

Everything we can possibly think of that should go in your golf bag

This list hopefully serves one of three purposes: a checklist for the beginner or first-time golf traveler; a backup for those Type-A golfers out there; or perhaps a brainstorm for a golf gift around birthdays or holidays.



What's in the bag: The Essentials

- ☐ 14 Clubs
- ☐ (At least) Six golf balls: If you're golf game is a little loose like mine, maybe keep your stash 50/50 between new and used. Personally, any fewer than six balls in my bag and I'm dripping sweat while clutching my driver.
- ☐ Three headcovers for woods and hybrids
- ☐ A dozen or so tees
- ☐ One golf glove

Accessories

- ☐ Bag tag with your name: It certainly helps at the bag drop, especially for group outings).
- ☐ 2 towels: a big one for clubs and a small towel to keep in your back pocket for the green is handy on dewey mornings.
- ☐ Divot repair tool
- ☐ Ball marker: if you don't have a lucky coin by now, you're doing it wrong.
- ☐ Mini-Sharpie: Or else how will you truly know if it's your Pinnacle in the fairway?
- ☐ Protective pouch: For watches or other items that could scratch when in a golf bag.

- ☐ Driver adjustment tool

First Aid

- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Lip balm (especially for the desert or mountain courses)
- ☐ Band-Aids (for blisters)
- ☐ Bug Repellent
- ☐ Bottle (or travel pack) of painkillers
- ☐ 2 packaged foods (nothing that will spoil)

Foul weather preparedness

- ☐ Optional depending on the season and forecast. If you don't want to keep it all in your bag, consider keeping these items together in a smaller, easy-to-access bag.

Wet weather

- ☐ Set of rain gloves
- ☐ Rain club cover
- ☐ Rain jacket
- ☐ Pair of rain pants
- ☐ Umbrella (This is the subject of much debate: I say for links or cart golf, you don't need it, but if walking a parkland, yes).
- ☐ Waterproof baggie: Good for valuables, phones, wallet, etc.

Cold weather

- ☐ Set of winter gloves
- ☐ Under shirt or arm warmers
- ☐ Jacket
- ☐ Handwarmer packs
- ☐ Wool cap that covers the ear

Social golf novelties

- ☐ Koozie: We don't condone "packing in" your own booze but B.Y.O.Koozie is essential.
- ☐ Insulated Cup: Yeti and Tervis do good work.

- ☐ Softcover cooler bag: Some courses provide their own, but many don't.
- ☐ Pack of business cards: Because you never know who you'll be paired up with.
- ☐ Some cash in small bills. For tips, beverage cart and bets.
- ☐ Bottle opener

Tech

- ☐ Bluetooth Speaker
- ☐ Rangefinder (or wearable GPS unit).
- ☐ Mobile Swing analyzer/trackman: In some cases, this could simply be an app on your phone.
- ☐ GoPro and selfie stick
- ☐ Portable phone charger or Extra USB cord for golf cart: More and more golf carts are installing USB outlets, but I've realized it's pointless if you leave your USB in the car.
- ☐ Driving range training aid: The Orange Whip seems to be a pretty common sight these days in golf bags, or alignment sticks.

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