

# Packing advice for London

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Hello!

I wanted to write to you all a bit about packing before you go out and buy or borrow the suitcases you will be using to carry your things to London. Nobody with huge and heavy bags is happy when traveling. It hurts your hands, your back and your spirits to carry bulging and enormous bags with you for a month.

Please take this advice and warning seriously: nobody needs more than two small suitcases--22 or 24 inches--to easily and comfortably enjoy the BSP and our associated travel. If you want to bring a single large suitcase instead, that can be ok, too. As you lay out your piles of clothes, be brutal in looking things over and only taking what you LOVE to wear and very often do wear plus whatever more dressy things some theater nights and nice dinners will require.

Remember that you will be living with your packing decisions for a month, bringing less NOT more is brilliant because:

1. You will have to manage all your own bags getting to the airport in the USA
2. You will manage everything you bring upon arrival in London, as you collect everything, move with the rest of the group through the airport, and meet our leaders to board the coach.
3. You will pack up your entire room on Saturday 19 July in preparation for London Away and Mini Break.
4. You will be fully in charge of all your things during London Away and Mini Break
5. You will be fully in charge of managing your own gear when we depart London.

So...your professors and I will be there at the airport when y'all arrive in London. And we want very much to see you able to manage your own gear easily and with no grimaces.

Pack lightly and travel well,

Dr. Mackaman