

Travel Light!

Even on a long trip, you don't need a lot of heavy suitcases. You only need two bags—a carry-on bag and a check-in bag. Here is some advice for packing them.

Carry-on bag

- Your carry-on bag should be small and light.
- The most important things for your trip (passport, boarding pass, airline tickets, money, credit cards, cell phone, keys, etc.) should go in your carry-on bag.
- You should pack valuable things, such as a laptop or jewelry, in your carry-on bag.
- You should bring a change of clothes in case your luggage is delayed.
- You should also take any medicine you need in your carry-on bag.
- Bring snacks to eat on the plane. Cookies, nuts, and dried fruit are good. Don't bring chocolate—it's very messy. For long trips, bring a sandwich. And don't bring water—you can't take it through security. You should buy some at the airport before you board the plane.
- Remember to bring a good book or your tablet.

Check-in bag

- Your check-in bag should be strong.
- Your clothes, shoes, and other everyday things should go in your check-in bag.
- Make a list to help you remember everything.
- Pack your bag early—don't pack on the same day as your trip!
- Think about the weather. Do you need a coat and gloves, or T-shirts and shorts? Choose the right clothes! You should pack your clothes inside plastic bags.
- Put your name and your hotel's address and telephone number on your bag. You should put this information inside the bag, too.

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