



YOUR PACKING GUIDE

Central America

Cloud forests, volcanoes, Mayan ruins and two coastlines in Costa Rica, Belize, Panama and Guatemala. Pack for sunshine, rain and a little adventure.

GOOD TO KNOW

Expect some rain

The green season runs roughly from May to November, with sunny mornings and afternoon showers. A light rain jacket is essential.

Cover up in the jungle

Long sleeves, light trousers and a good repellent keep mosquitoes at bay on rainforest walks.

US dollars are useful

Panama uses the US dollar, and it is widely accepted in Costa Rica and Belize. Small notes are handy for tips.

Cloud forests are cool

Places like Monteverde and the Guatemalan highlands can be chilly, especially in the evening, so bring a warm layer.

Protect the reef

Reef-safe sunscreen is kind to the coral in Belize and along the Caribbean coast.

Your full checklist is on the following pages. Happy packing!

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- ☐ Passport, valid for at least six months after you return, with two blank pages
- ☐ Photocopies of passports, kept separately (and saved on your phone)
- ☐ Visas, eVisas or entry forms, with any supporting documents
- ☐ Flight tickets and boarding passes
- ☐ Hotel and transfer vouchers, downloaded in your Liv& Travel app
- ☐ Travel insurance policy and 24-hour emergency number
- ☐ Two bank cards and a little local currency
- ☐ Driving licence, and diving certification if you dive
- ☐ Vaccination records
- ☐ Emergency contacts, and a note of any allergies

CLOTHES, SHOES & ACCESSORIES

- ☐ Quick-dry trousers and shorts
- ☐ Long-sleeved lightweight shirts
- ☐ Light rain jacket
- ☐ Walking or hiking shoes
- ☐ Water shoes or sport sandals
- ☐ Swimwear and a cover-up
- ☐ Warm layer for cloud forests and highlands
- ☐ Smart-casual evening wear
- ☐ Sun hat and sunglasses
- ☐ Underwear and nightwear

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUR JOURNEY

- ☐ Insect repellent (DEET)
- ☐ Binoculars for wildlife
- ☐ Dry bag
- ☐ Head torch
- ☐ Reef-safe sunscreen
- ☐ Small US dollar notes
- ☐ Waterproof phone case

ELECTRONICS

- ☐ Smartphone and charger
- ☐ Camera or GoPro, spare batteries and memory cards
- ☐ Universal travel adaptor
- ☐ Power bank
- ☐ Noise-cancelling headphones
- ☐ Tablet, Kindle or laptop, and chargers
- ☐ Waterproof phone case
- ☐ A multi-port USB charger

FOR THE JOURNEY

- ☐ Neck pillow
- ☐ Eye mask and earplugs
- ☐ Lightweight blanket or scarf
- ☐ Compression socks for long flights
- ☐ Reusable water bottle (empty for security)
- ☐ Flight snacks
- ☐ Travel notebook and pen
- ☐ Hydrating face mist and lip balm
- ☐ A change of clothes in your hand luggage

TOILETRIES

- ☐ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ☐ Shampoo and conditioner
- ☐ Body wash or soap
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Hairbrush or comb, and hair bands
- ☐ Razor and shaving cream
- ☐ Feminine hygiene products
- ☐ Contact lenses and solution, or glasses
- ☐ Make-up and grooming products
- ☐ Skincare and nail care
- ☐ SPF for face and body
- ☐ After-sun or aloe vera gel
- ☐ Clear 100ml liquids bag for hand luggage

MEDICATION & FIRST AID

- ☐ Prescription medication in original packaging, with a copy of the prescription
- ☐ Pain relief
- ☐ Daily supplements
- ☐ Rehydration sachets and anti-diarrhoea tablets
- ☐ Travel sickness remedies
- ☐ Antihistamines
- ☐ Insect repellent and after-bite
- ☐ Plasters and blister plasters
- ☐ A small first-aid kit
- ☐ Hand sanitiser

LIV & TRAVEL ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Liv& Travel wash bag
- ☐ Airalo eSIM, set up before you leave
- ☐ AirFly Bluetooth adapter for in-flight screens
- ☐ TSA-approved luggage locks
- ☐ Solis portable Wi-Fi hotspot
- ☐ Personal air purifier
- ☐ Dyson Airwrap
- ☐ DJI Mini drone (check local drone rules first)

BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME

- ☐ Check the latest FCDO travel advice
- ☐ Let your bank know you are travelling
- ☐ Check in online as soon as it opens
- ☐ Download your itinerary and boarding passes to use offline
- ☐ Share your itinerary with family at home
- ☐ Set an out-of-office
- ☐ Arrange care for pets and plants
- ☐ Unplug appliances and lock up

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