

Reformation Tours' Guide to Packing and Laundry on Tour

It's always good to start thinking about packing well before the tour and here are some ideas for those you enjoy checklists. You won't need everything on the list and we do advise you pack as lightly as possible.

Tip 1: Pack your documents. Use the Reformation Tours' zipped travel wallet to keep your passport, travel documents etc. in a safe place. Double–check your passport is valid for 6 months after your return date. It's a good idea to have a photocopy of your passport and credit cards with you, in case you lose them.

Tip 2: Pack light. Hotels will provide you with towels, soap, shampoo, and a hairdryer, so you don't need to bring those. Bring the minimum amount of everything, as you can easily purchase more on tour if necessary.

Tip 3: Pack for comfort. You will be doing a fair amount of walking, so you will want to have comfortable shoes. As the weather is often changeable, layers work well, and don't forget a raincoat.

Tip 4: Pack for relaxing. You are on vacation, so you don't need to bring dress clothes. You may want to include one smarter outfit if you are going to a concert. Bring some neutral base items, such as jeans or black pants, and then a variety of shirts / tops that match, but don't take up much room in your bag. Quick-dry fabrics that don't require ironing are the most practical.



Tip 5: Pack to avoid doing laundry. Hotels charge a fee to do laundry, so it's best to either bring enough for the full tour or handwash smaller items in the hotels if you have 2 night stays. If you are on an extended trip to Europe, you might want to visit a Laundromat during your stay. The hotels will be able to give you directions to the nearest one.

Tip 6: Organize your packing. As travel involves staying at different hotels, we recommended organizing your items into mesh bags, zip-lock bags, space bags, or packing cubes (one for socks, another for shirts etc.).

Tip 7: Pack to blend in. As a general rule, European adults don't wear athletic clothing, unless they are playing sports. Shorts are worn in the UK, but less so in the rest of Europe. Baseball caps will also mark you out as American, as will white socks and tennis shoes. Europeans are more likely to wear well-fitting (rather than oversize) clothing and more subdued colors. Scarves are very popular with all age-groups.



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Sample Packing List

For the Journey					
Chewing gum/snacks		Travel wallet	Tour diary		
Bottled water (buy after security)		Cash	Name badge		
Earplugs and sleeping mask		Credit cards / ATM card	Air tickets		
Travel pillow (optional)		Passport/Visa	Pleasure reading		

Documents			Technology	
List of medications / prescriptions		Emergency contact info	Cell phone & charger	
Copies of credit cards / passport		Travel insurance	Voltage adapters	

Bags	Laundry	Miscellaneous
Backpack / day bag	Laundry bag	Umbrella
Purse / Collapsible tote	Stain remover	House keys
Ziplock bags can be useful	Sewing kit (optional)	Travel locks & keys

Basics	Clothing	Outerwear
Undergarments	Tops	Raincoat (all seasons)
Comfortable shoes	Sweaters (at least 1)	Hats and gloves (if winter)
Sleepwear	Pants / skirts	Warm jacket (if winter)
	One smarter outfit (optional)	Scarves

Hygiene		
Toothbrush & toothpaste	Styling products	Prescriptions / medications
Dental floss	Cleanser / Moisturizer	Perfume/cologne (use sparingly)
Washcloth	Sunscreen	Razor
Deodorant	Nail clippers / nail file	First aid kit / Band-Aids
Brush / Comb	Contact lenses/case/solution	Feminine hygiene



