset by the harbor or taking in Bermuda's laid-back island atmosphere under the stars, an overnight stay at Royal Naval Dockyard offers a more immersive and unforgettable cruise experience.

#### Glacier Bay

Cruising Glacier Bay is one of the most spectacular experiences of an Alaska cruise. As your ship sails through Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, you'll encounter towering snow-capped mountains, pristine wilderness, and massive tidewater glaciers. Keep your eyes open for dramatic glacier calving, humpback whales, sea lions, bald eagles, and other wildlife. With no port to visit, the focus is entirely on the breathtaking scenery and the incredible experience of watching Alaska's wilderness unfold from the deck of your ship.

## Ketchikan, Alaska

Ketchikan, known as the “Salmon Capital of the World,” is a charming waterfront town surrounded by the lush forests and waterways of Southeast Alaska. Explore colorful Creek Street, discover the region’s rich Native Alaskan heritage through its famous totem poles, or venture into the wilderness on a wildlife, fishing, or scenic excursion. Ketchikan’s combination of small-town charm, breathtaking scenery, and outdoor adventure makes it a favorite Alaska cruise port.

## The Inside Passage

The Inside Passage is one of the most scenic stretches of an Alaska cruise, winding through a spectacular network of coastal waterways, islands, and fjords. From the comfort of your ship, enjoy dramatic views of forest-covered mountains, waterfalls, glaciers, and pristine wilderness. Keep watch for humpback whales, bald eagles, sea lions, and other wildlife along the way. With ever-changing scenery around every bend, cruising the Inside Passage is an unforgettable part of the Alaska experience.

### **Look another ship!**

Cruise Ports offer the ability for multiple ships to dock at the same time and enjoy the port. As of **August 9, 2026**, your neighbors will be:

| Port                     | Ship                         | Duration                   |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Juneau, Alaska</b>    | <b>MS Eurodam</b>            | <b>A: 12:00p D: 10:00p</b> |
|                          | <b>Norwegian Joy</b>         | <b>A: 7:00a D: 4:00p</b>   |
|                          | <b>Carnival Spirit</b>       | <b>A: 7:00a D: 3:00p</b>   |
|                          | <b>Royal Princess</b>        | <b>A: 1:00p D: 9:00p</b>   |
|                          | <b>Celebrity Edge</b>        | <b>A: 1:00p D: 10:00p</b>  |
|                          | <b>American Constitution</b> |                            |
| <b>Skagway, Alaska</b>   | <b>Royal Princess</b>        | <b>A: 6:00a D: 8:00p</b>   |
|                          | <b>Celebrity Edge</b>        | <b>A: 6:00a D: 6:00p</b>   |
| <b>Glacier Bay</b>       | <b>Royal Princess</b>        | <b>A: 6:00a D: 2:00p</b>   |
|                          | <b>American Constitution</b> |                            |
|                          | <b>American Encore</b>       |                            |
| <b>Ketchikan, Alaska</b> | <b>Norwegian Bliss</b>       | <b>A: 6:00a D: 1:00p</b>   |
|                          | <b>MS Eurodam</b>            | <b>A: 6:00a D: 1:00p</b>   |
|                          | <b>Royal Princess</b>        | <b>A: 7:00a D: 1:00p</b>   |
|                          | <b>Discovery Princess</b>    | <b>A: 10:00a D: 5:00p</b>  |

## Prepare For Your Cruise

|                                      |                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Final Payment</b>                 | Final Payment is due 90 days before your cruise vacation (March 21, 2027)                                                       |
| <b>Shore Excursions</b>              | These generally will be available to book as early as 9 months prior to the sailing via the Holland America app or the website. |
| <b>Specialty Dining Reservations</b> | These can be made 6 to 9 months prior to the voyage                                                                             |

### Immigration Questionnaire & Online Check-In:

Each individual guest is required to complete the questionnaire in Online Check-In to obtain Express Docs. **Please complete the Online Check-In process on our website prior to your sail date.** After you complete the Online Check-In, your Express Docs including your Boarding Pass will be issued. Please do not forget to print them out prior to leaving home

### Ship identification card and getting on board

- Your Ship Identification Card will be delivered to your stateroom
- For initial boarding after check-in, security will scan your boarding pass. After that, you will use your Ship Identification Card for the remainder of the voyage
- Keep your Ship Identification Card and a valid government-issued photo ID available when getting on or off the ship, since you will scan your Ship Identification Card at the gangway for boarding

### Embarkation and documents

- Boarding begins at 12:00 p.m. (noon)
- All guests must be checked in at least 90 minutes prior to the published sailing time
- In some countries, passports may be collected temporarily to expedite immigration clearances; details will be communicated on board
- ***Make copies of passport pages before departing, and do not place your passport in checked luggage***

### Getting settled early

- In some circumstances, embarkation may begin as early as 11:30 a.m.
- Staterooms are anticipated to be ready at approximately 1:00 p.m. Until then, you are welcome to use public areas, such as bar, lounge, or pool areas
- Your baggage is expected to arrive in your stateroom later that afternoon
- The Lido Market embarkation buffet and the Pool Grill open at 11:30 a.m.

