

Travel Tips by Julian Sale – Feb 2020

Travel Cubes (makes packing and unpacking suitcases easy)

- Acteon are bit expensive but have two sides (clean/used)
- <https://www.getacteon.com/products/acteon-packing-cube-four-pack>
- Check Amazon for other options

Earplugsonline.com

- 6 pac - \$26 US
- Bees wax based
- Reusable
- Blocks snoring very well - tip - use microwave at 9 sec
- Good for swimming too
- <http://earplugsonline.com/>

TravelOn - Anti-Bacterial Toothbrush Covers

- Pac of 2 - \$3.99 CDN to \$10 CDN - check local travel / luggage stores / Internet
- Much more sanitary than leaving your toothbrush on or near countertops
- <https://www.travelonbags.com/toiletries/accessories/set-of-2-anti-bacterial-toothbrush-covers>



Eye Mask

- TravelOn - \$13 Amazon, Modern Tourist (Guelph)

ELECTRONICS

Mibote Surge Protector/Charger Model: JLT-05040-4U \$28 CDN

- Surge 1700 joules
- Response Time 1 NS
- Output 5V - 2.1 A/1A smart current
- Requires grounded plug
- https://www.amazon.ca/4-Outlet-Protector-100-240V-Computer-Transformers/dp/B06Y3XNMW8/ref=pd_cp_23_1?encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=PRXJ038D45423RRPJ35G

Anker PowerPort Speed 5 - Model A2054 - \$50 CDN

- 2 x Qualcomm Quick Charge 3.0
- Anker's exclusive MultiProtect system provides surge protection, short circuit prevention, temperature control
- Delivers charging speeds up to 4X faster than standard chargers. Anker's proprietary PowerIQ and VoltageBoost combine to deliver the fastest possible charge to non-Quick Charge devices

- https://www.amazon.ca/Anker-Charger-PowerPort-Multi-Port-Samsung/dp/B00VH8ZW02/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1522958437&sr=8-3&keywords=anker+powerport+4

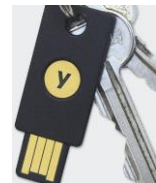
COMPUTERS, TABLETS, PHONES, eREADERS

- Buy 1 ft charge cables - Amazon
- If you want to backup and/or process images, take Windows or Apple laptop
- Storage - ScanDisk 1TB external SSD for \$250
- If you do not take laptop, use Phone to take images for FaceBook (if you want to post)
- Memory is cheap - take lots

SECURITY

Yubico - key based two-factor authentication

- You can use this hardware based security key alone or as part of a two factor access to devices or individual programs. It is VERY secure.
- I use it to access my LastPass password vault at home and away plus I use on my laptop when traveling
- <https://www.yubico.com/why-yubico/>



Google also has a similar product

VPN - Virtual Private Network

- When traveling you will frequently encounter “Open” internet services at airports, cafés, and hotels and these “Open” services are notoriously insecure. In many foreign countries, even password protected logins at hotels or cafés are not always secure.
- One way of adding an extra layer of security in these situations is to use a Virtual Private Network
- Avast - well known, 35 countries covered - \$25 US / yr
- Norton - new to VPN, trusted name - \$3.33/month 5 devices for first yr. - 25 countries
- **PureVPN** - appears to have largest number of countries covered but mixed reviews - \$11/month so you can buy for one month trip, least expensive monthly plan at \$2.87US/month for 24 month plan - 750 servers in 140 countries
- ExpressVPN - has excellent ratings/reviews but more expensive - \$8.32US/month for 12 month plan
- <https://www.techradar.com/news/public-wi-fi-and-why-you-need-a-vpn>
- <https://thebestvpn.com/> to see reviews of most VPN services

Two Factor Authentication Apps

- Several apps offer “Two Factor/Step Authentication”. It is wise to use this when traveling, indeed many people use it at all times.
- Google <https://www.google.com/landing/2step/>
- Microsoft <https://support.microsoft.com/en-ca/help/12408/microsoft-account-about-two-step-verification>
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/help/148233965247823>
- Apple <https://support.apple.com/en-ca/HT204915>

AntiVirus

- Make sure it also scans USB
- Make sure it is up to date
- Avast & Norton rank pretty highly although there are many choices

FixMe Stick

- This is not a real time anti-virus (you need a separate antivirus program). FixMe Stick removes viruses that regular anti-virus software miss.
- A plug-in USB device that scans your Windows or MAC computer before it boots, the FixMeStick removes the infections that conventional antivirus software can't detect.

- The FixMeStick's proprietary technology employs three leading antivirus technologies and an additional seven antivirus programs online for the broadest and fastest response to the latest threats.
- It is wise to use this on your laptop before and after any trips. Better still, take it with you and run it any time you suspect your computer has a virus
- <https://www.fixmestick.com/en-ca/>

OTHER

Bugs (the biting type)

- Best bug spray available in our opinion is **“Pi-Active”**
- Works with mosquitoes, black flies, and ticks
- One application works 10 to 12 hrs.
- DEET free
- Does not affect plastics which DEET definitely does
- <https://www.mec.ca/en/product/5043-636/Piactive-Insect-Repellent-%28175ml%29>
- Also check Amazon

LOCK LACES (Elastic No Tie Shoelaces)

- Fast
- Comfortable
- No tripping on laces
- Amazon, Dimar Shoe Repair - 15 Quebec St