



PACKING LIST – BASECAMP TOURS

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Whales & Wilderness Glamping
Johnstone Strait Ultimate
Orca Family Tour

On our basecamp tours we are transported to our wilderness base camp by water taxis which are equipped to carry all of our passengers, plenty of gear and is specially designed for safety and comfort. We are not restricted in the amount of luggage and gear we can bring. Although your gear will be stored in the cabin of the boat, you may want to waterproof some items, in the unlikely event that it may get wet while being transferring to and from boat.

On the following page you will find a packing list of suggested items that should keep you a happy camper!

If you have any questions about the list, please don't hesitate to contact us.

TEMPERATURES

Our summer temperatures from July until September are generally comfortable with temperatures from 18-30 degrees Celsius / 70-85 degrees Fahrenheit. It's not uncommon to find mid day summers hot enough to want to cool off in the ocean! June and later September will have cooler temperatures, and at ANY TIME OF YEAR we can have rain & wind, with temperatures occasionally as low as 13 C / 55 F. So, we say it is best to come prepared for any type of weather.

PLEASE NOTE WHAT WE PROVIDE:

Whales & Wilderness Glamping:

- ✧ All meals and snacks while on tour with us
- ✧ All kayaks, safety & paddling gear
- ✧ Waterproof dry bags
- ✧ All you need for a perfect glamping experience: Walk-in canvas tents on wooden platforms, real beds, thick soy foam mattresses, warm blankets, 2 pillows (firm & soft), linens, bath towels, flashlight/headlamp, mosquito repellent, travel tea/coffee mug, library of natural history books, camp binoculars (you may wish to bring your own pair for paddling)

Johnstone Strait Ultimate:

- ✧ All kayaks, safety & paddling gear
- ✧ Waterproof dry bags
- ✧ All you need for comfortable camping: Spacious tents on wooden platform covered with large tarp, thick sleeping pad with sheet, pillow and pillow cover, warm wool/fleece blanket, towel, hot water bottle, travel tea/coffee mug, camp binoculars (you may wish to bring your own pair for paddling), library of natural history books

Orca Family Tour:

- ✧ All kayaks, paddling & safety gear
- ✧ Waterproof dry bags
- ✧ Tent & sleeping pad
- ✧ Small camp pillow with case
- ✧ Travel coffee/tea mug

Want to bring your own gear along?

If you have your own gear (kayaks, paddling/camping equipment) and would prefer to use, please let us know beforehand so that we can make sure it is suitable and meets safety requirements.

ITEMS FOR YOU TO BRING ALONG:

- Your own face mask(s) and hand sanitizer – for traveling and for the water taxi ride to camp.
- Sleeping bag – **(not for Whales & Wilderness Glamping)** A 3-season synthetic bag is recommended. Down bags will work but please take extra care to waterproof. If you are uncertain if you have the appropriate bag just give us a call or check with your local outdoor store. If you do not have a sleeping bag or would prefer not to travel with one, these may be rented for \$25 plus tax. Please reserve in advance. To waterproof your sleeping bag line a compression sack with a heavy duty garbage bag. Press the air out of the bag and then keep compact with the compression sac which can be purchased at any outdoor shop. This also helps keep your bag small for travel.
- Wetshoes – A pair that can get wet such as sturdy full strapped sandals (such as Keens, Tevas or Chacos), neoprene booties, crocs, or rubber boots. Please avoid flip-flops/thongs. We have a wide range of rubber boot sizes (youth – men's size 13) available to borrow free of charge.
- Camp footwear – An additional pair of footwear that you plan to keep dry for around camp. Runners, trainers or light hikers are great.
- Hats – A sun hat such as a baseball hat or full-brimmed hat as well as a wool or fleece warm hat for evenings or cooler days.
- Sunglasses & sunscreen – A must for protection from sun and glare off of the water. Safety cords on your glasses are highly recommended.
- Camera – In a waterproof bag or case, or you may use our dry bags.
- Bathing suit – For the hot tub, or brave ocean swimmers!
- Water bottle – Bike bottles or Nalgene-style bottles work best.
- Personal items – Toothbrush, toothpaste, biodegradable soap/shampoo, washcloth, feminine hygiene products, hairbrush, etc.
- Medication – If you are bringing medication please ensure that; 1) The name and expiry date of drug is on the container; 2) You have the detailed instructions of your dosage and frequency; 3) It is packed in a water and sunproof container; 4) You bring a full extra dosage of your medication in a separate container to leave with your guide, in case you misplace or lose yours, or are weathered in. If you are flying, please pack all necessary medication in your carry-on luggage. This will help eliminate some stress should your checked bags be misplaced in transit.
- Ziploc bags or other large plastic bag – We will provide you with dry bags, but these come in handy for transporting laundry and/or wet clothing.

- Gloves (optional) – Biking gloves work well to protect your hands from blisters. If you are really concerned about cold hands, and are paddling in the spring or fall seasons, you may want to invest in neoprene gloves or pogies.
- Beverages – We supply a wide range of teas and coffee as well as juices. Feel free to bring your own wine, beer, or other alcoholic beverages or soda pops if you wish. **Please note** however that we do expect our guests to consume alcoholic beverages responsibly and strictly enforce a no alcohol on the water policy.
- Fishing gear (optional) – Make sure you have a valid B.C. fishing license. [These can be purchased online.](#)
- Personal books or journal
- Binoculars (optional)
- Gratuity for your guides – at your own discretion

CLOTHING

Clothing should be suitable for the time of year, bearing in mind that it could become cold and wet at any time. Layering is the best way to regulate body temperature and maintain warmth. We suggest avoiding cotton since it has no insulation value when wet. An inner material that wicks moisture from the body and gives a comfy & dry feeling even while wet is the best first layer (Polypropylene, Lycra, Nylon, Polyester). A synthetic material such as fleece or pile makes the best second layer to provide warmth. Wool is also suitable.

- Rain jacket & rain pants – To test your waterproofness – jump in the shower and see if you stay dry (we're serious)! If you would like to rent raingear from us, please reserve in advance. Tops and bottoms can be rented for \$25 plus tax for the set.
- Light windproof jacket (optional)
- Long pants – 1 pair of fleece or warm comfortable pants. 1-2 lighter pairs made of a quick drying, synthetic fabric. Athletic style pants (running or yoga) are generally appropriate. Jeans are NOT recommended for paddling, but can be worn around camp.
- Lightweight long underwear – 2 pairs, helps to keep you warm at night or as a base layer during the day. We recommend one set for kayaking and one set which is reserved for sleeping and always stays dry.
- Sweaters – 2 warm wool or fleece sweaters (one may be all you need, but it is nice to have a spare in case one gets wet).
- Long-sleeved non-cotton shirt (synthetic/wool) – 2
- T-shirts – 2 or 3
- Shorts – 1-2 quick dry nylon
- Warm socks – 3 to 5 pairs (1 warmer pair for around camp)
- Undergarments
- An extra set of clothes for the end of the trip.