

10 Things You Should ALWAYS Pack for Your Vacation Rental to Have an Amazing Trip

Before you pile into the caravan, make a list of what(else) to carry along to your fabulous vacation rental home.

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Booze and ice cube trays



You can never overbuy when it comes to alcohol on vacation. (And we don't say that expecting a rerun of MTV's *Spring Break*. It is more of a precaution.) "While renting a vacation home in Curacao we broke our [last bottle of wine](#) and we hadn't had dinner, or our post-kids-went-to-bed evening revelry on our balcony. My husband had to walk almost a mile to a random liquor store," says Nubia DuVall Willson, founder of [Cielo Consulting](#), a luxury travel brand public relations company. Not to mention that wine and

liquor prices are typically jacked up in resort areas. Stock up on beverages that will appeal to a variety of tastes and that are chameleon-like in their appeal (great for apres plage, a fantastic brunch accompaniment, and pairs well with dinner). [Pink Party](#) is a refreshing, light and yes, way, so seasonal bubbly rosé that at \$14.99 won't break the bank. DuVall Wilson also suggests toting an extra tray or two for ice cubes. If you are entertaining in your vacation home, whatever they have in the freezer isn't enough. Mommy hack bonus: Blend baby food and store in the cube trays for perfect portions and easy portability.

Food delivery



"Not really an item to pack but I always check if Fresh Direct or [another local grocery company delivers](#) groceries so I don't have to waste time food shopping when I get there," says DuVall Wilson. [HelloFresh](#), a chef-curated, self-cook, pre-packaged meals service is another excellent option. Preselect your vacation menu, have your order shipped to your vacation home, and enjoy big family dinners with little food waste and no trail and error on prep.