baggage, CUSTOMS, & clothing

SUITCASE Select a suitcase that is lightweight, durable, and has no outside rips or cracks. It cannot exceed 62 linear inches (length + height + width excluding wheels and handles) and cannot exceed 12 inches on the shortest of the three measurements. Test your full suitcase by carrying it at home to ensure comfortable handling while traveling. Allow ample space for purchases in Europe. Depart with no more than 40 lbs. so you do not exceed 50 lbs. when flying home, avoiding excess baggage fees. If you wish to lock your luggage, use only TSA locks. Attach a luggage tag labeled with your name (as it appears on your air ticket) and contact information. Decorate your suitcase with a colorful belt, ribbon, or sticker, for easy identification as many suitcases look alike. When you pick up the suitcase from baggage claim, check the luggage tag to be sure it is yours. Consider packing half your items in your travel companion's bag in case one of your suitcases is delayed.



PACK RIGHT/TRAVEL LIGHT Experience has shown that rolling clothes with tissue paper is a practical method of packing. If rolled loosely and evenly with tissue, the garments will remain wrinkle-free. When folding garments, always fold at the waist (the fewer folds, the better). Button buttons and zip zippers before folding clothes. Stuff socks in shoes and put shoes in plastic bags. Place heavy, firm clothes on the bottom and the softest on the top. Packing this way will make for a tighter fit in your suitcase and will cause less shifting. Do not pack reference books, but instead make copies or use your phone to scan relevant pages.



CLOTHING SUGGESTIONS Plan your wardrobe with comfort in mind, choosing basic colors that mix and match easily. Read through your tour's day-by-day itinerary and plan accordingly. You may wish to bring one dressier outfit for the evening optional excursions, although this is certainly not required. A raincoat or jacket is important for any season. For spring or late-fall tours, be sure to pack clothes you can layer for colder weather and wear separately for warmer weather.

CLOTHING CARE Select wash and wear, drip-dry, no-iron fabrics. You may want to take along a small bottle of liquid detergent to hand wash clothes in the sink in your room. By washing them on the first night of a two-night stay, clothes will have all day to

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dry before repacking, but you may want to pack some plastic bags just in case. There are generally no laundry services in the hotels, but if available, expect high prices. You will not be in any town long enough to have clothes dry-cleaned, and you do not want to spend your sightseeing time at a laundromat.



WASHCLOTHS Washcloths are not usually provided by the hotels in Europe. Therefore, you may wish to bring a quick-dry washcloth or bath pouf. Bring a few plastic bags so that you can pack them even when they are damp.

ALARM CLOCK Many European hotel rooms are not equipped with an alarm clock. Although wake-up calls can be arranged through the front desk, it is easiest to use the alarm on your phone.

CARRY-ON Size allowances differ between the airlines and the motor coach. For tour purposes, the carry-on must fit in the foot space under the motor coach seat which measures 15" x 12" x 7". We recommend a lightweight, pliable backpack, drawstring, duffel, or messenger bag. For safety and storage allowance considerations, wheeled carry-on bags are not suitable during the tour. You will not be able to store your carry-on in the suitcase compartment under the coach. During air travel, use your carry-on to pack medication, essential toiletries (in appropriate-sized containers) and an outfit, in case your suitcase does not arrive at the same time you do.

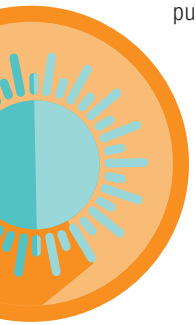
VALUABLES Electronics, jewelry, prescription medication and documents should always be packed in your carry-on, not in your suitcase. Irreplaceable jewelry or other valuables you can do without during the tour should be left at home. • Bring only the credit cards you plan to use, plus one back up credit card. Leave the rest at home. • We strongly advise you use a money pouch or belt. • It is not advisable to carry more than $100 U.S. at any one time as cash cannot be insured or replaced.



