

The Six Packing Lists You'll Need

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1 SUITCASE (one per person)

Duffel bags are ideal because they're easy to load. (Take an empty duffel bag for laundry.)

- pajamas and robe
- underwear and socks—one set for each day, half that if you will have access to washer and dryer
- shorts or trousers—one pair for each day, half that if you will have access to washer and dryer
- shirts—one for each day, half that if you will have access to washer and dryer
- bathing suits—one or two, depending on how often you'll be swimming
- shoes—tennis, casual, flip flops, or slippers
- sweaters or sweatshirts



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2 KIDS' BACKPACKS (a small one for each child)

- books
- toys and games
- extra batteries

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3 OVERNIGHT BAG

If you'll be spending a night on the road, prepare one additional bag to be shared by the family. That way, you won't have to unpack the whole car when checking into the hotel.

The overnight bag should contain a family bathroom kit with communal items. In addition, it should contain a change of underwear and a toilet kit for each person.

Family Bathroom Kit

- hair dryer
- soap, shampoo—seal bottles of liquids inside a plastic bag
- sunscreen
- flashlight and night light
- tweezers and nail clipper
- garbage bags
- sewing kit
- over-the-counter medications, such as antacids, cold and allergy medicine, painkillers, motion-sickness pills, vitamins. (Make sure medications are out of children's reach, as you would at home.)

Individual Toilet Kits

- toothbrush
- hairbrush or comb
- deodorant
- lotions
- prescription medications in their original containers

For women:

- makeup
- razor and shaving supplies
- sanitary supplies

For men:

- razor and shaving supplies

Clothes

- one change of underwear per person
- one change of clothes for anyone likely to need it



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4 MOM'S CONTROL BAG

- money
- extra keys
- road maps and directions
- cell phone and charger
- important phone numbers
- glasses, sunglasses
- travel documents (tickets, passports, hotel information)
- camera and extra batteries, film, media cards (for digital cameras), and charger
- laptop computer, in its padded carrying case
- books and magazines

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5 DRESS-UP BAG

If you'll be attending a formal event, you may want to pack everyone's good clothes in one bag. That way, things won't get crumpled—or worn without your knowledge. Include everything, from head to toe.

- each person's entire outfit
- hair accessories and jewelry
- stockings, tights, or socks
- shoes. (If shoes won't fit in the bag, put them in a canvas tote.)

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6 CAR BAG (a canvas tote is ideal)

- snacks and water for everyone
- antibacterial wipes, paper towels, garbage bag
- umbrellas
- small pillows and a blanket

