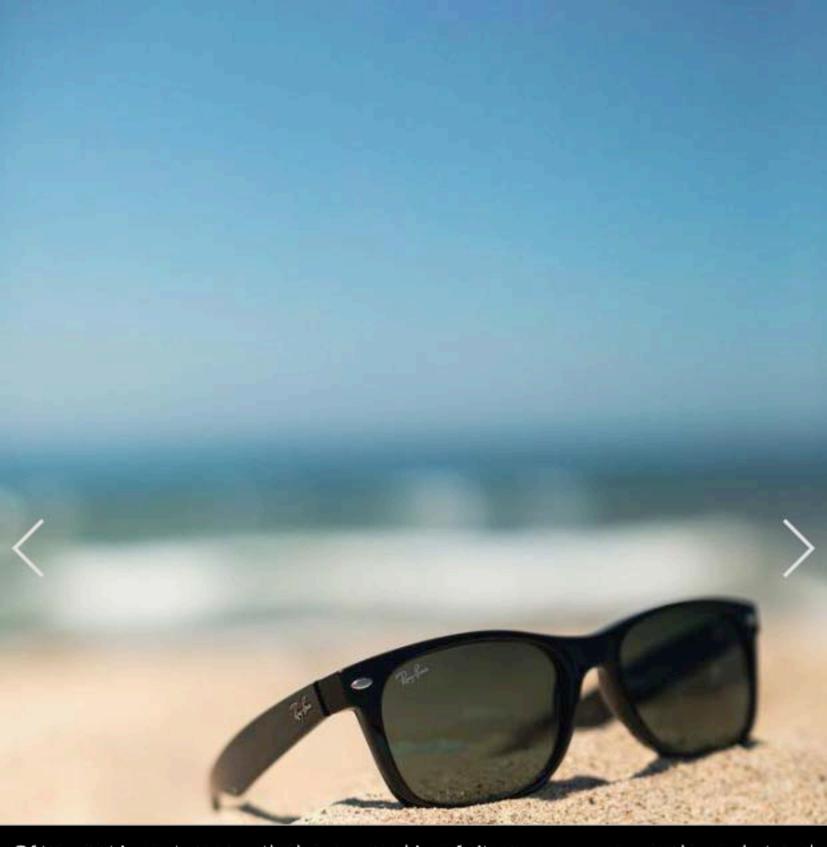
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## DON'T FORGET TO TAKE ALONG THESE BEACH TRIP NECESSITIES

Heading to the beach this summer, along with millions of other Americans? In the hustle and bustle of packing, it can be easy to forget an essential or two, which could make for a much less-fun trip.

Swipe through to make sure you're taking along everything you need for a trip to the beach.





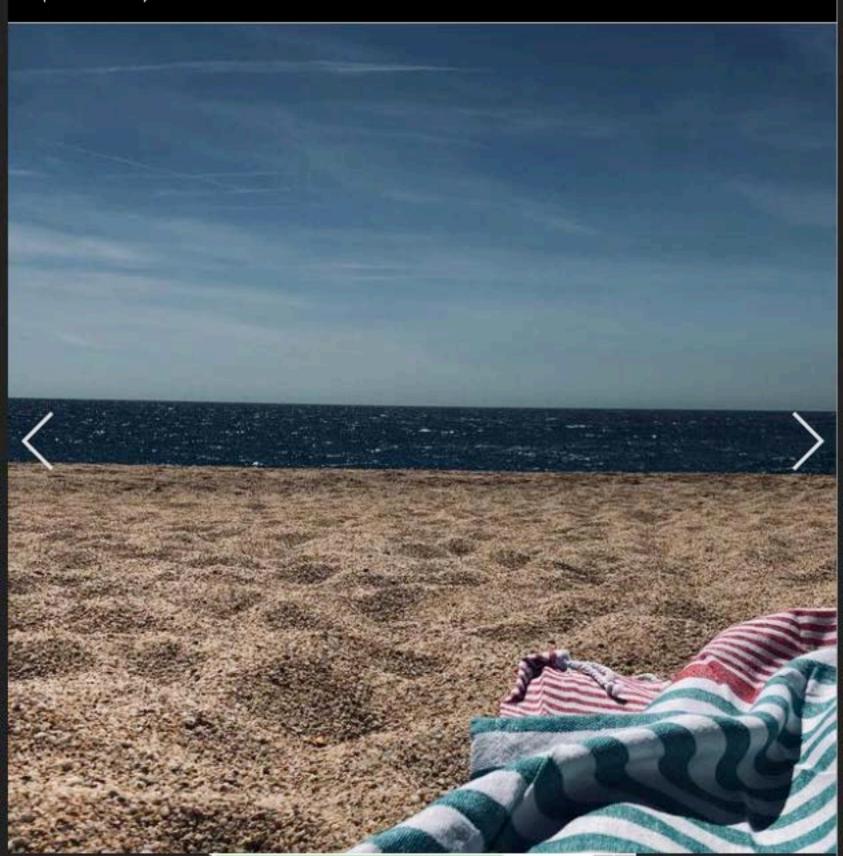
Of topmost importance are the keep-your-skin safe items: sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and pre- and post-swim cover-up. Don't forget lip balm that contains sunscreen! Also in this category: Don't forget a sunshade, whether that's a simple umbrella or a more deluxe popup canopy.