## Holland America Navigator App

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete Online Check In &amp; Upload Travel Documents<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make Dining Reservations</li></ul></li><li>• View Purchases, credits and more</li><li>• View ship itinerary &amp; your personalized schedule<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Book shore excursions</li><li>• See the daily newsletter</li></ul></li></ul> |
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If you have not downloaded the Holland America Navigator App, you can from the Apple Store of the Google Play store. When the App is downloaded you can set up your account and use your reservation number to pull up your voyage.



### **What's Included in My Fare?**

- Accommodations
- Crew Appreciation Charges (**Included with Have it All**)
- Meals in Specialty Restaurants (**1 meal is included in your Have It All**)
- Alcoholic Beverages (**Included with Have it All**)
- Pops and some other non-alcoholic beverages (**Included with Have it All**)
- WIFI (**Included with Have it All**)
- Transportation to some of the most beautiful places on earth via cruise ship
- Meals in one of our many complimentary dining venues
- Room Service (except for upcharge items)
- Iced Tea, some juices in the buffet (for breakfast), regular coffee, tea and ice water
- All entertainment onboard (except for dinner and lunch theatre entertainment)
- Poolside activities
- Access to fitness facilities
- Select onboard presentations
- Sports Court activities
- Use of outdoor pools and hot tubs
- In-stateroom TV programming (except for on-demand movies)
- Phone calls onboard the ship (stateroom to stateroom)
- Taxes, fees and port expenses

### **What's Not Included in My Fare?**

- Spa and Salon Services
- Exercise classes
- Casino
- Dining Entertainment
- Transfers (unless pre-purchased with air/sea packages)
- Hotel Stays pre-/post-cruise (unless pre-purchased)
- Shore Excursions
- Photography
- Baby Sitting Services
- Specialty Onboard Seminars
- Gift shop purchases
- Video Arcade
- Phone calls off the ship
- Laundry Services
- Use of the Medical Center

## What is Have It All?

Your stateroom was booked with the **Have It All – Early Booking Bonus** package.

### Elite Beverage Package

Enjoy cocktails, wine, beer, specialty coffee, mocktails and soda valued up to \$16 each.

Alcoholic beverages are limited to 15 per 24hr period (6a to 6a)

**TAX NOTE:** While the ship is docked in certain ports (**Juneau, Ketchikan and Skagway**) there will be taxes applied to your onboard account for drinks and any purchases made onboard, until the ship reaches international waters.

### Specialty Dining

Get ready to indulge at one of **MS Koningsdam's** amazing specialty restaurants. You each receive a 1-night specialty dining credit to use at one of the following restaurants:

- Pinnacle Grill – Holland America's Signature Chophouse
  - Example Menu Items
    - Alaska Crab and Corn Chowder
    - Seared Alaskan Halibut
    - Lobster Tail
    - Table-Side Dover Sole
    - American Wagyu Strip Loin
- Canaletto
  - Example Menu Items
    - Antipasti Plate
    - Burrata
    - Homemade Pasta
      - Spaghetti with shrimp and clams
      - Italian Sausage Paccheri
    - Tiramisu
- Tamarind – Elevated Asian Dining
  - Example Menu Items
    - Shrimp Tempura
    - Pork Bao Bun
    - Wok-Seared Lobster
    - Crispy Duck

### **Shore Excursion Credit**

You will each receive up to \$100 credit to be used towards a Holland America Shore Excursion. These can be booked ahead of time via the Holland America website or the Navigator App.

### **Shore Excursion Highlights**

#### **Skagway – White Pass Summit Scenic Railroad**

Take an unforgettable round-trip journey aboard the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad. Against all odds, this iron trail was built through some of the North's most ruggedly beautiful terrain and, more than 125 years later, is still in operation.

Ride in a comfortable, restored or replica vintage rail car to the summit of the White Pass, through two tunnels, over sky-high trestles, and remote valleys. Pass Bridal Veil Falls, Inspiration Point and Dead Horse Gulch as your guide announces all points of interest and tells the story of the Klondike Gold Rush.

