

PACKING TIPS:

- Travel light! Leave any expensive jewelry and anything you would be heartbroken to lose at home.
- Remember that traveler names **MUST** match names on official identification such as a driver's license.
- Weather can be erratic and rain is possible. Pack comfortable clothing for layering, appropriate shoes for considerable walking, and rainwear.
- Since airline regulations continue to change, we encourage the following luggage limitations: one checked bag (50 pound maximum; 62" size maximum) or one carry-on bag (40 pound maximum; 45" size maximum). A backpack is recommended as a second carry on since you can use this for touring as well. Note: baggage maximum size measurements are shown as a total number of inches, such as 45". This is the total of the length, width and height of the piece. There are standard sets of dimensions that go to make up these totals (for example, 22 x 14 x 9 is the standard for 45").
- **There is a charge each way to check each bag**, usually \$15 - \$30. Cash should be collected at the airport for the return trip to cover checked bag fees.
- Allow extra room for any gifts or souvenirs you may purchase. Airlines are strict regarding carry-on baggage. Please note that with today's heightened security, any "toy" souvenirs that are possible weapons, including lighters, will be confiscated. Snow globes are also not allowed onboard.
- Purchasing an inexpensive digital camera is a great option for pictures!
- We suggest that you write your name and address inside your suitcase. Keep a record of your suitcase contents and in your carry-on bag for additional security.
- If you take a prescribed medication, you must provide your group leader with a copy of the prescription. Do not mix medicine in the same bottle. It is very important to check with your doctor regarding your medication and any health concerns you may have prior to your trip. Be certain that medication is clearly marked and appropriately prescribed!
- **For updates on permitted and prohibited checked and carry-on items please review the following website from the Transportation Security Administration:**
<http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/prohibited/permitted-prohibited-items.shtm>