



PACKING LIST

There are two types of travelers - those who pack lightly and those that wish that they did!

YOU ARE ALLOWED TO BRING ONE CHECKED SUITCASE, 50 lbs max - Dimensions 62 inches linear inches (L+W+H) As of April 10, 2026 - Alaska Airlines charges \$45 for the first checked bag with a maximum weight of 50 lbs (23 kg) per bag. Hopefully, we will not need to incur this fee, but be prepared. The cost for extra luggage is considerable. Travel Light!

Passengers are allowed one free carry-on bag (22" X 14" X 9") and one personal item. (Musician Small instrument (at the discretion of the airlines) and backpack. Entourage: backpack and purse)

Carry-On Policy

- **Allowance:** One carry-on bag plus one personal item (purse, laptop bag).
- **Size:** Maximum 22" x 14" x 9" (including wheels and handles).
- **Weight:** There is no strict weight limit for carry-ons, but you must be able to lift it into the overhead bin.
- **Overweight/Oversized Checked in:** Bags over 50 lbs or 62 linear inches incur extra fees, which can be high.

IN YOUR CARRY-ON BACK PACK or PURSE

- 1. ALL TRAVELERS: YOUR PASSPORT**
- 2. NON US PASSPORT HOLDERS: GREEN CARD**
- 3. NON US CITIZENS: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT the Costa Rica Consulate in Los Angeles to find out if you need a visa.**
- 4. ALL TRAVELERS: 1 pair of underwear (just in case)**
- 5. Cellphone & Charger**
- 6. Pen and Notebook (optional)**
- 7. Flashlight (small)**
- 8. Rain poncho**
- 9. A book or ebook to pass the time on the plane**
- 10. MUSICIANS: Your black 3-ring music binder with your music clearly labeled and pages organized to avoid page turns. - Triple check that you have ALL of your music.**
- 11. MUSICIANS: LABELED (NAME) Flash Drive with scanned copies of all of your music. This is your back-up. GIVE this flash drive to your accompanying parent or chaperone.**
- 12. CHAPERONE: COPIES OF THE "UNACCOMPANIED BY PARENT" SIGNED & NOTARIZED FORMS (one for each parent) & HEALTH FORMS & FLASHDRIVES FROM EACH OF THE THE STUDENTS YOU ARE CHAPERONING**

IN YOUR SUITCASE - checked in

13. Photocopy of your passport

14. SUNSCREEN

15. INSECT REPELLENT

16. 1-2 SWIMSUITS (They take a lot of time to dry in this humid climate)

17. WET BAG (for your swim suit)

18. Swimsuit cover-up (optional)

19. poolside/beach sandals or flip flops

20. Undergarments for 10 days

21. Comfortable closed toe walking shoes

22. Casual socks for your walking shoes

23. 2 -3 pairs of lightweight long casual pants

24. 2 pairs of shorts

25. Personal Toiletries (**NO PERFUME please - It attracts insects.**)

26. Ipad or Laptop and charger (optional)

27. Power bank for on the go charging (optional)

28. MSLM Tour Tee shirts (You will be wearing these a lot. Bring extras)

29. Small packets of laundry detergent if you plan to wash items in the sink

30. Filtered Water Bottle (optional)

31. Binoculars (optional)

32. Small day pack or fanny pack when you don't need your full backpack

33. **Entourage for concerts:** One nice outfit (nice casual is fine) - ties or suits not needed

34. MUSICIANS' CONCERT ATTIRE:

• **Black Dress Slacks for concerts. (NO sparkles, NO studs, ONLY BLACK)**

• **1-3 Long-Sleeved no-iron Dress Shirt with collar**

• **2-3 pair Black Dress Socks**

• **Black closed-toe dress shoes (Females: flats or maximum 1" heel)**

• **MSLM RED TIE and WAIST SASH**

• **MSLM Females: RED SINGLE ROSE CLIP (right side over ear).**

• *NO sombreros*

WE WILL GO OVER HOW TO SAFELY PACK YOUR INSTRUMENT AT THE TOUR MEETING ON JUNE 14th

• **STRING PLAYERS - in your instrument case.**

• **Extra full set of strings in your instrument case**

• **Dampit or other instrument safe humidifier**

• **Cleaning cloth**

• **Tuner**

• **Rosin**

• **Rolled underwear under your fingerboard and between the bridge and tail piece**

• **WOODWINDS - in your instrument case**

• **Extra reeds**

• **Cleaning cloth**

- **BRASS**

- **Cleaning cloth**
- **IN YOUR SUITCASE Valve oil in a sealed baggie (Do not put this in your instrument case or it might be confiscated)**

- **PERCUSSION**

- **Your sticks and mallets (in your suitcase or backpack)**
- **Any small percussion that you are bringing**

TO WEAR TO THE AIRPORT - ALL TRAVELERS

- **TOUR TEE SHIRT - COMFORTABLE PANTS**
- **SLIP ON SHOES (easier for getting through TSA lines)**

PACKING YOUR MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR SAFETY

STRING PLAYERS:

- detune your strings SLIGHTLY - the dry air on the plane will tighten your strings
- Loosen your bow a little more than usual - the dry air will tighten the hair on your bow
- Use a Humidifier in your case - DAMPIT - Follow the instructions and keep it moist
- Rosin
- Cleaning Cloth
- **Extra Full Set of Strings!!**
- Put a rolled pair of underwear or a small rolled cloth under your fingerboard and a pair between the fingerboard and bridge

- **CELLISTS, TROMBONES, BASSOONISTS:** YOU MUST HAVE AN FAA APPROVED HARD-SHELL TRAVEL CASE - CHECKED IN AS LUGGAGE. /

- *CELLISTS: OPTIONAL - ALSO RECOMMEND THAT YOU PUT IT ALL IN A CELLO CASE BOX* You can ask for one at your local music store. Once the instrument is in its case is in the box, pad the box with inflated blow-up pool toys the you can purchase at Dollar Tree! It will further cushion your instrument and make you very popular at the pool!. I will go over this at our tour meeting on June 14th.

WOODWIND PLAYERS:

- Extra reeds
- If your instrument is made of wood have a humidifier in your case

BRASS PLAYERS:

- **PUT YOUR VALVE OIL IN A SEALED PLASTIC BAG AND PUT IT IN YOUR LUGGAGE.**
- **THOSE WITH LARGER INSTRUMENTS THAT WILL NEED TO BE CHECKED IN - HARD SHELLED FAA APPROVED CASE - PAD WITH UNDERWEAR FOR ADDITIONAL SAFETY**

Helpful Hints for Musicians With Carry-on:

- Musicians with smaller instruments have your instrument in your backpack (I know that they will extend out, but it may help to qualify for the overhead compartment on the plane.
- Put your purse or wallet in your backpack (only have one carry-on bag)