

# Packing for Success – Gear & Electronics



- **Caching bag**
- **LBK Stickers for log books**
- **Travel Bugs/Coins**
- **GPS**
- **GPS USB Cord**
- **Rechargeable Batteries**
- **Battery Charger**
- **Lithium battery set to back up rechargeables**
- **Cell Phone**
- **Cell Phone Charger**
- **Laptop (w/ extra opportunistic GPX files for drag & drop to GPS)**
- **Laptop Charger**
- **Second laptop battery for those ten-hour flights**
- **Thumb Drive w/ backed up files. Also facilitates file transfers with traveling companions**
- **Digital Camera w/ extra memory chip**
- **Headlamp/flashlight w/ extra batteries**
- **Local maps and trails loaded to GPS**
- **Power cord adaptor kit so your items will plug into the wall outlet and make certain all your chargers are rated 110/220V, or you'll also need a voltage converter**

# Packing for Success – Clothing



- Light gloves (optional, depending on local weather)
  - Wind Shell (top and bottom)
  - Sunglasses
  - Sport Hills (cool weather weight)
  - Long-sleeve quick dry shirt
  - Bicycle jersey (I like all the pockets)
  - Hat
  - Gaiters, good for snow, brambles, wet grass, etc.
  - Lightweight hiking boots/trail running shoes
  - Socks & underwear
- Business casual clothes for traveling/gatherings (I wear these coming/going...seem to get treated better by airline personnel than when I'm wearing my outdoor gear)
  - T-shirts (1 long sleeve, 1 short sleeve) (I always have something dry to change into, but you already know that coming from Alaska)
  - Money belt to keep all documents, cards, etc. under clothing. Some folks prefer to use a pouch around their neck.

# Packing for Success – Other



- \$200 US currency (for quick exchange in a pinch. I don't exchange in the US, preferring to wait until I reach the airport to do an ATM draw where I'll get a MUCH better exchange rate)
- Passport
- Drivers License
- Two different credit cards. Call bank with itinerary to keep card from being turned off.
- ATM card. Call bank with itinerary to keep card from being turned off.
- Photocopies of Passport, travel itinerary/confirmations, lodging contact information and addresses, credit card(s), debit card, and any other important documents, scanned and saved to laptop and external drive. Second copy for traveling companion in case of document loss.
- Powerbars/Energy bars. It's always good to have snacks available because 24-hour eateries are fewer and farther between in Europe.
- Earplugs. These help me sleep on the airplane and in hostels with dorm-style sleeping arrangements.
- Toiletries. Standard stuff...toothbrush, tooth paste, floss, deodorant, sewing kit, shampoo.
- Medications in original containers. (Bring copy of prescription from your doctor in case of loss.
- Empty Water Bottle(s) for use on plane after clearing security and for vehicle while sightseeing. I recycle soft drink bottles so it's no big loss when I inevitably leave one on the plane, in the rental, etc.
- Camelback for hiking w/ pocket(s) for lunch, snacks, etc. These pack really flat.
- Alaskan geobling for gifts and cache exchanges.
- Book



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