At the White Pass Summit at 2,865 feet, the train makes a loop and heads back down the pass, allowing everyone to experience excellent views during this round-trip rail journey.

This narrow-gauge railroad is an International Historic Civil Engineering Landmark. It shares this honor with the Panama Canal, the Eiffel Tower and the Statue of Liberty and is truly a world wonder.

#### **Juneau – Discover Alaska's Whales (A Small-Group Tour)**

What a great way to put into practice your personal travel ethos and leave the beautiful State of Alaska even better than you found it! The small group size of this tour ensures a personal and interactive atmosphere, making the most of this authentic Alaska experience.

This small-group outing (maximum 20 privileged guests) will travel aboard a fully permitted research vessel for a closer look into the habitat of humpback whales. The boat has a heated cabin, a low-to-the-water build, large opening panel windows, and an open bow and stern — features specifically designed to meet the challenges of observing wildlife here in Alaska.

As you head out from the quaint harbor at Auke Bay, your guide will share the current understanding of humpback whale research and what is known about activities and feeding patterns here in Alaska. A whale sighting is guaranteed in peak season, and you're also likely to see seals, porpoise, sea lions and other marine animals, all while doing some significant good as you contribute to a whale research program.

You'll explore the foundation of the food chain by looking at live sea animals in a touch tank and using a GPS camera to identify whale species while recording their various behaviors.

You will also have the satisfaction of being a marine scientist for a day and knowing your efforts have contributed to understanding the delicate marine environs of Southeast Alaska and the whales' interaction with their habitat. Water and a snack are provided.

### **Ketchikan – The Great Alaskan Lumberjack Show**

Treat yourself to an action-packed fun time at the Great Alaskan Lumberjack Show. Just a short walk from the pier, this is where the world's best lumberjacks go head-to-head in more than a dozen exciting events such as chopping, sawing, relay races, axe throwing, log rolling and a 50-foot speed climb.

Your colorful host will introduce the events and offer a historical view of the Alaskan timber industry, which has shaped this rugged land.

Don't miss this celebration of a bygone era. It's a rip-roaring good time and quality entertainment for all ages -- a perfect choice if you want to experience Ketchikan history at a fun, family-friendly event and still have time for shopping.

### **Glacier Bay Tips**

- **Bundle up.** The wind chill can feel 10–20 degrees colder than the forecast. Pack a windproof outer layer, gloves, and a warm hat so you can stay out longer for calving and wildlife action.
- **Bring something for closer views.** Always keep binoculars handy and pre-set your camera with a fast shutter and a telephoto lens. That way you have the tools ready to look for seals and sea otters on ice floes near the glaciers. Keep your binoculars ready to scan for humpbacks most likely to appear during your approach and exit from the park.
- **Listen to your park ranger.** Tune into the ship's guide or national park ranger narration and use it as your "cue track" to move decks. When they call out whales, mountain goats, or rafts of sea otters, you'll know and be in the perfect spot to see them.
- **Plan your day out ahead of time.** Your day at Glacier Bay is busy, so it can be helpful to plan out where you want to be at least the day before. Map out the decks where you can be warm and comfortable while seeing the best sites. Your ship will rotate during the glacier viewing, so both sides of the ship will see the glacier.

## Looking for the Ultimate Upgrade? UPGRADE TO CLUB ORANGE



### INCLUSIONS:

- **Priority Access**
  - Priority Check-In
  - Priority Access to Specialty Restaurant Reservations
  - Priority Line at the Guest Services Desk
  - Priority Line at the Shore Excursions Deck
  - Priority Access to Tenders ashore in selected ports
  - Priority Disembarkation
- **Premium Dining**
  - Expanded 24-hr room service breakfast menu
  - Private Dining Venue for breakfast and dinner with expanded menu
- **Exclusive Amenities**
  - Complimentary Stateroom Upgrade
  - Dedicated Concierge Service
  - Welcome glass of sparkling wine on embarkation
  - Premium bathrobes
  - Club Orange Keycard
  - Exclusive Club Orange Tote Bag (one per stateroom)
- **Special Events**
  - **Invitation to a special onboard event chosen by the ship's Captain, such as a:**
    - Private Greenhouse Spa & Salon consultation
    - Complimentary jewelry cleaning

- Coffee chat with some of the onboard entertainers
- Guests will be notified of these exclusive events once onboard.

