

Fundamentals of Travel

Traveling is one of the most exhilarating experiences you can encounter. No matter how much fun traveling is, even if you are staying close to home, you should have some great advice at your fingertips. The following are helpful tips to ensure you have the best travel experience.

Create a list of the items you need to pack. You should begin creating the list of things to pack a few days or weeks in advance. If you are delayed in beginning your packing, having a comprehensive list will make the task quicker, easier, and with less clutter.

When traveling with young children, pack things to keep your child occupied. Try to bring along a few favorite toys. It is also a good idea to buy a new toy just for the trip, as it will provide a little novelty and help keep a small child's attention.

When you're traveling, know where your most important belongings are at all times. Tuck bags and purses under your arm where it is close to your body. Bags with easy-to-use zippers may appear tempting at first, but they are also tempting to criminals who want to steal your stuff.

Always consider these things before purchasing your travel bags.

Be sure a friend or family member has access to your itinerary while you are traveling. Someone is sure to know your whereabouts at all times. You should also contact that person regularly.

If for some reason your messages stop, they will be able to alert the proper authorities.

Always tip the housekeeper and bell station. Standard tips are generally \$1 for each piece of luggage, and \$2-\$5 for the housekeeper each day of your stay. This will increase the quality of service in your hotel and make your stay more enjoyable.

Just keep in mind you will probably pay more and it doesn't really save that much space. Try to find a better space and a more efficient way to pack your clothes. These techniques will help you create additional space in your bag.

Find out about what travelers coverage and perks that your **credit card** company, travel clubs and other affiliations can offer. For example, you might be covered for flight cancellations that you charged with your **credit card**. It's worth doing a little research before you depart.

When reserving a hotel room, ask if they'll be doing renovations. The worst part about a hotel stay could be when they are doing some kind of construction work when you're trying to relax. There really isn't much a hotel can do for you during the times they renovate, so you are probably better off choosing another hotel during those dates.

Avoid rush hours of any city when travelling by car. If you have to be out and about then, stop for a meal or a stretch break. This may be an opportunity to stop for something to eat and give the kids time to get some exercise.

Now that you are enlightened about a few fundamentals of travel, you only need to **pack your** suitcase, pick a destination and head out to enjoy new sights and experiences. Have fun traveling now that you know what to do!