



TIPS ON TRIPS



Packing Smart For A Perfectly Polished Trip

(NAPSA)—A great trip could be in the bag if you follow a few packing tips. That's the advice from experts who say that as bringing luggage on planes becomes increasingly costly, packing light could save you money.

But it could save you time, hassle and valuable space, too—something that's important whether you're flying, driving, or taking a ship or a train. Try these ideas:

Plan Ahead

Think about the activities your trip will entail and make a list of what you will need for each event. Then review the list, looking for multiple items that can be replaced with just one item. For instance, select clothes in the same or coordinating color families, packing more tops than bottoms.

Roll With It

An old backpacker secret—rolling clothes can work wonders and save space. Lay the item you're rolling face down, fold back the sleeves and then roll from the bottom up. You can also fold two or more items together.

Dress Smart

Bringing the right type of clothing can save space as well. For instance, Chico's Travelers collection is wrinkle-free, so it can be rolled up in a ball, packed in a suitcase or thrown in a carry-on. When you arrive at your hotel and are ready to wear it, just shake the clothing out. No ironing needed.

The secret is in the fabric: It's a special knit fabric with stretch that folds down to nothing—you can even crumple it and it still comes out of the suitcase wrinkle-free. The fabric is designed to drape and flow with any body type so it's flattering. It's comfortable, too, and with a few easy pieces



Have Style Will Travel: The perfect travel companion could be your clothing if you pack iron-free, easy-care separates.

like a pant, skirt and tank, you can create several looks for day or night just by adding accessories. Chico's designers say that you can think of the Travelers collection as a "pack-and-go, mix-and-match, wrinkle-free way to look fabulous when you travel—or wherever life takes you." Plus, because you can toss the clothes in a carry-on, the Travelers collection could save you the extra baggage fee some airlines now charge. It might even leave room for a new pair of shoes.

Know The Rules

Check the Transportation Security Administration Web site (www.tsa.gov) before flying. Knowing the rules surrounding carry-on and checked baggage can help you speed through security. Also, stock up on plenty of three-ounce plastic containers before leaving home. That way, you can store any liquids or gels that you might want to carry on the plane.

For more information, to shop for the Travelers collection or to find one of the 600 Chico's boutiques in your area, visit www.chicos.com.