

Santa's Packing List for Cruises

Gentlemen, to better help you prepare for your cruise vacation, here are some guidelines on what to pack. Keep in mind that although a cruise is a more "relaxed" destination, your own taste, interests and activities will determine what you bring. Once you have all of your clothing selected and ready to pack, you should consider mixing some of your clothing with your wife's. Should one of your suitcases be lost, one of you will not be totally without. Nothing is worse than you having your tux and your wife's cocktail dress is missing.

Due to the weight limits with the Airlines, Most Santas do not bring their Santa Suits. That is not to say you cannot bring your suit. It is your decision. But we are on vacation. You will need three types of clothing: casual shipboard attire or day wear, comfortable apparel for sightseeing and some evening wear. Properly packed, you should be using two suitcases for a cruise, plus at least one decent sized carry-on. (Airlines allow a roller carry –on that can go in the overhead storage and one personal bag or knap-sack that must fit below the seat. These four bags should allow you to pack properly and still have a space left to take some souvenirs home. One personal bag or knap-sack will be handy when going on excursions. Start packing at least a week early so you won't forget something.

Check these items off or circle them as you pack

MEN'S TOILETRIES – SHAVING KIT

- Toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash
- Razor and shaving cream (or electric razor and supplies)
- Deodorant / Aftershave and Cologne
- Shampoo or soap (cruise lines supply both, unless you have a favorite)
- Shower Caps (One for the head and one for the beard)
- Brush / Comb / Hair Spray or gel
- Vitamins / Medications
- Nail clippers and file (be sure to pack in checked luggage)
- Nose hair trimmers and tweezers (be sure to pack in checked luggage)
- Sunscreen / Lip balm
- Hair Dryer
- Contact Lenses/ Extra Eyeglasses
- Sleep aids/Earplugs/Breath-Right Strips, etc.
- Birth Control

NOTE: Today's modern cruise ships and hotels have hair dryers in the stateroom

MEN'S EVENING WEAR

NOTE: On a 7-Night Alaska Cruise, there are typically three casual nights (golf shirts/button down & slacks); two "sport jacket" nights; and two "formal nights" (dark suit or tuxedo). No shorts or jeans at dinner.

- Slacks
- Belt and/or suspenders
- Dress Shirts/Tuxedo Shirt
- Sport Jacket
- Dark Suit or Tuxedo
- Tie, cummerbund, tuxedo tie, vest, suspenders
- Dress Shoes & Dress Socks
- Cufflinks & Studs

MEN'S DAYTIME AND CASUAL WEAR

- Your Santa Hat
- Underwear, boxers, briefs, undershirts
- Comfortable shoes or boots for hiking and walking in wet/damp conditions (make sure to break them in before the trip).
- Casual Shoes
- Good socks - exercise, walking, evening wear (lots and a few extra pair – your feet may get wet)
- Jeans and Khaki Pants
- Shorts - Alaska can be 75 or more degrees some days
- Belts and/or suspenders
- Casual Shirts and Golf shirts (both long sleeved and short sleeved)
- Long underwear / Sweatshirts / Sweaters
- Warm Hat or stocking cap (Did we mention your Santa Hat?)
- Baseball cap, Hat, or Sun Visor
- Gloves and Scarf (It gets cold on a glacier)
- Raincoat with hood or water-proof poncho (Ponchos are great for excursions as you can keep your cameras and souvenirs dry under its cover).
- Insulated vest or insulated jacket for snow
- T-Shirts and Turtle-necks
- Exercise / workout clothes / Running Shoes
- Bathing suit and shorts for warm weather (yes, there is a good possibility that you will need these. Hot tubs and covered pools on most ships)
- Casual Shirt or Hawaiian Shirt to wear at pool.
- Pajamas / Robe (some ships have robes)
- And don't forget your Santa Hat!

MEN'S MISCELLANEOUS

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