

# Packing Cubes vs. Vacuum Bags

## A Simple Travel Checklist

Use this quick guide to decide what actually makes sense for your trip.

### Before you pack, ask yourself:

- Am I trying to stay organized — or fit more?
- Am I flying carry-on only or checking a bag?
- Do I want easy access to outfits once I arrive?

Your answers will tell you which tool works best.

### ✓ Packing Cubes — Best Choice If You Want:

- Clothes that stay organized and visible
- Easy outfit access while traveling
- No unpacking into hotel or Airbnb drawers
- Quick repacking when it's time to head home
- Clothes separated by category or person
- A smoother travel routine (less rummaging)

### Good for:

- Carry-on travel
- Flights with weight limits
- Road trips
- Cruises
- Traveling with family or grandkids

### Keep in mind:

Packing cubes don't shrink clothing — they help you pack intentionally.

### ⚠ Vacuum Bags — Use Carefully If You Need:

- To compress bulky but lightweight items
- Extra space for coats or puffer jackets
- Packing for cold weather or long stays
- A checked bag with flexible weight limits

### Good for:

- Road trips
- Cruises
- Checked luggage
- Bulky seasonal items

### Watch out for:

- Heavier suitcase than expected
- Wrinkled clothing
- Limited space to reseal at your destination
- Overpacking because "it all fits"

Vacuum bags save space, not weight.

### Bottom Line:

Packing cubes help you stay organized.

Vacuum bags have their place — but they're not magic.

The best packing tool is the one that supports how you actually travel — not the one that lets you bring more than you need.