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How to Pack for a Multi-Climate Trip



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You're headed to multiple destinations—some hot, some cool—and there's only limited space in your suitcase. Here are five tips for keeping your luggage to a minimum.



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One of the hardest trips to pack for is one in which you will be facing several different climates. A bikini and a warm jacket make a challenging packing list. So how do you keep up a fabulous fashionable image but not pay a fee for an overpacked suitcase? Try these tips.

1. Get over yourself

Although, of course, you always want to look completely fabulous, this does not mean you must have a completely different ensemble for every single day. All you need is a little black dress, a nice pair of black pants (preferably something stretchy and comfortable) and a nice black wrap or cardigan in addition to a comfortable pair of jeans or khaki pants and some nice t-shirts. It's okay to wear the same outfit several times, especially if you change your accessories.

2. Think about some jewelry and scarves

Nobody will notice you are wearing that little black dress almost every night if you wear different jewelry, wear it with or without your cardigan or wrap, or drape a brightly coloured scarf around your neck. Stylish and inexpensive statement necklaces are popular right now and a great way to change up your outfits, and a large pashmina can do double duty as a cover-up on the plane or at the beach. Alternate that dress with your black pants and a cute top every night and that's all you need to pack for evening wear.

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3. Layer, layer, layer

That cute black cardigan you're going to wear over a dress one night will layer nicely with a long-sleeved t-shirt and jeans. You can even add a pair of silky long underwear if it's really chilly. The real secret to managing in a variety of climates is layering. If you are going to tuck anything else into your suitcase, make it another comfortable and colourful t-shirt that is versatile and can be dressed up or down.

4. Get some long underwear

If you don't have a pair of silky Cuddleduds, you need one. They are great to wear under your clothes when it's really cold, but you can also wear the top as a long-sleeved t-shirt, and the entire set to lounge around your hotel room or stateroom. No pyjamas necessary!

5. Don't go shoe crazy

Yes, you have five pairs of completely darling red shoes, but this is not the time to display them. Find a cute pair of dressy black sandals for evening, comfortable flats to wear on the plane and possibly while out touring (if they are very comfortable), and tennis shoes to wear when you are going to be doing a lot of walking.



Coco Chanel said to stop at the mirror on your way out the door and take off one piece of jewelry. Less is

more. The same idea applies to your suitcase. Pack it, then take out a couple of pieces. You probably won't need them.

And if you do? I guarantee there will be shopping just about any place you go. This is precisely how you might end up with a darling flowered dress from your hot destination and a hooded sweatshirt from your chilly stopover. Not having anything to wear is the perfect excuse to shop.

Like we really need one.

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After a lifetime of travel, Jan Ross can pack a bag and hit the road with very little notice, although she will always have a little black dress and some snazzy shoes in there. She loves to travel with her husband of more than 35 years as he is a great photographer and she is often way too busy having fun to think about taking pictures. Active travel or relaxing, she is up for it all!

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