



Holiday Packing 101

There's an undeniable magic that surrounds the mere thought of a holiday.

It is a time when we can step away from the daily grind, indulge in the unfamiliar, and reawaken our senses to the wonders of the world.

Below are some simple tips to help you make the most of your holiday, and master the art of packing.

Tips

- Create a list of items you want to take. Start the list a week or two before you travel and add to it as you think of things.
- Consider a Travel Capsule Wardrobe built around one core neutral and two accent colours.
- Carry a cross-body bag to allow for hands-free exploring. They are also more secure and safer.
- Allow a small budget for dry cleaning or laundry.
- Pack a dressier outfit just in case. You might not need it, but best not to be caught out.
- Pack an extra outfit in your hand luggage if it fits. Fingers crossed your suitcase won't go missing, but better to be safe than sorry.
- Try not to look like a tourist. Dress appropriately for your destination and planned activities.
- Check the long-range weather forecast before you leave. It's not fool-proof, but it will make planning a whole lot easier.
- Carry-on luggage should hold any items you can't afford to lose. However, avoid packing anything of high value (sentimental or dollar).
- If you plan on reading, go digital to save space and luggage allowance.
- Scan your passport and email a copy to yourself and a family member or friend. Also, print a few copies of your passport before leaving and pack one in your carry-on and another in your luggage.
- Wear your heaviest clothes on the plane if it's appropriate to do so.
- Segment your clothing by using packing cubes to separate your clothing into categories.
- Pack two small laundry bags. I use my wash bags designed for delicates.
- Have a scarf for the plane.
- Don't forget your technology cables and power converters.

Safe and happy travels!