

PACKING LIST – WATERFALLS, WILDFLOWERS AND WINERIES

FOOTWEAR

- 1 pair of lightweight hiking boots: boots need to be well broken in and comfortable
- 1 pair of comfortable athletic shoes, Teva/Chaco/Keen sandals, or crocs for wearing around our lodge and town
- 2-3 pairs of hiking socks (wool or synthetic equivalent: Smartwool, Thorlo, Darn Tough)

CLOTHING

- 1 pair of comfortable synthetic/nylon long pants for hiking. Zip-offs work well
- 1 pair of shorts (optional, especially if you have zip-off pants)
- 1 lightweight, light-colored, long-sleeved shirt to protect you from the sun
- 1-2 synthetic T-shirts or short-sleeved shirts
- 1 lightweight fleece jacket or wool sweater
- 1 rain parka AND rain pants: coated nylon or a waterproof/breathable fabric like Gore-tex.
- 1 Swimsuit for the saltwater pool
- Underwear/nightwear
- 1 wide-brimmed hat or baseball cap for protection from the sun
- Comfortable clothes to wear at the lodge (could be sweats)
- Casual dress, skirt, or pants and shirt for wearing to dinners/brunch
- Lightweight gloves and hat for cooler temps

TOILETRIES (small everything)

- Toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, wet wipes, contact lens paraphernalia, and sanitary supplies
- Sunscreen and lip protection with sunblock of at least SPF 15
- Insect repellent
- Small personal “patch kit”: Band-Aids, Compeed or Second Skin, moleskin, cloth athletic tape, ibuprofen, personal medications, if any.

Please note: Individuals who have had or have the potential for a severe allergic reaction to insect stings, specific foods or medications must bring an epi-pen. Please consult your physician and tell your guide.

ESSENTIALS

- Sunglasses (100% UV protection) with retention strap
- 1 daypack large enough to hold your supplies for the day (see notes on packing list)
- 1 waterproof backpack cover or trash bag to line your pack in case of rain (see notes on packing list)
- 1 Hydration system or water bottle with capacity for carrying 2 liters of water
- Hiking poles (recommended)
- Ear plugs (for a good night’s sleep!)
- Headlamp

OPTIONAL

- Camera (extra battery) and film/memory card
- Book, notebook, journal, pencil/pen
- Binoculars
- Wrist watch/travel alarm clock
- Bandanna(s) – multi-useful
- Your favorite snack (snacks will be provided but bring anything you especially like or need)

NOTES ON PACKING

Adventures in Good Company's packing list covers items to support your safety and comfort. You may not use everything you bring; however, you need to come prepared for all possible weather conditions. At the same time, you must be able to carry your own luggage, sometimes up and down stairs. Bringing a duffel bag or soft-sided suitcase with wheels, rather than a hard-sided suitcase, is easier for packing in the van.

Daypacks: Your daypack should be large enough to hold the following items: 1 – 2 liters of water, rain gear, lunch/snacks, sunscreen, a warm layer (fleece pullover or vest), personal first aid kit, lightweight gloves, warm hat and personal items such as camera, etc. We recommend a daypack with a capacity of between 20 – 30 Liters (1200 and 1800 cubic inches) with a hip belt, padded shoulder straps, and 'lifters'. Line your daypack with a durable plastic bag to keep your belongings dry, or have an elasticized pack cover that fits snugly over it. Before you leave home check to be sure that it is comfortable to wear all day and has sufficient space for all of your items. **Note: Fanny-packs and hydration packs are not large enough to hold all of the items you will need for the day.**

Footwear: Well-fitting, sturdy boots or trail shoes are very important to your safety and enjoyment. If you plan to buy new boots, break them in by wearing them around town and taking some short hikes *before* your trip. For general hiking, lightweight or midweight cordura or leather boots with a Vibram sole work well. If you have weak ankles or are recovering from an ankle injury, get boots that come above the ankle– you'll find that this will give you more support in uneven or slippery terrain. Remember to waterproof your boots before the trip. Even boots billed as 'waterproof' need to be treated with a waterproofing product.

Clothing: The clothing listed on the packing list has been chosen for your specific trip conditions and for its versatility for layering. NO COTTON for your active wear! It should all be made from synthetic/synthetic blends, down/down blends or wool/wool blends. Layering is the most practical and efficient method of insulating the body. Several layers of varied weight materials provide better insulation than one thick Layer of clothing. Also, adding or subtracting layers allows you to adjust to the temperature at your particular level of activity.

Rain Gear: You will need a parka or jacket made of a coated nylon or a waterproof/breathable fabric like Gore-tex, HellyTech, Membrane, H2No, or Ultrex. **Be sure it keeps water out.** Before making this important purchase, be sure that it fits you properly. It should be large enough to fit over all your layers. In particular, the hood needs to be effective. It should shield your face from the rain and turn with your head. Movement of your arms must not interfere with the hood. Put on your daypack; can you still raise your arms? Your wind/rainpants should be comfortable, allow enough room for your layers, and permit free movement of your legs (for example, can you crouch comfortably?). Partial or full-length leg zippers are useful for easily putting your pants on over your boots. An inexpensive plastic poncho will both leak and tear easily and is not recommended.

Hydration: Being able to easily access your water without assistance, so that you can drink frequently, is important to your safety and enjoyment. One method is to have a water bottle attached to your waist strap. Another option is to use a **hydration system** such as CamelBak, Platypus, and MSR bladder bags. The bags fit inside or outside your pack with the hose positioned over your shoulder so that you can access your water as you hike.

Personal First Aid Kit: Bring a small first aid kit with familiar medicine and first aid supplies you might need. Recommendations include the following: blister or foot remedies like moleskin, Compeed, blister bandages, or similar, a small roll of duct tape (always useful!), remedies for respiratory ailments, stomach ailments, sore muscles or joints. The guides will have a first aid kit but having what you know works well for you is a good idea.

Trekking Poles: Trekking poles are recommended for this trip. Trekking poles are always recommended for our hiking trips. Trekking poles contribute to your safety by improving your balance and stability, and to your health by saving stress on your hips and knees. If you are not familiar with trekking poles, read this blog post that addresses the most commonly asked questions: <http://blog.adventuresingoodcompany.com/blog-women-travel/bid/154714/Trekking-poles-for-hiking-trips-the-4-most-common-questions>