

There's nothing quite like backpacking: new places, new people, new languages, new cultures. As the excitement builds while you're packing, there's always the temptation to throw your whole wardrobe into your bag. It's better to keep things in check, however, so use this gear list as a guide for what you might actually need on your travels.

CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	PERSONAL ITEMS	PACKS & BAGS
Short sleeve shirts Long sleeve shirts T-Shirts Shorts/Pants Wicking underwear Rain jacket Softshell jacket Evening clothes Sleepwear Swimwear Underwear Neck gaiter Sandals or thongs Comfortable walking shoes	Toiletry bag Soap, shampoo & conditioner Toothbrush & toothpaste Cosmetics Brush or comb Lip balm with SPF Sunscreen Insect repellent Hand sanitiser Basic first-aid kit Medication/s Travel towel Sunglasses TRAVEL ESSENTIALS	Travel pack or hybrid pack (50-80L) Day pack Neck or waist pouch for passport and money Dry bag (for wet/soiled clothes) Stuff sacks for pack organisation Luggage locks Luggage tags Pack rain cover
Fleece jacket or down jacket Gloves Beanie Thermals DOCUMENTS Passport Other photo ID Trip itinerary Entry visas Local currency List of key phone numbers Copies of ID & travel information	Water bottle Water purification tablets Camera, case & charger Headlamp with spare batteries Electrical outlet converter Multi-tool or pocket knife Music player, headphones & charger Travel journal & pens Sleeping bag Sleeping bag liner Travel pillow Universal sink plug Laundry detergent Travel clothesline Mobile phone Laptop/Tablet Chargers for all electrical goods Book/Magazine Travel guide	