

Here is an **ESSENTIALS LIST** of items *outside of your clothing* that you may want to take on your next trip:

- Of course, I heart checking the box once it's packed!
- Sandwich size Ziplock bags – for taking food out to the pool or when sightseeing
- Gallon size Ziplock bags - for wet clothes, etc.
- Clothes pins – for hanging wet items or to use in the closet if needed
- Power strip – we have lots of things we charge
- All the cords for charging electronics – iPads, SmartPhones, DS, Vita, Kindle, etc
- Camera
- Battery charger for camera (or extra batteries)
- Extra memory card for camera (especially for a long trip)
- Laptop and charger
- Night Light
- Lovies/stuff animals/blankets for children
- Small flashlight
- Bathroom spray
- Lanyard – we take on some trips. You wear it around your neck and you can keep your room key, park tickets, etc in them
- OTC Medicines – motion sickness (this could be a prescription); Tylenol (adult and children's); Children's Benadryl; tummy medicine; Sudafed; Band-aids
- Prescriptions
- Sunscreen – if you use the spray bottles, pack one or two more than you need. It seems that stuff goes quickly and sunscreen in most resorts is very expensive.
- Aloe for sunburns
- Aqua/Water shoes – This will depend on your location of travel
- Goggles
- Sunglasses and/or hat
- Hand sanitizer – small kind to clip on your bag & a bottle for the room
- Walkie Talkies – if your kids are old enough to go out on their own and they don't have phones or you don't know if you'll have service
- Sports bottles/cups/Tervis Tumblers – you might want to use it by the pool or keep in your bag if you are doing a lot of sightseeing
- Snack items – salty, sweet, gum, candy, alcohol
- Powdered Crystal Light packets for water bottles
- One dollar bills for tipping (bring lots if you have a long trip)
- Tie bright colored ribbons on your bags so they are easily identified
- Bungee cords are a nice way to secure a door if you have connecting rooms
- Hair dryers – I never trust the power of the one in the hotel.
- Flat iron/curling iron
- All toiletries such as toothbrush, toothpaste, floss mouthwash, deodorant, cotton balls, Q-tips, tweezers, shamppoo, conditioner, nail care supplies, shaving supplies, makeup remover, hair brush/comb, hair products for styling, moisurizers, lip balm, contact lense supplies, feminine hygiene.
- Make up
- Insect repellent
- Foldable hamper – I put in the bottom of the suitcase before I start packing clothes. Then I put it in the closet of the hotel or stateroom while traveling.
- Laundry detergent if you plan on washing clothes mid-trip
- Passports/drivers license and any travel documents or confirmation numbers

- Maps & directions
- Make sure you download an apps you need – maps, planning tools, etc.
- Insurance cards
- Clorox wipes – I always try to wipe down the entire room as soon as we get there.
- Ponchos
- Binoculars
- Back pack for day trips and/or a pool bag
- Small pair of scissors
- Pleasure reading/Kindle/iPad
- Earplugs, sleeping mask
- Travel pillow and blanket
- Journal
- Head phones