



THE PERFECT PARIS PACKING LIST

CONGRATS! YOU'RE GOING TO PARIS

After months of scouting out inexpensive tickets, talking to ALL of your friends and family who have visited Paris already, and watching *Midnight in Paris* by Woody Allen about 50 times...you're finally taking a trip to The City of Lights!

Whether you're traveling with your family, a friend, a partner, or, hey, maybe solo, we've got everything you'll need to enjoy a stress free and fun vacation.

Read on for everything you'll need to pack for a perfect Paris getaway!

SEASONS COME AND GO...

Before we jump into the good stuff, it's important to note that Paris' weather changes pretty drastically with the seasons. This may seem somewhat obvious to some of you, but if we had a dollar for every time we felt a bit of a chill in the winter months, and a bit of..er...sweat, in the warmer months...well you all know how the saying goes.

This packing list can definitely be referenced for any time of year, but we felt that this was some important general information to note, right off the bat:

Spring: late March – June: 40-70°F

Summer: late June – September: 55-75°F

Fall: late September – December: 45-70°F

Winter: late December – March: 35-45°F

Now: read on, and happy packing!



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HOW MUCH STUFF SHOULD I BRING?

This is a tough question to answer generally, as we are very firm believers in the concept of different strokes for folks! You want to throw everything into a backpack and call it a day? You want to pack 7 different pairs of shoes because "just in case!"? We can see where **both** types of people are coming from!

What we will say is this: it is **not** fun dragging a lot of luggage around the winding cobblestoned streets of Paris. That being said, if you know you'll be taking a taxi or an Uber from the airport straight to where you are staying, you won't have to worry about this.

We know that everyone does traveling differently! But as a rule of thumb, we suggest that you limit yourself to a personal item, a carry-on, and one checked bag. Unless you are planning on staying in Paris for over 1 month (ah, la chance!), this will be plenty of room to pack everything that you'll need!



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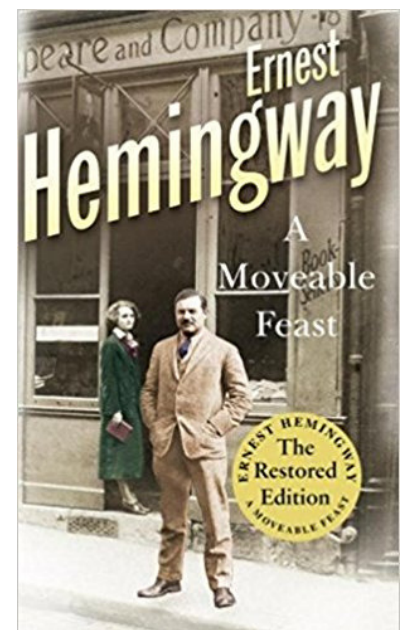
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PERSONAL ITEM AND CARRY-ON

First things first: what to pack in the bags that you will actually have access to during your flight. What you'll want to have handy here may depend on whether you're coming from somewhere in Europe (not such a long flight), or somewhere like North America, Australia, or Asia (super long flights)!

If you've got yourself a sweet 1-2 hour flight ahead of you:

- **Identification, passport, or any other travel documents** you may need.
- Any **valuables** - We can't stress this enough. Keep your most prized possessions as close to you at all times!
 - Any **medications** you may need on the flight/trip
- **Water** - buy it once you go past security! There's really nothing worse than feeling dehydrated on an airplane.
 - A **snack** - just in case you don't like what they're serving up on the plane.
- A **good book, magazine, movie, or game** to keep you occupied.
 - **Headphones** if you plan on listening to music or watching a movie on your laptop or tablet.
 - **Wipes** - airplanes can get a little gross, right?!
- **Lip balm** - this also points back to the fact that being dehydrated is just not fun!
- **Tissues** - achoo! Don't get stuck having to wipe your nose on your sleeve.
 - **Gum or mints** - first reason: no one likes smelly breathe. Second reason: chewing gum helps with tough take offs and landings!



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Now, if you've got a longer flight, all of the above, plus:

- **An in flight neck pillow** - we've scoured the internet for the best travel gadgets and gizmos, and we found an amazing eye-mask/pillow combo.
- **A change of clothes** - you'll be sitting in the same clothing for a while. Why not bring something else so you feel fresh?
- **Comfy socks or flip-flops** - again, you'll be sitting...for a long time. And for the same reason no one wants to smell smelly breath, no one wants to smell smelly socks either!
- **A scarf or pashmina** - sometimes the AC is really cranking on an airplane! Don't forget this item and risk getting sick.



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CHECKED BAG

Now we're onto the big stuff! Let's jump right into what you'll need to pack in your checked bag to make your Paris trip just as fabulous as you've been imagining it. Keep in mind that this all really depends on how long your vacation is, but we think this checklist is a good jumping off point!

- **Toiletries** - we're talking toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, contact lenses solution, glasses (if you wear them!), Q-Tips, sanitary items (if you need them!), shampoo & conditioner, hairbrush, deodorant, make-up (if you wear it!), razors (if you use them!), hair products, and any extra essentials personal to you!
- **An umbrella** - we're sure you've all heard that Paris can be quite rainy! A **poncho** might be a good idea for this reason too.
- **A coat/jacket** - again, this depends on what time of year you'll be visiting, but even during the summer months a light jacket is advised.
- **Light sweater/shirts/T-shirts/light layers** - see above!
- **Shoes** - we recommend comfortable walking shoes! We are a walking tour company after all. And one pair of nicer dress shoes for dinners out.
 - **Socks** - the more the better!
 - **Under garments** - see socks!
- **Jeans/pants** - see our note for shoes! Keep in mind that dining out is more formal in France, so you'll definitely want to bring along something nice for a meal out on the town!
 - **Skirts/dresses** - if you wear them!
- **Pyjamas** - cute ones if you are feeling fancy!



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EXTRAS YOU MUST NOT FORGET

Here are some extras that we believe you just won't come to Paris without! Some of these items could find a home in your carry-on, or in your checked bag, that's up to you to decide!

- **Camera (plus any needed accessories) or journal** - you need to keep a record of your awesome vacation, no?!
- **Exercise gear** - this one goes out to all of our sporty readers! We will be honest and say that there's really nothin' quite like a nice jog along the Seine...
- **Power adapter** - especially if you plan on bringing any items like a hair straightener!
- **Travel iron** - we found a pretty awesome one that's featured on our Travel gadgets blog!
- **Wireless portable speaker** - see above!
- **Reusable shopping bags** - plastic and paper bags are OUT in Paris! Do something good for the planet (and save some cash! You must pay for un-reusable shopping bags here) and bring these along for any market or grocery store stops you may have. Bonus: there are some super cute ones nowadays!
- **Backpack** - this one's a no brainer!
- **Small handbag** - just in case you don't want to carry around a full backpack say, in the evening.
- **A small lock** - this item can be used for many things: on your luggage on your way to and from Paris, or maybe on a backpack to prevent those pesky pick pockets from grabbing your things.



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