

Weekend Getaway

For a short weekend trip, the philosophy is the opposite: pack light and go carry-on only. The "Ultimate" list is built for a big trip.

1. Go Carry-On Only: You should definitely be able to fit everything into a single backpack or small carry-on bag.
2. Use Travel-Sized Toiletries: Get mini versions of everything or use reusable travel bottles.
3. Review "Essentials": You might not need everything from your "Ultimate" carry-on list. Stick to the absolute basics (meds, charger, a book) and leave the "just in case" items at home.
4. Trim Your Clothing List: You don't need a full wardrobe. Lay out your outfits. You'll likely only need:
 - 1 pair of versatile shoes (plus the ones you wear)
 - 1-2 pairs of pants/shorts
 - 1-2 shirts
 - 1 sweater or jacket
 - Enough underwear and socks for 2-3 days

Travel Documents / Money:

- Keep: Identification (Real ID/Passport), Local SIM/phone plan, Credit card, Digital copies.
- Leave: You probably don't need large amounts of foreign currency, spare passport photos, or physical copies of everything.

Carry-On Essentials: This is your main bag now.

- Keep: Meds, Electronics (phone/earbuds), Chargers, Basic hygiene kit (toothbrush, deodorant, face wash - all under 3.4oz/100ml), Snacks, Water bottle.
- Leave: Neck pillow (unless you really need it), fresh clothes (these go in the main part of the bag), compression socks, small flashlight.

Clothing: This is where you cut the most for a weekend trip. Instead of the whole list, plan 2-3 outfits:

- Pants: 1 pair (wear one, pack one if needed).
- Shirts: 2-3.
- Shoes: 1-2 pairs total. Wear the bulkiest pair (like sneakers) and pack a smaller one (like sandals or flats).
- Outerwear: 1 sweater or 1 light jacket (wear it on the plane).
- Pajamas: 1 set.
- Gym/Swim: Only if you have definite plans to use them.
- Themed Outfits: Leave at home unless the entire weekend is for that theme.

Personal Must Haves:

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