

Free Packing List PDF

What to Bring to Iceland in Every Season

Packing for Iceland is all about layers, waterproof gear, and comfort. Use this printable checklist before you book, pack, and go.

Quick rule

Even in summer, you can get wind, rain, and cold temperatures on the same day.

Best strategy

Pack light, pack smart, and choose pieces that layer well instead of bringing too many outfits.

Essentials for every season

- Waterproof jacket
- Comfortable walking shoes or hiking boots
- Small day backpack
- Swimsuit
- Power bank
- Prescription medication
- Warm mid-layer (fleece or wool)
- Warm socks
- Reusable water bottle
- Phone charger
- Sunglasses
- Basic toiletries

Layering explained

Base layer
Merino wool, thermal top, or light long-sleeve layer that sits closest to your skin.

Mid-layer
Fleece, wool sweater, or light insulated jacket for warmth.

Outer layer
Waterproof and windproof jacket, with waterproof pants for active or wet days.

Summer packing list

- Light fleece or warm sweater
- Comfortable pants or hiking pants
- Warm socks
- Swimsuit
- Sunglasses
- T-shirts and long-sleeve tops
- Walking shoes or hiking boots
- Waterproof jacket
- Sleep mask for bright nights
- Hat or buff for windy days

Winter packing list

- Warm waterproof coat
- Fleece or wool mid-layers
- Warm hat
- Scarf or neck warmer
- Swimsuit
- Ice grips or traction cleats
- Thermal base layers
- Waterproof shoes or insulated boots
- Gloves or mittens
- Thick socks
- Moisturizer and lip balm

Shoulder season packing list

- Waterproof jacket
- Thermal top or base layer
- Hat and gloves
- Day bag
- Flexible layers you can add or remove
- Warm sweater or fleece
- Comfortable waterproof shoes
- Swimsuit
- Extra socks

Road trip essentials

- Car charger
- Offline maps
- Water bottle
- Small first aid kit
- Plastic bag for wet clothes
- Hand cream and lip balm
- Phone mount
- Power bank
- Snacks
- Tissues or wet wipes
- Extra socks

What people often forget

- Swimsuit for pools and hot springs
- Sleep mask for summer
- Lip balm
- Waterproof bag or dry bag
- Sunglasses
- Flip-flops or shower sandals
- Power bank
- Hand cream
- Extra memory card / phone storage
- Medication for long travel days

What you do not need too much of

- Too many jeans
- Fashion shoes you cannot walk in
- Several heavy jackets
- Umbrellas for windy days
- Too many dressy outfits

Final packing advice

Most travelers wear the same practical layers again and again. You do not need a huge suitcase - you need clothes that keep you warm, dry, and comfortable while exploring.

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