

TRAVEL/LEISURE SUITCASE PACKING TIPS CHECKLIST

- Pack women's shoes inside men's shoes
- Place small items inside shoes (socks, travel clocks, shaver, etc.)
- Use zip lock bag for liquids/creams to keep leaking items from damaging other belongings
Tip: Any liquids, gels or creams brought onboard the aircraft must meet TSA requirements including the size of each container and the size of the storage zip lock bag
- Use zip lock bags for beach or sports shoes to keep other belongings clean
- Limit shoes to one you wear and one in your suitcase (it sounds harder than it actually is)
- Use color coded cubes or zip lock bags with names for family member personal items
- Ship items to your destination or back home if less expensive than airline charges
- Choose one or a coordinated color for your wardrobe to reduce the number of shoes, slacks and accessories needed
- Roll clothes (2 or 3 together) instead of fold; more will fit in your suitcase and as a bonus clothes have less wrinkles
- Pack heavy items so they will be at the bottom of the suitcase when it is stood upright
- Use travel size toiletries to save space
- Use carry-on bag for items you can't live without if your suitcase is delayed (prescriptions, one change of clothes, non-liquid toiletries)
- Wear heaviest clothes and shoes on the plane; hand carry a coat
- Place clothes in recycled dry cleaning bags or plastic bags to reduce wrinkles and keep clothing clean (can then be used as the 'dirty clothes bag')
- Call the place you're staying and ask what products are supplied (hair dryer, shampoos, bathrobe, etc.); don't bring these items
- If the place you're staying has washing facilities, pack less and wash a load of clothes
- Make a list and think lean (coordinate several shirts with one pair of pants); avoid just-in-case items
- Check the weather for your location and bring appropriate clothes only
- Use zip lock bags to store liquids or creams
- Pack a light-weight, collapsible bag to bring home purchases from your trip
- Consider placing clothing in a space saver or compressor bag, especially for bulky items

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