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Essential Travel Tips



How To Pack

pre-packing tips...

As far as possible, travel light. Always pack according to a checklist, made at least one week before your trip. It will speed up packing and let you know what you might be missing. Never pack the following items in your check-in luggage: money, expensive jewellery, traveller's cheques, travel documents, matches, cigarette, lighters & other inflammable items.

secrets of successful packing...

Pack clothes in plastic bags from the dry cleaners. This reduces wrinkles.

Pack larger items first then stuff rolled-up underwear, socks and other items around them.

Spray your favourite perfume on tissue paper and fold it together with the clothes. Clothes smell good, wrinkle less and the perfume can stay home.

Small items like cotton buds and vitamins should go in plastic sandwich bags. Pack lotions in small containers but do not fill them to the top as changes in aircraft pressure cause leaks.

If travelling with spouse, pack only one set of toiletry to avoid duplication.

Pack shoes in shoe covers to avoid soiling your clothes. A cheap way is by using old socks. If you are using plastic bags, leave them open as shoes need to breathe.

Have travel shirts cleaned and packed at the laundry. They are returned in plastic bags, inside a storage box, all ready to pack. Professionally pressed and folded, they stay crisp for the entire trip.

Mix family members' clothes in each suitcase; just in case one bag gets lost, you are ensured at least everyone has a change of clothes.

Pack clothes in the order you plan to wear them.

Wear your heavier clothes while travelling instead of packing them.

Nest your packed luggage in a larger empty luggage. You will need that extra luggage especially if you plan to shop or to carry home pamphlets and papers from business trips.

packing your hand-luggage...

If possible, try to travel with only hand luggage. This saved time on luggage reclaim and cut down worries over lost, misplaced or damaged luggage.

If you have both check-in and hand luggage, pack as many items as possible in your hand luggage.

Pack items like toiletries, books, business papers and things you need on board in a smaller tote to store under your seat to avoid the inconvenience of reaching for your hand luggage in the overhead compartment.