

THE MOST OVERLOOKED THINGS WHEN PREPARING FOR TRAVEL



While seasoned travelers may have a whole routine that they go through when preparing for a holiday, for most people, a vacation is something that can cause a bit of stress and anxiety as you try to ensure you tick off all the boxes. There are lots of things to consider and plan for in order for your trip to go off smoothly, and often travelers end up forgetting key things. So, what are the most overlooked things when preparing for travel? Let's take a look so you can be sure to add them to your "to do" list.

Travel Insurance

Here's an item that isn't glamorous, and frankly something that people don't even like to think about. You want to believe your trip will go off without a hitch, and that all will be great. The problem is that there is no guarantee that will happen and sometimes there will be lost baggage, flight delays and cancellations, accidents and injuries while you're gone, and so forth. This is when travel insurance becomes necessary.

Travel insurance is meant to protect you should the unexpected happen. There are all different types of coverage and packages to choose from, so it's a good idea to do your homework and read up on it. [Travel insurance can also be purchased online](#), which makes it incredibly convenient for travelers.

Rain Gear

Now, this is something that will be specific to your destination and the time of year that you are travelling. With that said, it doesn't take up much room to throw a small travel-sized umbrella in your suitcase, and a [waterproof rain jacket](#) or even a poncho. These items can make a world of difference on your trip and ensure that you're still able to enjoy the destination.

Not Packing Enough Sunscreen

Another overlooked item is the back-up sunscreen. People are usually quick to throw a bottle of their favorite SPF in their luggage or carry-on but they don't always think about how much they will go through. If you do find yourself running out while you're away, you're going to need to purchase more, which isn't always convenient and can get extremely expensive in the hotel gift shop.

Comfortable Walking Shoes

While you may be busy matching up various shoes to your different outfits, don't forget to also throw a pair of [comfortable walking shoes](#) into your bag. In fact, it's best to wear your comfortable shoes during travel as that way they won't take up room in your luggage, and you'll have that added level of comfort as you move through the airport, train station, or in the car on a road trip.

Leave Your Travel Details with Someone at Home

Finally, you want to be sure you always leave a copy of your itinerary with a close family member or friend at home. If anyone needs to reach you for an emergency, at least it will be possible.

All the Important Planning Details

So, even though it can seem like you've got a lot on your mind as you plan for your trip, be sure to keep this list handy so that you're properly prepared.

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