**Pricing:**

**\$25 per person/per day**

## **Sea Talk**

Here are some of the words that you may hear onboard your cruise voyage:

**FWD/Forward** – Front of the ship

**AFT/Rear** – Back of the ship

**PORT** – Left side of the ship

**STARBOARD** – Right side of the ship

**LIFT** – Another term for the elevator

**BRIDGE** – Where the Captain is controlling your cruise vacation from

**MUSTER STATION** – Where you will go at the beginning of your vacation and if directed

**LIDO DECK** – The main pool deck

**MID/MIDSHIP** – The middle of the ship

**GANGWAY** – The walking platform between the ship and the pier

**GALLEY** - The kitchen



### **Crow's Nest**

While sailing in Alaska, the views from the Crow's Nest will be amazing!

### **Afternoon Tea aka Teatime**

During your voyage check the schedule for afternoon tea and relax with some tea and snacks

### **Use the Holland America Navigator App**

The app will be your personal connection to the MS Koningsdam. Check out the daily menus at restaurants and place your order ahead of time at Dive-In and New York Deli & Pizza

### **Complimentary Saunas**

There are free saunas (male and female) located on Deck 9 just outside the Spa on the port side (left side) of the ship

### **Try the Cannonball**

Stop by the Dive-In for a freshly prepared grilled snack including The Cannonball. This 1/3-pound beef burger features gouda cheese, apple wood smoked bacon, sweet caramelized onions, with chop-chop lettuce salad and sliced tomato on a toasted brioche bun with Dive-In sauce

### **MUSTER UP**

When you enter your stateroom your Stateroom TV will play the Passenger Safety Drill once your turn it on. After watching the video, all guests must report to their Muster Stations before sail away and have their stateroom card scanned.

### **MS Koningsdam Alaska Viewing Spots**

The Crow's Nest (Deck 12 Fwd) Great when the weather is inclement...but arrive early

Bow (Front of the ship that should be open while in Glacier Bay) – accessible via deck 5

Sun Deck - Jogging Track (Deck 11)

There are some spots on the Promenade Deck (Deck 3) that are not obstructed by lifeboats

### **Packing Tips**

Long daylight hours and warmer temps favor more breathable base layers. We recommend short sleeves and light pants by day, with a packable rain jacket for pop-up showers. Polarized sunglasses are essential on bright water. Stick to quick-dry fabrics and bring lighter waterproof shoes to handle wet surfaces without overheating.

**Pro tip:** Bring a real sleep mask — midnight sun is magical but can be bright on deck and in cabins. (Excellent for getting quality sleep to stay fresh on your trip).

### **What To Pack For Your Alaska Cruise**

Don't pack light; pack smart. Focus on packing clothing and layers that can keep you comfortable in temperatures ranging from 30- to 80 -degrees Fahrenheit, gear to accompany you on and document your journey, and supplies to make your trip smoother. Outfitters often provide the special gear for Alaska shore excursions, so no need to load your bags with crampons and waders.

Dive into our Alaska cruise packing list below to start preparing now to enjoy your stress-free adventure up north.

### **Clothing and Footwear**

#### ***Moisture-wicking base layers***

Choose long underwear or athletic-style tops and bottoms that pull moisture away from your skin. Alaska's coastal climate can shift quickly — from chilly mornings to warmer afternoons — and these layers help regulate body temperature during excursions. They also dry faster than cotton, making them more comfortable on glacier days, scenic hikes, and wildlife tours.

#### ***Breathable long and short-sleeve shirts***

Pack a mix of breathable shirts you can layer easily. Short sleeves work well onboard or during sunny days, while long sleeves add warmth or sun protection ashore. Synthetic or merino fabrics keep you comfortable even when it's cool, damp, or breezy, and they help you avoid overheating when switching between indoor and outdoor activities.

### ***Lightweight jacket or hoodie***

A warm mid-layer is important when traveling in Alaska's varied weather. A fleece or lightweight insulated hoodie adds warmth under a rain shell without being bulky. It's versatile enough for glacier viewing on deck, casual onboard wear, and layering for hikes. It'll probably be your most-used clothing item.

### ***Waterproof walking shoes or light hikers***

Choose sturdy, waterproof shoes with good traction. Many ports have uneven terrain — boardwalks, gravel, damp forest trails, or docks. Waterproof footwear keeps your feet dry in rain or misty conditions and keeps them comfortable during longer walking tours and nature excursions. They also help prevent slipping on wet surfaces while exploring coastal towns or shoreline paths.

