



EVERYDAY ITEMS THAT BELONG IN YOUR CAMERA BAG

The old motto “Be Prepared” is as true for photography as it is for other situations in life. You need to bring all the correct gear on your photo shoots, but first you have to know what to bring. Although there is no one-size-fits-all camera bag, there are certain items that most photographers will need to take on typical photo shoots. Print out this handy checklist and customize it for each trip!

CHECKLIST

Lenses - the lenses you will need depends on what kind of photography shoot you are going on. Will you be photographing landscapes, wildlife or water perhaps?

Fill out which lenses you will need below to make sure you remember to pack them:

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Here are some quick suggestions on what lenses you should bring:

Landscape: Wide Angle (70-200mm)

Wildlife: Zoom Lens (200-600mm)

Macro: Macro Lens (50-100mm)

Travel & Street: All Purpose Lens (18-400mm)

☐ Flash

☐ Flash Extender – a handy tool when you're shooting wildlife. A flash extender will increase the output of your external flash.

☐ Tripod

☐ Extra Batteries

☐ Battery Charger

☐ Camera Manual – cameras have an incredible amount of settings and it can be hard to remember all of them. If you have a problem in the field, your camera manual will be very helpful!

☐ Shutter Remote

☐ Spare Memory Cards

☐ Lens Cloth

☐ Lens Cap

☐ Cotton Towel – good for wiping sweat off your face or water off your camera gear. It won't smudge and is absorbent.

☐ Bean Bag – to use in a pinch for camera stability (if you don't have a tripod)

☐ Small LED Flashlight – if it's getting dark; you won't be able to use autofocus so you can put it onto an item and autofocus will be able to pick it up in the darkness to get a sharp shot (headlamp works too)

☐ Plastic Whistle – this is a handy item if you're on a wildlife or landscape expedition where you may be isolated. Use your emergency whistle to call for help!

☐ Ear Plugs – when trying to capture the perfect shot by a waterfall, the sound can be deafening. Carry some earplugs to protect your hearing.

☐ Ball Cap/Visor/Sunglasses

☐ Sunscreen

☐ Snack(s)

☐ Notepad & Writing Utensils

☐ Map

☐ Garbage Bag or Plastic Bag - to protect your gear from the rain in a pinch. Also, so you can carry out any trash you take in to promote nature first and leave no trace behind.

☐ Mini Screwdriver – for the small screws on your camera or tripod.

☐ Business Cards

☐ First Aid Supplies

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