

PACKING A CARRY-ON

Wondering how to pack your carry-on bag so that you have everything you need for 24 hours before you can get to the rest of your luggage?

That's right! You won't be able to access your luggage under the bus between Wednesday night (when we load up in Fort Wayne) and Thursday night (when we unload at the hotel).

Here's what I pack and why. Some of this you'll want to take with you sight seeing on Thursday (marked by an *). Some of it you'll want to leave on the bus during the day.

When we board the bus, I wear:

- Jeans
- Thermal leggings under jeans, if really cold
- Long-sleeve shirt OR short-sleeve with light jacket
- Coat
- Boots/shoes



I have in my carry-on:

- Sweatpants/PJ pants to sleep in – I change into these at our first rest stop and toss my jeans into my carry-on bag to be put back on in the AM.
- Sweatshirt or zip hoodie – Either this year's new one or another one that will eventually layer under it. The bus may or may not be the temperature you want.
- Extra Pair of Socks
- Two blankets (small and big) - The small one is for back support and the big one is to cover up with.
- Pillow
- My Prescription Meds – make sure you have these listed on your registration form! If you'd rather have your group chaperone hold on to them, that's fine too.
- Toiletry Bag (or at least toothbrush, toothpaste and deodorant) - You'll get a chance to refresh at the bedtime stop Wednesday night and the breakfast stop Thursday morning!
- Scarf, Gloves & Hat; hand warmers* – to don in the AM.
- Money/wallet* – Breakfast is the most important meal of the day! And you'll need to buy breakfast and lunch on Thursday and dinner on Friday as well, plus any cool DC stuff you find.
- Fully charged phone & charging cord* – you may or may not have an outlet near your bus seat!
- Kleenex*
- Small flash light – helps save your phone battery.
- Ear Plugs
- Headphones
- Snacks & Water* - Depending on where you go, snacks may not be allowed and maybe not water.
- Book – or something else to do in case you can't sleep.

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