

Tech Packing List

What actually earns space in a nomad's bag, organized by what it solves rather than by category.

Connectivity

- ☐ Unlocked phone with eSIM support
- ☐ Backup eSIM or physical SIM as a fallback
- ☐ Travel router (non-battery model — see expatfyi.com/ecosystem/travel-routers/)
- ☐ VPN subscription set up and tested before departure

Power

- ☐ Universal travel adapter with USB-C PD passthrough
- ☐ Multi-port USB-C charger (skip multiple single-port chargers)
- ☐ Short and long USB-C cables — one of each, braided if possible for durability

Work Setup

- ☐ Laptop with a protective sleeve
- ☐ Compact wireless mouse
- ☐ Foldable laptop stand or riser
- ☐ Wired earbuds or headphones as a backup to Bluetooth

Security & Backup

- ☐ Password manager installed and set up on all devices
- ☐ Two-factor authentication enabled on email, banking, and work accounts
- ☐ Automatic cloud backup running on your laptop
- ☐ A physical backup drive if your work involves large files

Easy to Forget

- ☐ A slim cable organizer so charging gear doesn't become a tangled mess

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- A second, smaller power bank as backup — check airline carry-on watt-hour limits first
- Screen cleaning cloth and a small repair kit (tiny screwdriver for laptop/glasses)

Gear preferences vary by profession and travel style — treat this as a starting checklist to edit down or expand, not a required list. See expatfyi.com/ecosystem/ for the full connectivity and security guides.

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