

The Etiquette of Travel

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The summer season is almost here and the count down to the much awaited holiday has started. Many of us get hassled and start panicking, which is why I wanted to walk you through some steps to make your holiday an enjoyable and memorable one.



1) Start by checking the weather, customs and culture of the country of destination:

Most of us make the mistake of travelling without checking the above and end up with over packing and carrying items which will be never used.

Cold climates call for heavy clothes, jackets and raincoats, while warm climates call for linen, light fabrics and summer hats. On the other hand, it is very essential to check the acceptable dress code in the country of destination in order to avoid any inconvenience.

2) Keep it light and simple:

Always remember that you will be doing shopping during your travel so your bags shouldn't be too full from the very beginning as you will end up paying for extra baggage.

Try to follow the below helpful tips:

- Organize your packing according to colour codes and don't pack many pieces in different unmatched colours.
- Keep shoes to a minimum and pack comfortable ones for the day keeping 1 pair of high heels for the evening (nude or black).
- Pack many accessories and build up your travel wardrobe by adding them to your original pieces.



- Leave precious accessories behind and opt for accessories instead.
- Place items in the special Travel edition bags (with zippers) to protect them and to locate them without any fuss.

3) Make your airport experience a fuss free one by following the below tips:

- Check the exact terminal in advance and head to the airport 2 to 3 hours before your departure time.
- Stand in queue and wait for your turn without overriding other passengers.
- Have your passport, ticket or print out in addition to any loyalty card handy.
- Proceed to the immigration desks and check points with no fuss respecting the rules and regulations.
- Stand on the side while tidying yourself without blocking the way.
- Stand on the correct side (mostly the right side) while walking or taking the escalators.

4) Keep stress at bay while boarding by following the below tips:

- Keep your boarding pass and passport handy to be checked.
- Proceed to your correct seat and ask for any change (if needed) after boarding is completed.
- Don't block any boarding space in order to allow fellow passengers to pass freely.
- Place your bags above your seat and get your hand bag after the seat belt sign is switched off.
- Advise the cabin crew of your meal and drink of choice in advance to save time and hassle.
- Enjoy the onboard entertainment facilities instead of bothering the fellow passenger with non sense conversations.
- Keep your mobile phone switched off till allowed to us it.

5) Relax and disembark by following the below tips:

- Keep the seat belt on until advised otherwise.
- Don't stand as soon as the plane lands as taxiing might take some time.
- Remove your things with care in order not to drop items on other passengers.
- Don't over ride other passengers and wait for your turn to disembark.
- Keep your passport handy to show it to the emigration officer.
- Pick up your bags without disturbing other passengers.
- Declare any goods (if need be).
- Don't block the arrivals exit while meeting friends and family.



Congratulations, you've made it! Now enjoy your holiday and have a wonderful summer. 🍷