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## Using AI Well for Packing

AI is unusually good for packing because most packing mistakes come from things you didn't think to think about — the rain you didn't check, the dressy dinner you forgot was on the itinerary, the laundry situation that changes whether you need ten shirts or five. AI is good at catching those gaps when you give it enough to work with.

The two prompts below are the ones that earn their keep. Use the first one before the bag is packed, and the second one after the trip is over.

### The starter prompt

*I'm packing for a trip with these details: duration, climate, activities, luggage limits, laundry access. Help me create a thoughtful packing list. Then ask me three questions to catch what I might be missing.*

The last sentence is what makes this prompt useful. Without it, you get a generic list. With it, AI surfaces the details you didn't know you forgot — the dress code at the restaurant, the hike that requires real shoes, the elevation change that affects what kind of jacket you need.

### The reflection prompt

*Here's what I packed for this trip. Here's what I actually used. Here's what I wished I'd had. Help me refine this list for next time, and tell me what pattern you see in what I overpack and underpack.*

The phrase *tell me what pattern you see* is doing the work in this one. Most people overpack the same things every trip and underpack the same things every trip, and a single trip won't reveal the pattern. AI will spot it across a few rounds, and once you can see your own pattern, you can actually fix it.

### A reminder before you reach for the prompt

Use AI to think better, not to skip thinking. The packing decisions that matter — what you actually need, what you're comfortable carrying, what fits your travel style — those are yours. AI is the place that catches your blind spots, not the place that makes the decisions for you.