

Road Trip Essentials Packing List

Basics

- Snacks
- Reusable utensils and containers
- Food storage containers/wraps
- Water bottle
- Thermos or travel mug
- Tissues/handkerchiefs/bandanas
- Torch/flashlight/headlamp
- Clothing and shoes
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen (including SPF lip balm) and hat
- Insect repellent
- Hand sanitiser
- Toilet paper in a ziplock bag to keep it dry
- Day bag
- Passes and permits
- First aid and basic medical kit

Gadgets and tech

- Navigation tools - apps and maps
- Car chargers and cables
- Entertainment - music, podcasts, audio books
- Bluetooth speaker
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Camera and accessories - charger, tripod, filters etc.

Entertainment

- Books
- Sketch pad and pencils/paint
- Notebook/diary
- Playing cards
- Compact board games

Car essentials

- Registration, insurance and license
- Car manual
- Toll payment device
- Window shade
- Biodegradable garbage bags
- Duct tape
- Multi-tool
- Lighter/matches
- Cooler
- Spare tyre and jack
- Emergency kit - jumper cables, fluids, tow rope/chain etc.
- Pillow
- Blanket
- Lightweight towel

Additions for winter:

- Ice scraper
- Snow shovel
- Tyre chains

Remember

- Tailor this list to the time of year you are travelling.
- Don't overpack, especially if you are going on a fly-and-drive road trip.
- Minimize packaging and disposables as much as possible.