



Travel Seminar

#DeacsAbroad



Pre-departure



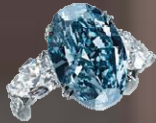
Make several copies of your passport and visa

Make a travel budget

Wait to book your trips until after you arrive abroad

(Some students look into booking popular events ahead of time)

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ITEMS NOT TO PACK:

- Too many clothes/shoes
- Hairdryer, Straightener, curling iron, any item with a heating element
- Items with high sentimental value
- Expensive jewelry
- Weapons, including: pocket knives and pepper spray
- Linens and pillows
- Large Shampoos and body washes (unless you only use a particular brand)

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packing



ITEMS TO BRING:

- Passport
- Travel directions/reservation confirmation to your housing/hostel/hotel (on paper)
- Medications in their original container
- Outlet converters
- Personal lock for storage in hostels
- Comfortable non-athletic walking shoes
- Raincoat
- Clothing that "layers"



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- **PACK LIGHT:** Pack everything you *think* you need, then un-pack it and eliminate half of the items
- Check your airline's website for carry-on and checked luggage regulations: number, size, and weight limits
- Have identification tags on all carry-on and checked luggage pieces, include a copy of your passport in each bag you bring abroad

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12 PIECES
40 OUTFITS
1 PACKING
CUBE



immigration

Have your in-country address
and a pen in your carry-on

Know which items are not
allowed in your host country

(Example: Used hiking boots are not allowed
into New Zealand)

Always be courteous to
immigration and customs
officers



airlines



Watch for budget airline deals

Read the fine print!

Be aware of what is NOT included in the price of your ticket

Some budget airlines do not have
assigned seats, so arrive at the gate early

Verify check-in times

Factor in travel time to and from the
airport

Railways & Buses

Book tickets 2-3 days in advance

Keep your ticket handy

Beware of night trains and buses, luggage can be stolen

Purchase a student rail pass if you plan to travel by train often



Arrival



Plan how you will get to your hostel/hotel

Taxis can be expensive – sharing a taxi or taking public transportation can lower the cost

Be aware of public transportation operating hours

Have local currency available

..... **HOTEL vs hostel**

HOTEL PROS:

Private room
Amenities
Daily room cleaning
Higher security

HOTEL CONS:

Higher nightly rate
Less opportunity to meet other
travelers

HOSTEL PROS:

Lower nightly rate
Opportunity to meet other travelers
Shared kitchen
Each one is unique

HOSTEL CONS:

Shared rooms
May need your own linens
Locker storage/less secure

..... **Accommodation**

Air BNB is another option

Do NOT couch surf!

Check current online reviews

Verify how many beds per room

Lock passports and valuable in a safe or locker

Check what is included in the price



