

# PACKING TIPS & CHECKLIST

**Important Documents:** Be sure to pack and keep any or all of the below items within reach at all times.

- Driver's license/ Other government photo ID
- Birth certificate
- Boarding pass
- Passport/Visas
- Travel Documents/reservation itinerary
- Travel Insurance policy. Download their app to your phone is a great option as well, though having it both ways is ideal, especially if access to cell service is wifi is limited to non-existent.
- Credit or ATM Cards/Cash
- Vaccination or Immunization records, as needed

**Carry-On/Hand Baggage:** Pack your carry-on wisely with essential items for convenient outfit swaps or that "worst case scenario" of lost or seriously delayed luggage. Remember that TSA and other governments limit the liquid volume that may be carried in your hand baggage typically to 3 oz. Keep in mind that you may want to hit the pool once you arrive, but you may not get your suitcase right away. Keep all of these in a daypack or bag, which can double for excursions or outings.

- Casual change of clothes
- Formal change of clothes
- Extra pair of shoes
- Toiletries and necessities
- Important medications
- Bathing suit and sunscreen
- Entertainment for kids or snacks
- Charging devices for electronics

**Travel Basics:** Pack these essentials along so you won't get stuck paying inflated prices at ports of call, on board ship or at your resort or other destination.

- Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, contact solution, etc.)
- Sunscreen and aloe
- Prescription/ Over-the-counter medications
- Cameras/memory cards/mini-tripods
- Batteries
- Cellphone/electronics chargers (Make sure you check your cell-phone's roaming charges when leaving the U.S.) WhatsApp is a great FREE app for staying connected when overseas – all you need is a wifi connection to be able to make calls back home.
- Plastic storage bags
- Alarm clock
- Electric converters/adapters or multiple plug outlet
- First aid kit
- Hand sanitizer
- Nail clipper

**Dress for your destination:** Keep in mind what activities you have planned, and the weather conditions during your travel. Some trips may take you through multiple climates, so bring a variety if needed. And if going to an all-inclusive resort, know that you will probably be beach or pool casual by day, but in the evening, you may be expected to dress up a bit by wearing pants, collared shirts, skirts or dresses, and more. Be sure to familiarize yourself with any dress code(s) your destination(s) may have.

- Check weather conditions prior to traveling. Having an inexpensive poncho or small umbrella with you beats paying inflated prices at your destination
- Plan outfits for each activity or each day. Interchangeable basic items can help stretch your wardrobe without overstuffing your suitcase!
- If cruising, plan for formal dinners and day outfits (check with your cruise line about formal or themed nights, which may impact your wardrobe choices)
- Always pack some extras – especially socks and undergarments. You never know!
- Comfy shoes such as a pair of sneakers are a must have when sightseeing
- Don't forget hats, socks, gloves, and other accessories
- It can get chilly once the sun goes down in some climates, pack accordingly

**Extended Vacations:** Here are some things you might consider that could keep your vacation running smoothly and organized.

- Foldable shoe organizer for extra storage
- Foldable clothes hampers/ bags
- Extra hangers
- Laundry detergent. Stain spray remover. Wrinkle guard spray.
- Foldable duffel bag/ pack souvenirs/pool bag or additional storage
- Laptop/tablet and any necessary chargers or power cords.

**Traveling with kids:** Your younglings may need special attention or entertainment – be sure to pack some extras for them!

- Card games
- Portable gaming electronics
- Walkie Talkies
- Inflatable pool/beach toys
- Books/puzzle books
- To-go snacks and beverages
- Children's medications
- Baby wipes
- Other items as your family usually enjoys

Visit us online for additional travel resources and details on how to prepare for your next trip!

**Happy travels.**