



Packing Tips

General Packing Tips

- Don't bring more than you need!
- Always put an extra set of clothes, your toothbrush, & prescriptions in your carry on
- Make sure to bring extra memory cards & batteries, as they are very expensive overseas
- Pack an extra fold-up bag for souvenirs
- First aid kit: Imodium, cold medicine, aspirin, etc.
- Bring anti-bacterial gel & Kleenex. You never know what type of bathroom you'll find.

Don't Get Charged for Overweight Bags

- Check with the airlines shortly before you travel to make sure you are up to date on their current baggage policies
- Check with your hotel before you bring unnecessary electric items: irons, hair dryers, etc.
- Take toiletries in travel-sized bottles even if you're checking your bag
- Don't bring more than three pairs of shoes

Travel Tips

- Go to fellowship.com, click the "CheckMyTrip.com" button (have your confirmation number handy) to check and print the most up-to-date itinerary.
- Pay all bills that will be due during or shortly after your trip before you leave.
- Familiarize yourself with your destination before you leave (cultural differences, local laws, etc.).
- Always keep an open mind about other cultures & you'll never be disappointed.
- Consider an international cell phone for emergencies.
- Protect yourself with travel insurance in case you are sick or injured while overseas.
- Register your itinerary with the US Department of State so they can assist you in an emergency.

Travel Documentation & Prep

- Verify that your passport is valid for 6 months after your trip. Visit www.travel.state.gov for more information.
- Make sure you have a visa if required. Our partner, Travel the World Visas, will help you secure one.
- Talk to your doctor about any suggested immunizations. Check with the CDC to get the most up to date information.
- Make copies of your passport, prescriptions (including glasses) & credit cards/traveler's checks. (We recommend emailing copies to yourself so they'll be accessible to you while overseas. Don't forget to copy the numbers on the back of the credit cards.)
- Notify your credit card company that you'll be out of the country.

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Fundraising Tips

There are many funding resources available that may help you realize your goal. These sources can include your organization, sponsorships from independent companies, and fundraisers (the nature of your group and trip may determine which finance source will be a better fit). Depending on the type of group you have, such as a group studying abroad, you may qualify for grants to cover or offset your travel costs.

As you may know, the easy, most convenient fundraisers are car washes, bake sales, yard sales, candy sales - all types of sales. Some tend to be more fruitful than others, but in this section, we'll explore ways to make the traditional seem fresh & new.

1. **Letter Writing Campaign** – This is a great option for students & groups travelling for humanitarian reasons. You'll be surprised by the response your team will get if each participant sends out 20, 50 or even 100 copies of a letter requesting sponsorship.
2. **Car Wash** - Instead of doing the usual group with suds and buckets, try putting a creative spin on the event to attract more customers AND volunteers. How about a tiki- or Hawaiian-themed car wash? Volunteers can wear tropical gear to wash cars in. Have some surf music playing in the background. Give your customers little plastic leis and punch while they wait for their car to get washed.

What about a clown or circus car wash? Volunteers can wear face paint and/or clown noses and wigs. Customers can snack on little cupcakes, hot dogs or popcorn while they wait. Young customers can get their faces painted or a balloon sculpture. Can any of your volunteers juggle or do neat tricks? Someone can be a ringmaster while they collect the donations.

3. **Bake/Dinner Sale**- It seems that themed events always win people over. Try a themed sale, featuring Spanish or French dishes & desserts. Or, if your town or region has its own famous cuisine, base your menu around it.

Can you pull off your own version of "Iron Chef"? Invite chefs from well-known restaurants in your area to volunteer in a face-off cooking event. Charge your customers by the plate or just an entry fee to witness the action and sample the results.

4. **Send the Boss / Administrator to the Roof**- this idea is from www.stepbystepfundraising.com. In short, people are motivated to sell more by the idea that the group leader (or whomever) would pitch a tent on the roof of the building and camp out there for the night or weekend once the goal is met.
5. **Yard Sale** - A church in Virginia holds a gigantic yard sale once a year. People from the church and community donate the goods, and church organizers sort and sell the items for the event. The lot is divided by category (appliances, toys, clothes, furniture, etc.), and from 6 a.m. until 1 p.m., shoppers can browse, negotiate and buy in a department store-styled fashion. **In one year ALONE they raised \$40,000!**

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