

# The Ultimate Packing Checklist

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## Most important Items

- Passports
- Wedding Rings
- Wedding Dress/Gown
- Veil
- Wedding tux/suit
- Wedding Day Shoes
- Visas (where necessary)
- Copies of your birth certificates
- Plane tickets/itinerary/boarding passes
- Credit card/travelers checks/cash

NOTE: All of the above should be packed in your carry-on luggage

## Pre-wedding week

- Strapless Swimwear (to avoid tan lines on your wedding day)
- Welcome bag items

## Wedding day essentials

- Wedding night lingerie/undergarments
- Guest Favors
- Wedding day Jewelry (earrings, bracelet, necklace)
- Something old, new, borrowed, blue
- Silk/Real Touch Flowers (if bringing your own)
- Ipod loaded with music for your reception
- Your vows
- Change of shoes/slippers for reception dancing
- Garter
- Tiara or hair clip
- Cake topper
- Programs
- Menu
- Escort/seating cards
- Aisle runner
- Guest book
- Unity candle or sand ceremony supplies
- Ring bearer accessories (i.e. Pillow)
- Decorations
- One of your invitations for the photography

## Toiletries/Personal Items

- Contact lenses
- Reading glasses
- Sunglasses
- Insect repellent
- Sunblock
- Aloe vera
- Toothpaste & toothbrush
- Deodorant
- Comb/brush
- Shaving cream
- Razors
- Contraception
- Tweezers
- Nail clippers
- Nail filer/emory board
- Nail polish and remover

## Hair/Makeup

- Makeup
- Makeup brushes
- Moisturizer, eye cream, foundation, etc..
- Makeup remover
- Facial cleanser
- Hair gel
- Hairspray
- Flat iron and/or curling iron

## Electronics

- Camera
- Memory card
- Camera charger
- Cell Phone
- Phone charger
- Ipod/ipod speakers

## Important Paperwork

- Copies of all vendor/Resort/Venue contracts
- List of all vendor contact info
- Proof of down payments you've made to vendors
- Receipts for favors/welcome bags (to show when crossing Borders & Customs)
- Photocopies of any vaccination document/prescriptions/health insurance cards
- Trip insurance
- Your wedding planning binder with all the details you've already arranged, printouts of email communications with vendors, contracts, etc...
- Phone number of the closest US embassy
- Marriage certificate if you had your legal ceremony at home and will be having a religious ceremony abroad (they will sometimes require proof that you are legally married)

## Miscellaneous

- Bridesmaids gifts
- Parents gifts
- Groom's Gift
- TSA Approved Luggage locks
- Luggage tags
- Beach bag
- Trash the dress attire (if different from your wedding gown)
- Scissors, ribbon, tape for last minute DIY wedding projects
- Safety pins
- Travel sewing kit

## Items for the Honeymoon

- Sexy lingerie
- Summer dresses
- Walking shoes/sandals
- Sun hats
- Shorts
- Swimwear
- Cardigan or wrap for chilly air conditioned airports and restaurants
- Swimsuit cover up
- Evening dresses/shoes
- Strapless bras for strapless outfits
- Evening bag/purse
- Lip balm
- Guides/maps
- Beach book

## Other important tips to note BEFORE you leave:

- ❑ Leave a copy of your **passport** at home with someone who's not traveling to your destination wedding.
  - ❑ Call your **cell phone** provider and inquire about adding an international package to your plan for the week or two you will be abroad. Depending on your phone carrier you might be able to get this for free if traveling to Mexico or for a small prorated fee if traveling to the Caribbean. An international plan on your phone will allow you to communicate with family/friends or vendors without incurring enormous roaming fees.
  - ❑ If you have a smart phone and do not have an international data plan, make sure you **turn off your data** while abroad or you could incur outrageous fees when your phone automatically updates email/text messages EVEN if you don't use your phone. Call your phone company for details.
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So there you have it, the ultimate destination wedding packing list!

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