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Golf Travel Cases - Avoid Vacation Mishaps By Protecting Your Clubs In Advance

By John Bolt

Avoid all the grief! Golf clubs are awkward and heavy to lug around - especially when you've

already got other luggage to carry. Golf travel cases can make your life easier if you get the proper kind. They're a must have for any golfer who wants to take their clubs with them. Let's face it, rental clubs are truly out of the question because they're just not the same as your own. Here are few simple but critical things to look for in a car or airline golf travel case.

The Construction This aspect can vary considerably depending if you are looking for a hard or soft travel case. The harder exterior ones are better for airline travel because they can take a lot of abuse while you are on the plane. They tend to cost a little more money but are well worth it to protect your investment since you can't see what they go through during on and off boarding.

The softer ones are perfect for car travel because they are a little more flexible. They are usually a lot better for storage once you are at your destination because they fold down into a nice compact form. You have to make sure that both these types of golf travel cases have a fully padded interior from top to bottom to avoid potential damage to your clubs. Also make sure that is easily accessible with double zippers or latches that open from top to bottom. Check for rugged double stitching on the softer ones. Try also to get ones that have an I.D. window at the top along with a small padlock.

Pockets and Storage If you can find one with lots of additional storage you don't have to put everything in your other luggage pieces. They should have recessed shoe pockets that can also be locked to help keep the clubs snug during travel. Out side clothing pockets are also available on most models. Just try to make sure that they are expandable for maximum storage. All zippers should have padlock tabs for secure closing. The case should have some sort of an inside security strap that helps prevent the bag from moving too much during transport.

Wheels and Carry Systems Make sure that that your golf travel cases have some sort of wheels on the bottom. These should be made of a durable polymer or even inline skate wheels that are basically indestructible. This is very important because the last thing you want is to have a wheel break forcing you to carry your bag. Also make sure that the bottom of the bag is either a hard vinyl or plastic that won't leak and can take some abuse. This should allow the bag to stand upright.

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The carry system should have handles on the top and bottom along with the side of the bag to aid in getting it in and out of the car. These handles need to be a minimum of double stitched or bolted to the case itself to insure they don't break. You should also have a durable shoulder strap or pulling handle that is adjustable for easy transportation.

One other thing to remember, make sure that when you are shopping, no matter what you buy it has to be water resistant. That along with all these other important tips should help make your experience more enjoyable. Whether you need a hard airline golf travel case or a number of soft golf travel cases for the family in the car all these tips will help you avoid any unnecessary mishaps on your next vacation.

Why are people enjoying their golf vacations so much? Take the worry out of travel with John Bolt's ULTIMATE FREE equipment guide. Protect your clubs...and have tons more fun! =>

<http://www.golfequipmentsource.com/golf-travel-cases.html>

Tips To Plan A Better Golf Vacation

By Joseph Kenny

Planning a golf vacation is always fun; however, far too often all that anticipated fun could turn out to be a big hassle if you do not know what to plan in advance and how to plan the aspects of your upcoming vacation.

One of the first aspects of your golf vacation that should be planned is the amount you plan to spend. Like any other type of vacation, a golf resort vacation can become very pricey very quickly. Therefore, it is important to take the time to find out in advance how much your vacation will cost. The good news is there are numerous ways to save on your trip. Look for discounted play and stay packages offered by many courses and hotels that can provide a price break on your room in addition to green fees. Just make sure that you know in advance if there are any special stipulations attached to these packages such as minimum number of nights, etc.

Another important aspect to planning a great golf trip is to consider the other people with whom you will be traveling. For example, if you're going to be playing with a group of mixed skill level players, make sure you take this into consideration when planning where you will stay and play.

If you're planning to travel with family members or even friends who do not golf, be sure to check out other local activities to ensure there are things for them to do while you're golfing, otherwise your trip may end up being miserable for everyone involved. One of the great things about golf is that regardless of where you happen to be staying, whether it is the beach, the mountains or a metropolitan area, there is usually at least one if not more great golf courses around.

Regardless of where you opt to stay, take the time to do some research ahead of time. Check out which courses are available and whether those courses are appropriate for your skill level. This can

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help you to not only get an idea of the cost of your upcoming trip but also other aspects as well including activities available for non-golfers in your group and what you can expect from the local area.

Make sure you pack your golf equipment carefully. While soft golf travel bags are obviously less expensive, it is really best to opt for a hard side bag to ensure your equipment is protected from all of the many possibilities of travel. Be sure to clean out your golf bag and rid it of anything left over from other outings. Pack some new balls, sunscreen, tees, additional spikes, markers and repair tools in case you run into a problem. The extra expense you will pay for a hard side bag versus a soft bag will be more than made up by ensuring your clubs won't be broken or rendered useless during travel. Remember that you will need to check your clubs as baggage at the airport, if you are flying.

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