

LIFE HACKS

FOR THE MODERN TRAVELLER



ROLL CLOTHES

Instead of folding your clothes, roll them into long tubes. Not only will this prevent creasing, but you'll find you can fit much more in into your suitcase, as rolled up clothes take up less room.

PRO TIP: Socks can be rolled into balls and then placed inside shoes for extra space saving.



DIGITISE

Create digital backups of all the important documents you'll need for your trip, including passports, any booking confirmations, boarding passes, etc. so you're covered in the event of loss or theft.



ADAPTORS

Pack one multi-charge adaptor for all devices instead of several different chargers. If you're travelling abroad, pack an extension cord so you can power multiple things at once using one foreign plug adaptor.

PRO TIP: Most modern TV's have USB ports in the back, ideal if you forget your charge plug.



CHECK WI-FI

Spend some time before you leave looking for Wi-Fi hotspots and free Wi-Fi areas. That way you can always get online if your cottage or hotel doesn't have Wi-Fi, or charges a lot for it.

PASSWORDS

Before you head off, use FourSquare to find wireless passwords for all the different Wi-Fi spots you find. People continually list passwords on travel sites like this, making your life much easier when you arrive.



BOOKING

When you're booking online, whether it's a flight, hotel or something else, clear your browser cache or use an anonymous browser window. Booking sites will often raise their prices if they know you've been there before.

Did you know that putting a dryer sheet in the case will keep your clothes smelling fresh? Give it a try!

PRO TIP: You can save map sections for offline use if you type 'OK maps' into Google Maps.



CREDIT CARDS

If you're travelling internationally, or you're going to be far from home for a long period, call your credit card company and let them know. This way they won't think your card has been stolen and won't cancel it on you.

MUST HAVE APPS

The top five travel apps for iPhone and Android:

- 1 PackPoint (iOS, Android)**
This fantastic app takes the pain out of packing for your holidays. Simply answer a few simple questions and the app will create a custom packing list just for you.
- 2 Hipmunk (iOS, Android)**
This incredibly useful comparison app helps you find the best hotels and flights for you. Rather than just finding the cheapest, it finds the very best option using a range of criteria including layover, plane changes and more. Hipmunk also includes non-traditional lodgings, such as Airbnb and HomeAway listings.
- 3 Foodspotting (iOS, Android)**
In a new location and want to find something good to eat? This brilliant app will help you find good eats and authentic dishes in top notch restaurants and cafes all over the world. You can even filter the results based on location, rank or category, and even search using your GPS position.