

How to Pack For Your Summer Trip

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AH! To see the sun again is oh-so-lovely! Certainly the warm rays are a reminder that summer vacations are just around the corner, so it's a great time to begin thinking about what to pack for those fun getaways that you have planned. Looking fashionable away from home is so important—You're treating yourself to a vacation so look good for goodness sakes! The following are some great rules of thumb when selecting just the right "stuff" to store in your luggage. Bon Voyage!

- Make a list of the activities you are planning to do on your trip and the days you will be away. Write down outfits (including accessories) that you will want to wear for the specific excursion.



- Try to pack TWO pairs of shoes MAX! You will most likely need a dressy pair (heeled for women), a flat comfy pair for walking/touring/beach, and a traveling pair—possibly the heaviest/clunky pair so that you don't have to waste space in your suitcase.

- Always try to select items that won't wrinkle easily. To avoid excessive wrinkling and to save on space ROLL all of your clothing as opposed to folding.

- Bring one dressy outfit (a breezy dress for just in case), bring one pair of jeans, at least 2 swimsuits if you're on a week-long beach getaway and don't forget the cover-up (most hotels won't permit you to walk through the lobby without one). Also



pack shorts/a short skirt, and a bunch of tops that will match up with anything you bring. Additionally girls, bring a shawl/pashmina/cardigan sweater that will look good over everything in case there's a chill, and wear a fitted jacket in transit so you have it just in case and so it won't take up packing space.



- What else is important? ACCESSORIES of course. What better to pull your whole look together than a great pair of sunglasses, huge in-your-face earrings, a colorful satchel to collect all the items you buy as keepsakes, a sun hat and a small evening bag for at night. Guys, bring a tie to wear with your sport coat if you think you'll be going out to a fancy place and don't forget the belt that matches your dress shoes but that can be worn with everything.

- If selecting items begins to get overwhelming choose basic pieces (tops, pants, skirts) that are all the same color and change it up with the small, less bulky, and colorful accessories you bring.



- Whatever you do, don't over pack. If you make a list of everything you need—accessories that go with what, necessities, and of course your ID, you definitely won't need the extra stuff!