

Organized holiday travelers are happier holiday travelers

• *Expert's "organization on-the-go" tips offer a ray of light amid chaotic holiday travel*

With AAA's estimate that 37.3 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more this coming Thanksgiving weekend, this is not only be the busiest travel period of the year, but also the most stressful.

From long lines at curbside baggage check-in, ticket counters, security check points, food courts and bathrooms, to TSA's somewhat frustrating "prohibited carry-on item" list, to the high probability of over-bookings, delayed and cancelled flights, to the possibility of lost or damaged luggage, holiday travel can be difficult at best. Assuring you are adequately organized and equipped is one proactive way to better assure you're in a good mood upon arrival at Grandmother's house for the Thanksgiving festivities.

Disorganization and disarray can be nerve-racking unto itself, and, coupled with other common stressors of holiday travel, can quickly foster a foul mood," notes CableOrganizer.com CEO Paul Holstein. "Travelers would benefit from taking a few preemptive steps before their trip to ensure they can find what they need quickly, and otherwise safeguard their items from a state disarray or, even worse, complete destruction." With this in mind, CableOrganizer.com offers these "organization on-the-go" holiday travel preparedness tips:

Multi-gadget charging. Ensuring your devices are charged, from cell phones to iPods to your child's GameBoy and other electronic gadgets, can

make all the difference in being able to efficiently handle emergency situations and generally pass time. Multi-device chargers such as The Power Station Traveler(tm), which can charge up to 3 small portable devices simultaneously, allows you to conveniently tote fully functional electronics with ease. Such chargers can be a life saver when traveling by car, or for fully charging multiple devices on your way to the airport.

Power up. For single-unit charging, compact, ultra-light Power Adapters are available that can power and charge virtually all your portable devices from your car's lighter port or from an airplane's DC outlet. At only 2.0 ounces, Belkin's Universal 120W DC Power Adapter, which comes with a five-piece set of Intelli-Tip(tm) connectors that work with a host of laptops, provides a convenient and effective power and charging solution.

Remote surge protection. If you travel to a place where the power source may not be protected, it helps to have a small, portable surge protector that will ensure your home theater components, computers, telephone/DSL, and general purpose items are protected from electrical surges at your destination. The PowerSquid(tm) Computer/Telephone Surge Protector is one good option as it easily accommodates bulky adapters and awkward spaces, making it perfect for tight spots in a home, office or anywhere that requires power.

Device armor. Protect your cell phones, PDA's, pagers and other personal gadgets - and even im-

portant paperwork or fragile jewelry items - from travel wear and tear, accidental drops and other damage with a polycarbonate casing. The Pelican Micro Case Series(tm), for example, offers a crushproof, watertight, impact absorbing protection barrier to assure its contents remain safe and dry. These cases are small enough to fit snugly into a purse, briefcase or other carry on.

Cord control. When traveling with technology such as a laptop computer, cord control can become problematic for you and those around you. This need not be as there is an array of lightweight, portable cable management solutions available. A Mini Retractable Optical Mouse, Retractable USB 2.0 Cable and Retractable Ethernet Cord Winder are all perfect solutions for the business traveler who needs to save space and avoid wire tangles. It lets you work in tight spaces and packs easily and neatly. The Cableyo(tm) is another good choice, as it allows you to reel and clasp electric power and other cords to their desired length.

Wrist pain relief. After using the touch pad on your laptop for a few days, your wrist, hand and fingers can long for a more ergonomic solution. Packing a mouse for extended trips is always a good idea. Belkin Rechargeable Wireless optical mouse is a great option since it's cordless, works for both right and left hand users, and features the popular scroll wheel. Forget your charger? No problem! This mouse also runs on 2 AA batteries.

Velcro ties, cable wraps and cinch straps are

multi-functional, and can help secure and fasten travel items to assure they remain neat, orderly and in good condition upon arrival. With many colors to choose from, you can even implement a color-coding system to take your travel organization effort to the next level.

Label printers are an organizer's best friend. Labeling the outside of cases and other closed containers will eliminate the need for you to open everything up when searching for something specific. When clearly labeled, you'll know exactly where it is! Labeling luggage can also help you distinguish it from other look-alikes. Label printers and automatic labelers come in many shapes in sizes, and there are even little personal-size units that can hit the road with you so you can re-pack just as well.

Storage containers: Clearly labeled storage containers are an organized traveler's must-have, as they can help compartmentalize your belongings for easy access. From jewelry and other personal effects to food items to papers, magazines and books, storage containers will assure these items arrive safely and as packed.

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