### ***Backup walking shoes***

Bring a second comfortable pair in case your primary shoes get wet. Drying shoes in Alaska's humid coastal air can take time, and having a backup ensures you don't miss out on excursions due to damp footwear. Choose something lightweight and broken-in to avoid blisters or discomfort during back-to-back port days.

### ***Moisture-wicking or wool socks***

Wool and performance hiking socks manage sweat, prevent blisters, and add warmth, even in damp conditions. Cotton socks stay wet and cold, which can be uncomfortable during outdoor excursions. Bring multiple pairs so you always have dry socks ready for long walking days, wildlife tours, or cooler glacier-viewing mornings on deck.

### ***Rain pants***

Pack lightweight waterproof pants that slip over your base layers or jeans. They block wind and rain during excursions like whale watching, kayaking, forest trails, and glacier viewing. They also pack small and weigh very little, making them easy to keep in your daypack in case weather shifts mid-day.

### ***Jeans***

Jeans are practical for casual onboard wear and many in-port activities. While not ideal when wet, they're perfect for strolling cute towns, dining casually, and lounging around the ship. Bring a pair with a bit of stretch for comfort and layering on cooler days, especially when paired with warm socks and a base layer.

### ***Warm beanie***

A warm hat helps keep you warm on chilly decks, particularly during glacier days or early morning wildlife viewing. Even in summer, temperatures can feel cool on open water. A beanie is small, packable, and makes a noticeable difference in comfort, especially when paired with a windproof jacket.

### ***Neck gaiter or scarf***

A gaiter or scarf provides wind protection and adds warmth without needing an additional heavy layer. Weather can shift during excursions, and this small accessory makes it easy to adapt. It's also helpful on open-air decks, where wind chill is often cooler than expected.

### **Smart-casual evening outfits**

Cruise evenings onboard are relaxed but polished. Bring outfits that transition comfortably from daytime exploring to dining and entertainment onboard. Think dressy jeans, chinos, sweaters, or blouses. Smart-casual attire keeps you comfortable in lounges, shows, and specialty restaurants without needing overly formal clothing every night.

### ***Cocktail dress or suit***

If your itinerary includes Gala Nights, a cocktail dress or semi-formal suit is appropriate. These special evenings involve fine dining, and you'll want to meet the dress code and feel your best. Choose something comfortable, packable, and easy to accessorize rather than a bulky formal gown or tux. Consider something that won't wrinkle too much when it's packed. One thoughtfully chosen outfit is enough for most cruises.

### ***Dress shoes***

Pack one polished pair that works with your Gala Night or evening attire. Look for comfortable, closed-toe shoes with traction — ships can have smooth floors and outside decks can be damp. Avoid packing multiple formal pairs. One versatile option is sufficient.

### ***Swimwear and cover-up***

While Alaska is cool outdoors, your ship will have heated pools, hot tubs, thermal suites, and spa facilities. You'll want a swimsuit and cover-up to enjoy these relaxing spaces. They're also useful for saunas or hydrotherapy areas, especially after a day of chilly outdoor exploring.

### ***Slippers or sandals***

Comfortable slip-ons are great for wearing in your stateroom, to the spa, or around the pool deck. After active shore days, having something soft and easy to put on gives your feet a break. They also keep you comfortable on cabin or hallway floors without needing to lace up shoes.

### *Orange Party outfits*

Holland America sailings feature an Orange Party celebration onboard. Pack an orange accessory or casual outfit so you can join the fun. This doesn't need to be formal — scarves, shirts, hats, or simple accents are enough to enjoy the festive atmosphere.

### *Essential Gear*

- Compact waterproof daypack
- Dry bag or waterproof phone pouch
- Brimmed rain hat
- Binoculars
- Travel umbrella
- Rain cover
- Reusable water bottle
- Personal Items and Tech
- Prescriptions
- Motion sensitivity remedies
- Sunscreen and lip balm
- Insect repellent
- Personal toiletries
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- While ships provide basics, familiar products let you maintain your routines. Travel-sized bottles save space and reduce bathroom clutter, especially in shared staterooms.
- Sleep mask and earplugs
  - Alaska has long daylight hours in summer, and light can enter cabins early in the morning. A sleep mask and earplugs help you sleep restfully, especially if you're sensitive to noise or brightness.
- Smartphone and charger
- Portable battery
- Camera with spare batteries and cards
- Headphones
- Travel documents
  - Keep your passport, IDs, cruise confirmations, shore excursion tickets, and insurance documents in one secure, easily accessible place. Digital backups are also recommended

### **FINAL NOTE**

Once the ship begins to leave the **Port of Vancouver**, I always suggest putting your phone into airplane mode.