

10 Things You Need to Remember to Pack for Your Smoky Mountain Visit

Leaving a key item behind can definitely thwart an otherwise awesome wedding and honeymoon, so before you head off to the Smoky Mountains, make sure you've checked that packing list twice! Here are the most commonly overlooked items experienced travelers say not to skip:

- 1. Photocopies:** Pack at least one copy of important documents including passports, airline tickets, hotel reservation confirmations and credit cards.
- 2. Bathroom Products:** I know this is cliché, however you've probably forgotten it at least once: shaving cream, toothpaste, a razor, deodorant, a toothbrush — pick any item from this list and. Bathroom products tend to be the ultimate forgotten items, as many of us leave them right where we usually keep them: in the bathroom.
- 3. Layers:** Weather in the Smoky Mountains can be inconsistent. Packing a light or warm sweater or jacket ensures a comfy plane ride, unexpected weather or uncompromising air conditioning!
- 4. Backup Camera Memory:** Make sure you have enough space on your camera to document the entire trip, especially if you have a tendency to get a little shutter-happy!
- 5. Electronics Chargers:** I know this is obvious, but there's no point in wasting precious packing space on that phone, camera, or other electronic device you choose to bring if it runs out of life on the first day!
- 6. Bug Spray and Sunblock:** You don't want to be miserable while you are on vacation. These are common oversights, but being covered in itchy, mosquito bites or a bad sunburn can certainly put a damper on your vacation.
- 7. Cash:** Even if tipping isn't required, it's always smart, and convenient to have cash on hand when traveling. Cash is always great for an emergency back-up if you lose your credit cards.
- 8. Prescriptions:** You may remember to take them every day, but did you remember to bring them with you?
- 9. Corkscrew:** There comes a moment on most trips when you find the perfect spot to relax, especially here in the Smoky Mountains and you think to yourself, I'd like to sit right here and sip a wine or champagne. It's hard to remember to plan ahead for this moment and, unless you are MacGyver, chances are you're not carrying a Swiss Army knife with a corkscrew in your back pocket.
- 10. Patience:** When it comes to travel, stuff happens; flights get delayed, bags get lost, traffic occurs. Keep your cool, when you arrive, relax. You have great music or movies, if you are flying in, and a snack or two to wait out the storm.