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**“Breaking News: You Have the Assignment – Now What?”**

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**YOUR GO BAG**

Remember: fly carry on if you can. If you HAVE to check a bag, pack a few days worth of emergency clothes and toiletries in your carry on in case your bag doesn’t make it.

**The Basics**

**Clothing:**

* A good assortment of clothes. All-weather, comfortable gear. Try for a week’s worth of clothing. [Ziploc travel bags](https://www.walmart.com/ip/Ziploc-Space-Bag-Travel-5pk-Vacuum-bags/184717066?wmlspartner=wlpa&selectedSellerId=0&adid=22222222227038599776&wl0=&wl1=g&wl2=c&wl3=90377105312&wl4=pla-182517644192&wl5=9004058&wl6=&wl7=&wl8=&wl9=pla&wl10=8175035&wl11=online&wl12=184717066&wl13=&veh=sem) can help.
* Jackets: Keep a light, scrunchable rain jacket in your backpack. [3-in-1](https://www.thenorthface.com/shop/mens-condor-triclimate-jacket-nf0a2tcm?variationId=KX7&rrec=true&cm_vc=Certona) coats are great because they are all-weather.

**Supplies:**

* Notepads, Pencils, pens, highlighters, sharpies (ALL of these)
* [Gaffer’s Tape](https://www.bhphotovideo.com/bnh/controller/home?O=&sku=64819&gclid=CJqDrs7l3NECFZaFswodduAK5A&is=REG&ap=y&m=Y&c3api=1876%2C92051677562%2C&Q=&A=details)
* Swag (hats, t-shirts, pens, buttons, etc.)
* Business Cards
* Power Bars
* [Water Purification Tablets](https://www.amazon.com/Potable-Aqua-Water-Treatment-Tablets/dp/B001949TKS/ref=sr_1_cc_3?s=aps&ie=UTF8&qid=1485306557&sr=1-3-catcorr&keywords=water+purification+tablets) (Good guide to other options from [REI](https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/water-treatment-international.html))
* Baby Wipes
* Ziploc Bags
* [Disposable Rain Ponchos](https://www.amazon.com/Wealers-Ponchos-Individual-Packed-Assorted/dp/B00VGYQVSY/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1485303272&sr=8-2&keywords=ponchos)
* Toiletries
* Any meds you need, plus: Airborne, Zicam, Advil/Tylenol/Aspirin, Zyrtec/Allegra/Claritin/Benadryl, Dayquil, Pepto, Imodium
* First Aid Kit
* Flashlight
* Headlamp

**Things to CONSIDER:**

* Epipen
* Cash

**TECHNOLOGY:**

**Must-haves:**

* Chargers (try to bring at least two options for every device you need to work with)
* Portable Battery (you can never have too many)
* MicroUSB cords / chargers
* Lightning cables / chargers
* Car chargers (ideally a multi-input USB car charger)
* Power Strip / [Surge Protector](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B01BYO79UE/ref=ox_sc_sfl_image_5?ie=UTF8&psc=1&smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER) / [Powercube](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00IOEOTSS/ref=ox_sc_sfl_image_1?ie=UTF8&psc=1&smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER)
* Car Inverter – [regular](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B004MDXS0U/ref=crt_ewc_img_srh_2?ie=UTF8&psc=1&smid=AWZ3LXPHZK09) or [cup holder](https://www.amazon.com/Inverter-Outlets-Charging-Adapter-Cigarette/dp/B00U71XJ0K/ref=sr_1_1?s=lawn-garden&ie=UTF8&qid=1485303379&sr=1-1&keywords=bestek+cup+holder) models (good [review](https://www.caraudionow.com/best-power-inverters-for-car/) of other brands)
* Universal International Adapter or [Power Strip](https://www.amazon.com/All-Power-Chargers-Charging-Station/dp/B01AMAFEIU/ref=sr_1_17?s=electronics&ie=UTF8&qid=1485304630&sr=1-17&keywords=international+power+adapter+universal)
* Headphones with splitter
* Thumb Drives (SD Cards, Card Reader)

**Highly recommended (in ADDITION to all the above):**

* [Mophie Battery Case](http://www.mophie.com/shop/battery-cases) or Apple Battery Case (not as good as Mophie) [iPhone 6/6s](http://www.apple.com/shop/product/MGQL2LL/A/iphone-6s-smart-battery-case-charcoal-gray?afid=p238%7CsJNbyEoP7-dc_mtid_1870765e38482_pcrid_73329386050_&cid=aos-us-kwgo-pla-btb--slid--product-MGQL2LL/A) [iPhone 7/7s](http://www.apple.com/shop/product/MN002LL/A/iphone-7-smart-battery-case-black)
* Mifi / Portable Hotspot (check with individual cell phone carriers)
* Multiple Cell Phones (with different carriers. And if you use an iPhone, but it from Apple, not your carrier – among other benefits, it comes [unlocked](https://www.wired.com/2016/09/apples-iphone-upgrade-plan-right/), which means you can switch out SIM cards overseas)
* GPS (with updated software)

**Situation-Dependent:**

* [Walkie Talkies](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B001UE6MIO/ref=ox_sc_act_title_1?ie=UTF8&psc=1&smid=A3K6GRGEU9GP1H)
* Burner Phone
* Satellite Phone
* BGAN

**Production-Related:**

* [JOBY GripTight GorillaPod Stand](https://www.amazon.com/GripTight-GorillaPod-Universal-Smartphone-Smartphones/dp/B009GHYMB6/ref=sr_1_1?s=electronics&ie=UTF8&qid=1485304091&sr=1-1&keywords=joby+iphone) portable tripod for phones
* External [microphone](http://www.micreviews.com/guides/top-10-best-ios-microphones)
* GoPro [Hero](http://shop.gopro.com/cameras), downloadable App, [3-Way](http://shop.gopro.com/mounts/3-way/AFAEM-001.html) and optional mounts/casings

**RESOURCES:**

**Good Sources of Information on International Travel:**

[U.S. State Department Travel Warnings](https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html)

[CDC Travelers’ Health | Destinations](https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list)

[CIA World Factbook](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/)

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