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Packing Checklist

Whether you're traveling for five days or five weeks, here's what you'll need to bring. Remember to pack light to enjoy the sweet freedom of true mobility. Happy travels!

- 5 shirts/blouses: long- and short-sleeve
- 1 sweater or lightweight fleece
- 2 pairs pants/ skirts
- 1 pair shorts
- 1 swimsuit
- 5 pairs underwear and socks
- 1 pajamas/nightgown
- 1 pair shoes
- 1 rainproof jacket with hood
- Tie or scarf
- Money belt
- Money—your mix of:
 - Debit card (for ATM withdrawals)
 - Credit card
 - Hard cash (in easy-to-exchange \$20 bills)
- Documents plus photocopies:
 - Passport
 - Printout of airline ticket
 - Driver's license
 - Student ID and hostel card
 - Railpass/car rental voucher
 - Insurance details
- Electronics—your choice of:
 - Camera (and related gear)
 - Mobile phone or smartphone
 - iPod (or other MP3 player)
 - laptop/netbook
 - ebook reader
 - chargers for each of the above
- Daypack
- Empty water bottle
- Wristwatch and alarm clock
- Earplugs/neck pillow
- Toiletries kit
 - Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, deodorant, sunscreen)
 - Medicines
 - First-aid kit
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Glasses/contacts/sunglasses (with prescriptions)
- Sealable plastic baggies
- Laundry soap and clothesline
- Small towel
- Sewing kit
- Travel information (guidebooks and maps)
- Address list (for sending postcards)
- Postcards and photos from home
- Notepad/journal and pen

If you plan to carry on your luggage, note that all liquids must be in three-ounce or smaller containers and fit within a single quart-size baggie. For details, see www.tsa.gov/travelers.