

for the love of travel

CANDIDLYQ MUST-HAVE TRAVEL TIPS

Odds are that if you travel, you've discovered a few tips to make the journey more comfortable. You may have even read a blog or two offering expert tips. That being said, I thought I'd share a few personal favorites I discovered in my travels.

PHONE CHARGERS

Place an address label on your phone charger. Doing so will allow the hotel to identify it as yours, and some will kindly return it if you leave behind.

TRAVEL CUBES

Pickup a few and enjoy how easy it is to pack an organized suitcase. Not only are they great for small items, they also fit nicely inside a dresser when you are unpacking on-the-go.

LUGGAGE TAGS

Identify luggage with your phone and email address. Why announce that your home address is empty when traveling, and easier for you to get your luggage back if they have your phone number to contact.

TRAVEL BLANKET

Especially useful if you have a window seat where it's typically a few degrees cooler; easier to adjust than taking on or off a sweater; and nice to have should you encounter a travel delay.

OVER THE SHOULDER BAG

Compressing a carry-on bag frequently results in my purse being inside another bag. A small over the shoulder bag to hold a passport, phone, a pair of headphones and a little bit of cash should I opt for curbside check-in, has become a recent favorite.

PASSPORT & PHOTO ID

Take a photo of these and keep in your phone. Besides the obvious reasons to have a backup, it's super convenient to have this in your phone when filling out docs on the plane to visit another country.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

If you stay ready, you don't have to get ready. I don't always have room in my carry-on for a change of clothes, but at the bare minimum, I carry-on a change of intimates and a swimsuit. My luggage was lost when I visited Spain a few years ago, and being able to relax by the pool while they found my clothes was heavenly.

SNACKS ON THE PLANE

Everything is better with snacks. Better than airplane food; great if you're in an airport with little or no food options; and nice to share with your neighbor who may not have planned. Chewy chocolate chip cookies are always a winner.

FIRST AID KIT

The bare essentials for me include some Neosporin® and Blister Band-aids—both a lifesaver if you're off to an adventure where you'll be walking more than usual.

ASK THE LOCALS

Trip Advisor is a great resource when visiting a new place, but nothing beats talking with the locals and discovering the hidden gems in the area.

PRINT TRAVEL ACCOMMODATIONS

With technology today, this sounds kind of old school, but a lifesaver should your phone battery die, or worse yet, your phone get lost while you're traveling.

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