

- How to pack for any trip -

Where are you going? City

The cool culture city



This kind of destination, while perhaps not so culturally unfamiliar, still demands careful suitcase strategy. From boho bars to cutting-edge galleries, the outfits and accessories you choose can seriously enhance your travel experience.

Many of the essentials will be digital. Want to hotfoot it across town to bag that gold-dust restaurant reservation/show ticket/cheap hotel room? Then download interactive offline maps

or apps that access wi-fi without resorting to roaming charges.

And while the scene may be hot, the weather might not. Layers are key for looks that balance comfort and style.

Packing essentials

- Comfortable shoes: we're not talking ugly-yet-commodious; your kicks should be stylish enough to both dangle from a bar stool in a hipster cafe and sit happily on your feet while pounding miles of pavement

- Sunglasses: true, it might not always be sunny, but life in the city, from the glare of the morning-after to that dazzling check-in moment at the hotel (off the red-eye flight), demands sleek shades.
- Cashmere jumper: this softie packs down to almost nothing and is the perfect defence against ferocious summer air-con in hotels and on the plane. It is also a lightweight, smart-looking, shiver-saving layer if the weather really turns chilly.



Travelling to America?

Pack photo ID. You may be over 21, but in many states you'll be 'carded' if a barman thinks you're under 35. NOTE: taking your passport bar-hopping isn't smart.

Case study: Stockholm

Winter's brutal temperatures and the design-conscious addresses of SoFo enforce the need for a winter jacket that's both sharp-cut and seriously insulated.

In summer, don't go anywhere without swims (from local label Eytys, obviously). From the beaches of Rålambshov Park to the leafy shores of Kungsholmen there's always the chance to make a splash.

Love your denim? This is the country of brands such as Nudie Jeans. Save space in your case and shop at the source.