



# Checklist

When packing, don't weigh yourself down with excess clothes or gear or pictures of mother. Select informal, practical attire for your trip that can be worn in layers:

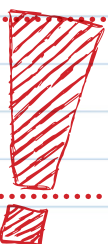
## ALL SHIPS

- 1 **Sturdy shoes** with non-slip soles (not sneakers)
- 2 **Comfortable shoes** are useful to wear around the ship. When bringing sandals, please bring sandals with heel straps (straps required)
- 3 **T-shirts to wear inside the vessel**, as temperatures are comfortably warm
- 4 **Earplugs**, in case you share your cabin with a snorer
- 5 **Warm pants** or even ski pants, which can be worn over long underwear
- 6 **Waterproof trousers**, such as Gore-Tex, to be worn over regular pants
- 7 **Thermal underwear** of silk or polypropylene, since it keeps you warm without adding bulk
- 8 **Sweaters** or polar fleece jacket of medium weight
- 9 **Turtlenecks**, which are good for layering and use around the ship
- 10 **Mittens and gloves** (and more than one pair), such as thin polypropylene gloves that can be worn underneath your mittens, allowing you to take them off to operate your camera
- 11 **Woolen hat and scarf** to protect your ears and neck
- 12 **Warm socks** (also many pairs, as your feet are sure to get wet) that are tall and sturdy, layered over a thinner pair of silk, polypropylene, or cotton/wool socks
- 13 **Waterproof/windproof jacket** (waterproof above all) with an attached hood that can be worn over your under layers with reasonable comfort
- 14 **Waterproof backpack** with shoulder straps for keeping your hands free and your camera (and other gear) dry
- 15 **Sunglasses** of good quality, as the glare from the water and surrounding snow/ice can be severe even when the sky is overcast
- 16 **Binoculars** for viewing all the beautiful landscapes and wildlife
- 17 **Camera** with plenty of memory cards or film (twice what you think you'll need), and possibly even an extra camera in case of accidents, along with a tripod or long-exposure camera for borealis voyages
- 18 **Head lamp** if partaking in the outdoor camping activity

## SAILING VESSEL ONLY (RVR)

- 18 **Head lamp** for spring or autumn trips aboard Rembrandt van Rijn
- 19 **Rubber boots** (very important), as only Plancius, Ortelius, Hondius and Janssonius have rubber boots available for pre-order (see to the right). On Rembrandt van Rijn, we request that you bring a pair of knee-high rubber boots. A pair of pull-on waterproof rubber boots of mid-calf length or higher are essential for Zodiac landings. Stepping out of the Zodiacs almost always involves stepping into water, so it's important to have footwear that is high enough to avoid getting water inside. Boots such as Sorrels, snow boots, or any low boots are not satisfactory for wet landings – you'll get your feet wet!

**If you don't bring the correct footwear, you might not be allowed to land during your cruise. But if you have questions or just need further advice, please don't hesitate to contact us.**



## THE BIG DEAL ABOUT BOOTS

HAPPINESS STARTS AT GROUND LEVEL. DO NOT BRING HEAVY, CUMBERSOME BOOTS THAT MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO WALK. BOOTS WITH WAFFLE SOLES, LIKE THOSE ON A HIKING BOOT OR RUNNING SHOE, TEND TO GIVE THE BEST FOOTING. ALSO AVOID IMITATION RUBBER BOOTS MADE FROM PVC, AS THESE ARE UNYIELDING AND MORE PRONE TO SLIPPING. (WELLINGTON-STYLE BOOTS ARE IDEAL.)

Rubber boots can be purchased from work clothing stores, surplus stores, farm co-op stores, garden supply centers, outdoor stores, and marine supply houses. Sailing boots sold at marine stores have non-skid soles that work well on slick decks and wet rocks but lack traction on snow, ice, or mud. The all-around traction soles are good for ice and snow but not as slip resistant on decks or rocks.

Remember, you'll be wearing these boots a lot, so they must be comfortable for extended wear. The boots should not be too tight or sloppy. If they're too tight, you'll get cold feet – the literal kind. If they're too loose, you can add an insole or extra pair of socks to take up the space.



For maximum warmth, wear loose-fitting boots and two pairs of socks. Rubber boots generally come in whole sizes and many brands are unisex. Be sure to get the best fit, no matter what size they are.

Your boots are probably the most important item you'll bring, so if you have questions or need more advice, don't hesitate to contact us. Those traveling to Antarctica can rent equipment in Ushuaia instead of carrying it from home. For more information go to [oceanwide.newheadings.com](http://oceanwide.newheadings.com).

**OH, AND ONE MORE THING:** If you don't bring the correct footwear, you might not be allowed to land during the voyage – and this will make us all very, very sad.

### RUBBER BOOTS

On Plancius, Ortelius, Hondius and Janssonius, all passengers are entitled to a free pair of sturdy rubber boots that will keep your feet dry, warm, and comfortable during landings.

Sizes need to be pre-ordered with the Oceanwide reservation department at least eight weeks prior to departure. A voucher will be sent with your travel documents about four weeks before departure.

Please make sure you to order your boots early! Requesting equipment without a pre-order and voucher is not possible when boarding the vessel. Boots need to be returned to the expedition team at the end of the voyage. Terms and conditions are on the pre-order form.