

Travel LIGHT

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Save money by packing the right bag smartly



The prospect of packing for two weeks in Russia and India, with temperatures ranging from the 40s to 115 degrees, might give even a committed carry-on advocate pause. But not Doug Dymant, creator of Onebag.com and a longtime evangelist for the art and science of traveling light. He managed that recent trip — and hundreds of others lasting up to six weeks — with a single, fit-under-the-seat suitcase. And as airlines raise fees for checking luggage, Dymant's advice is carrying even more weight. He shares some strategies for packing light and packing smart.

► **What's the biggest reason people over-pack?**

► It's a general fear of the unknown, especially if they're going to a foreign country. They don't know what they might need, so they take everything. And the biggest mistake is that they try to figure it out the night before the trip and just stuff things in. You need to come up with a packing list.

► **So, what's on your list?**

► I have something like 100 items, which sounds like a lot. But it isn't things you "take" on the trip, it's things you'd consider taking.

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Titan X2 4W 'Flash 22'

► **Weight:** 8 pounds

► **Key features:** Hard-sided polycarbonate bag comes with lifetime warranty, built-in TSA-approved combination lock. Four wheels rotate 360 degrees, triple interior compartments.

► **Price:** \$436; find stores at www.titanluggageusa.com



Eagle Creek 'Tarmac 22'

► **Weight:** 8 pounds

► **Key features:** Nylon exterior expands to increase packing space by 15 percent; four interior zippered compartments.

► **Price:** \$275; find stores at www.eaglecreek.com.



Skyway 'Montage' 22-inch carry-on

► **Weight:** 7 pounds.

► **Key features:** Expandable polyester soft-sided bag. Two roomy front exterior pockets; interior shoe bags, leak-proof cosmetic bag.

► **Price:** \$70 to \$140; find stores by e-mailing info@skywayluggage.com.



Delsey 'Helium Fusion' 21-inch carry-on

► **Weight:** 9 pounds.

► **Key features:** Expandable fiberglass graphite frame covered in polyester. Sturdy construction, no-frills interior.

► **Price:** \$80; find stores at www.delseyusa.com.



Case Logic 22-inch upright

► **Weight:** 8 pounds.

► **Key features:** Expandable nylon soft-sided bag with crush-resistant foam frame. Six zippered compartments, including a removable laptop case.

► **Price:** \$180; find stores at www.caselogic.com.