

Tips on Traveling

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Need Tips to Packing and Traveling?

You've planned that special trip and now you're facing what do I need to take, what do I need to do before I go, and what can I do when I get there.

This section is designed to help you streamline you packing, know what you're going to do when you arrive and feel good about leaving your busy life behind you.

Step 1: Check It Out

Do research on your destination. Look for weather conditions, places to go, things to do. This will allow you to know what type of clothing, shoes, and weather gear to pack.

Step 2: Make Reservations

Make hotel reservations. If you think you can find a cheaper place to stay, only book one or two nights so you have time to learn your way around. If you're going to a foreign country, find out where it's best to exchange your money. It's always best to land with some of the local currency on hand...enough to purchase something to eat, drink and taxi service.

Step 3: Get Prepared

Acquire maps and other information about the area. There's nothing worse than getting lost in an area you're unfamiliar with. Travel books about the area can provide valuable insight to local events and specials. Some travel books will include estimated cost -- thus allowing you to plan on expected expenditures.

Step 4: Expected Expenses

Review your budget. Think about the best way to make purchases -- credit cards, debt cards, or traveler's checks. Know your limits. Carry very little cash -- and when you do, separate it by placing some in each pocket so on-lookers cannot see how much you're carrying.

Step 5: Pack

Make a list of everything you need to take. If you're flying, check online for any information on the airline's requirements for baggage and any other restrictions. Make sure you have plenty of time to check in, go through security when planning on when to arrive at the airport. Don't forget your camera!!

Step 6: Enjoy Your Trip