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Travel Tips for 2018

Travel timing: We recommend arriving a day earlier than your scheduled trip date. Lodging on Kodiak Island runs the gamut from cozy B&Bs to chain hotels. Among others, we recommend the Best Western Kodiak Inn, which has a fine restaurant and is conveniently located downtown.

Getting to Kodiak: Alaska Airlines flies a 737 jet onto Kodiak Island twice a day from Anchorage. Ravn Alaska flies from Anchorage to Kodiak five times a day in DeHavilland Dash-8 or similar aircraft. Ground transportation will be provided for you for the 5-mile drive from Kodiak State Airport (ADQ) to downtown Kodiak where the Island C and Island Air Service are located. We recommend purchasing travel insurance as a safeguard against delays and complications in getting to Kodiak.

Luggage Suggestions We strongly recommend using soft-sided luggage wherever possible. Hard shell luggage can be difficult to stow in a small airplane or under your bed. Please limit weight of luggage to an average of than 50 lbs (22 kg) per traveler. If you're on extended travel in Alaska and have extra luggage, we can provide secure storage on Kodiak island for the duration of your stay on the Island C.

Gearing Up in Kodiak: If you can't get some of these things where you live, don't worry. ALL of the packing items listed here, particularly raingear and boots, are available on Kodiak island at reasonable retail prices.

Cell Service/Emergency Communications: The city and surrounding urban area of Kodiak has excellent cell service. *However there is little or no cell service in Katmai National Park or remote coastal areas of Kodiak Island.* Family or friends who need to contact you in an emergency may reach the Island C by satellite message from our Contact Page. We will furnish a handheld Satellite phone for you to communicate with home.

A Word on Cotton: Cotton, including denim, is a liability in Kodiak's frequent wet weather. Even when covered by rain gear, cotton takes a long time to dry and does not provide insulation when wet. We discourage cotton pants or outer layers.

Medical & Dietary Restrictions: Please advise us well in advance of any dietary restrictions you have. Kurt will plan accordingly, and may contact you individually to fine-tune his understanding of your needs/preferences. Please also advise us of medical conditions which may limit your ability to participate in the activities you see described in the trip.

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Recommended Clothing & Equipment Checklist

Body Wear

- _____ Rain Jacket with hood and rain pants
- _____ Wool Socks
- _____ Polypropylene or Wool Long Underwear (not cotton)
- _____ Puffy Jacket or Fleece Insulating Layers
- _____ Fleece or Knit Cap and Gloves
- _____ Swimsuit (if you're so inclined to take a dip in the North Pacific)

Foot Wear

- _____ Rubber Boots (complementary pair available by request)
- _____ Light hiking shoes
- _____ Slip-on shoes for relaxing onboard the Island C

Accessories

- _____ Polarized Sunglasses
- _____ Bug Net
- _____ Sunscreen
- _____ Re-usable water bottle
- _____ Toiletry/shower kit
- _____ Prescription Medications
- _____ Device charging cords (with adapters if traveling from overseas)
- _____ Camera with lens, hood and rain cover
- _____ Small day pack for excursions ashore
- _____ Small dry pouches or zipper top freezer bags(for wallet, phone etc)

You don't need to bring these

- X Hip Boots (we provide)
- X Life Jacket
- X Pillows, Linens & Towels
- X Your entire medicine chest (we have the basics)
- X Drones (prohibited in National Parks)
- X Alcohol (Beer and Wine available for purchase onboard)