# Travel PACKING GUIDE

Preparing for your epic class trip? This guide will help you find the perfect balance between travelling light, staying comfortable, and being prepared for new adventures ahead.

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## Don't Forget Your Essentials

### CHECKED LUGGAGE ESSENTIALS

- □ Warm top layers, fleece, sweatshirt, etc.
- □ One formal outfit for a special dinner activity
- Socks and underwear to last the trip
- □ T-shirts, pants, shorts, skirts, etc.
- 🗆 Pajamas
- Bathing suit, towel, and sunscreen
- A hat that protects you from the sun
- Sunglasses and case
- □ A reusable water bottle
- □ A spare pair of shoes
- Any teacher-approved personal items you didn't pack in your carry-on

#### CARRY-ON LUGGAGE ESSENTIALS

- □ Water-resistant day backpack
- □ All travel documentation and money
- □ Toiletries, placed in a waterproof bag
- One waterproof hooded jacket and one sweatshirt or hoodie
- Camera and personal electronics with charger(s)/extra batteries
- Reusable water bottle
- Snacks for the journey

### Important Travel Instructions

### ATTENTION STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

For detailed information about all necessary travel documentation, visit the <u>Government of Canada Travel</u> <u>Document Site</u>.

For more about foreign currency, refer to this foreign *currency converter*.

Consult your teacher or Program Leader in case they have specific passport/currency instructions or packing directions for you, especially when it comes to prescription items, and/or over-the-counter drugs.

### Pack Your Bags

### PACKING TIPS

- Reusable bags are great for keeping your luggage itemized. You can even use them for dirty/wet items
- Wear your bulkiest items (sweaters, shoes, jacket, etc.) while travelling to free up space
- Use the inside of your spare shoes to pack small items like socks, belts, and breakables
- Pack items like shirts, pants, dresses, etc. at the very end so they're not wrinkled
- Pack fragile items midway to pad them between the bottom and top layer of your bag
- ✓ Be sure to leave some room for souvenirs!

### LUGGAGE TIPS

#### D0:

- Label your luggage with your name, address, and home phone number
- ✓ Keep checked luggage below 20kg or 44lbs
- Ensure all liquids and lotions are in airline-friendly containers

### DON'T:

- old Y Pack aerosols in your checked bag
  - Instead, transfer them to your carry-on
- ★ Pack liquids over 100ml
  - Instead, observe airline liquids guidelines
- ✗ Overpack beyond the luggage size and weight allowance

**REMEMBER:** When in doubt, always adhere to airline policies and customs regulations for both your destination and your point of origin.

### COMFORTABLE SHOES ARE ESSENTIAL!

Bringing new shoes is a risky move—you don't want to spend your trip breaking them in and chancing blisters or sore feet. Flip-flops are great for getting around the hotel or beach, but not ideal for getting around town. Stick with your favourite pair of comfortable walking shoes, plus a waterproof rainboot or winter boot for colder weather. And don't forget to pack a pair of more formal shoes for special activities on your itinerary.