

Con Packing List



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Clothes & Accessories

- Under Garments
 - Underwear/Bras
 - Socks
- Tops
 - T-shirts
 - Long Sleeve Shirts
 - Hoodie/Sweater
- Bottoms
 - Jeans/Pants/Skirts
 - Belt
- Outer Wear
 - Jacket/Coat
 - Hat
 - Raincoat/Umbrella
 - Sunglasses
- Shoes
- Sleepwear

Toiletries

- Deodorant
- Toothbrush & Paste
- Comb/Hair Brush
- Hair Accessories
- Razor & Shaving Kit
- Lip Balm
- Lotion/Moisturizer
- Cosmetics & Remover
- Prescription Medicine
- Contact Lenses Kit
- Feminine Hygiene
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Soap
- Towel 🧺

Travel & Hotel Gear

- Headphones
- Laptop/Tablet
- Snacks
- Water Bottle (empty)
- Chargers & Cables For:
 - Phone
 - Laptop/Tablet
 - Nintendo DS/Switch
 - Camera
 - Wireless Headphones
 - Power Bank
- Travel Power Strip
- Country Plug Adapter
- Voltage Adapter
- Roommate Assistance
 - Earplugs
 - Sleeping Mask
 - Pillow & Blanket
- Travel Documents
 - [TSA Approved ID](#)
 - Health Insurance Card
 - Emergency Contact Info
 - Debit/Credit Card Contact Info

Con Carry - Essential

- Phone
- Photo ID/Passport
- Debit/Credit Card
- Cash
- Con Badge(s)

Con Carry - Recommended

- Backpack/Bag
- Nintendo 3DS/Switch
 - Multiplayer Games
- Power Bank
 - Phone Cable
 - 3DS/Switch Cable
- Card/Dice Game
- Notepad & Pen
- Hand Sanitizer
- Pain Reliever
- Anti-Allergy Medicine

Con Gear - Optional

- Water Bottle
- Snacks (high protein)
- Camera
- Microcloth/Lens Wipes
- Sharpie
- Dice, Pencil, Character Sheets
- Business/Contact Cards
- High Fidelity Earplugs

Con Packing List Details

Clothes & Accessories

- Shoes are the single most important item
 - Wear all day comfortable shoes
 - Do NOT wear brand new shoes, break them in 3 months in advance
 - Avoid flip flops, crocs, etc
- 1 outfit per day, plus a spare shirt and socks
- Jeans are good for 2-3 days
- Safe con fashion is a geeky/gamer t-shirt with jeans
- Wear what you like and find comfortable
- Consider cooler weather in morning and at night
- For winter cons add long sleeve shirts, hoodie, and jacket. Thinner layers store in a bag better than a heavy coat, plus no coat check lines.

Toiletries

- Bring what you use daily, in smaller packages
 - Many stores have travel items in personal care aisle, Target is a great store for these
 - Be familiar with [TSA's liquids rules](#)
- Don't forget prescription meds, including birth control
- Shampoo/conditioner, soap, and towel are only needed if sharing a room with several people. Otherwise hotel supplies should do.
- Call your hotel to see if they provide hair dryers, curlers, etc
- Consider climate change, bring lip balm and lotion to drier climates

Travel & Hotel Gear

These are items you might find useful while traveling and back into the hotel. It is not gear you should plan to carry into the convention with you.

- Laptop/tablet is usually overkill unless you have specific need or a long flight
- Rather than pack snacks and water, buy them when you arrive
- Bring chargers and cables for all of your electronics
 - A [multiport USB charger](#) is a great travel accessory
- International travelers will need to bring plug adapters. If your AC adapters don't support 120-240V then you'll also need a voltage adapter.
- Your emergency contact info should be on paper, in case you lose your phone as well as your wallet

Con Carry

These are items you might find useful while at the con. You only want to carry what you know you'll need. Don't weigh yourself down with what you *might* need.

Essentials

- Things you carry everyday, plus your con badge and lanyard.
- No bag required.

Recommended

- Bag
 - Bring a bag you already own and use. Avoid draw string backpacks.
 - Backpack: Heavier load, longer carry, no easy access
 - Shoulder Bag: Lighter load, shorter carry, easy access
- Power bank allows you to recharge anywhere. Outlets are hard to come by and make you stay in one place.
 - [Anker PowerCore+ mini](#) is my recommended phone power bank
 - [Anker PowerCore 10000](#) is my recommended multi-device power bank

Optional

- Water is usually available at a well run con, so think twice before you decide you need to take on the weight.
- Food is also usually available, at a price. If you want to carry a snack go for something small and high in protein.
- A phone camera is good enough for most people. If photography is a hobby then bring your preferred gear.
- Sharpies are great for spontaneous autographs.
- [High fidelity earplugs](#) are great for concerts and loud events. You'll get the full clarity of sound, but at a reduced volume.