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• Make copies of your credit cards, ATM cards and passport. Leave one set of copies at home, with a friend or family member. Keep another set in a safe spot in your luggage, separate from the actual documents. This way you'll have an exact record in case of loss or theft. • Avoid keeping all your funds in one place. Once in Europe, carry only what you need. Keep a second photo ID and a backup credit card in a safe spot in your luggage. If you use the hotel safe, remember to remove your valuables before departing each hotel. • While traveling, please do not leave your electronics, purses, or other valuables on the motor coach while it is parked, even when it is locked. Image Tours will not be responsible for items lost, left behind, or stolen at any time during your trip.



PRESCRIPTIONS Carry a written prescription from your doctor and an adequate supply of all medication in your carry-on luggage. Medication must be clearly labeled with a professionally printed pharmaceutical label identifying the medication and manufacturer's name. The name on the label must match the name on your passport. Passengers with chronic medical conditions may also want to carry a doctor's note listing medical needs or wear a medical ID bracelet. If you require insulin, use a carrier specifically made for this purpose, or a thermos filled with ice. You can request fresh ice from the hotels each day. Never place insulin in the overhead bin of a coach or airplane. If you have eyeglasses or contact lenses, bring your prescription in the event of loss or breakage. If you wear disposable contact lenses, carry an ample supply of extras.



LIQUID/GEL SIZE ALLOWANCES If you intend to bring any liquids, gels or aerosols in your carry-on luggage they must be placed in a single, clear quart-sized, zip-lock plastic bag. The contents of the bag must be in 3.4 oz. containers or smaller. Larger containers that are half full or toothpaste tubes rolled up are not allowed in your carry-on and must be packed in your checked baggage.

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SECURITY TIPS As you approach the security screening checkpoint, be prepared to place the following in a screening tray: 1-quart plastic bag with liquids, mobile phone, other electronics, and any metal items (keys, loose change, money clip, jewelry, hair decorations, belt, etc.). Don't forget to check your pockets. Security may also require passengers to remove footwear and any outerwear (coat, cardigan, etc.) and place these in a screening tray. If you have a water bottle, make sure it is empty before you reach security. Bottles filled with any amount of liquid will be confiscated. You can refill your water bottle after security. For a current detailed list of TSA Security permitted and prohibited items, answers to more specific questions and additional tips, please refer to the Transportation Security Administration website at www.tsa.gov.



UPON ARRIVAL Have your passport ready to show the official, then proceed to the luggage claim area to pick up your suitcase. Luggage carts are usually available to assist you. Your Trip Documents will contain instructions on when and where to meet your Tour Manager.

CUSTOMS You will be going through customs upon arrival in Europe. You will also need to claim your luggage and go through customs on the return at the first airport where you re-enter the U.S., even if this is not your final destination. If this is not your final destination, you will be able to recheck your luggage for your remaining flight(s) directly after clearing customs. In general, you can bring items for normal personal use while traveling. If you bring any expensive articles which could be mistaken for having been purchased in Europe, you should either carry a bill of sale or register such articles with U.S. Customs at your international airport prior to leaving the United States. You may obtain additional information at www.travel.state.gov or at www.cbp.gov or by calling 877-227-5511.

DUTY FREE ALLOWANCE You are allowed to bring back up to $800 per person in duty-free goods from Europe. In addition to this amount, you may ship gifts with a maximum value of $200 to the U.S. duty-free per day. Duty paid on shipped packages over $200 in value must be paid upon receipt of the article in the U.S. During your flight home, upon arrival at the first U.S. airport, you will go through U.S. Customs and may be asked to list purchases made in Europe that you are carrying home with you. Please keep all receipts, should you need them for proof of purchase. If the amount is more than $800, be prepared to pay the duty upon reentering the U.S. using one of the following methods: American currency (foreign currency is not accepted); personal check in the exact amount drawn from a U.S. bank, made payable to "U.S. Customs Border Protection"; government check or money order, if the amount does not exceed the duty owed by more than $50; or, in some locations, you may pay with MasterCard® or Visa®.



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