Travel Seminar

#DeacsAbroad

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)
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)

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”
• **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.
**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

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**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 taxis 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