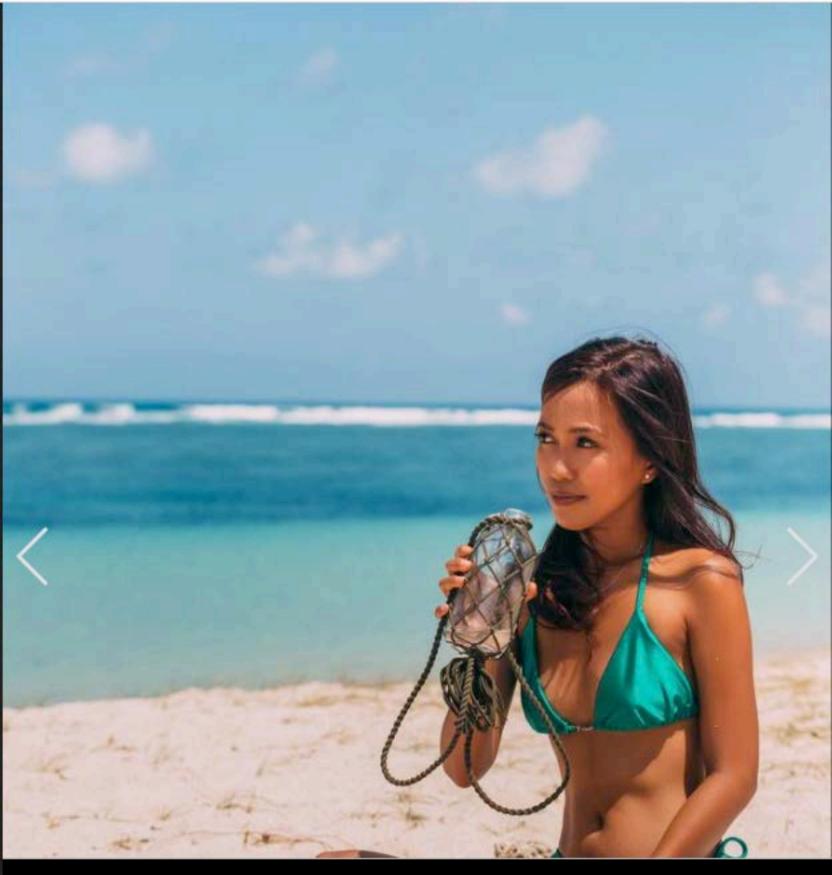


It's hard to imagine why you'd be using your phone when you're at the beach, other than to take photos, but if you expect your battery to drain, but sure to take along a portable charger. Also bring some sandwich-size zip bags to store your phone in and protect it from sand and water.

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Towels are important beach necessities. Bring one for each family member, and bring a couple spares, too. You'll need a towel to dry yourself off after a dip in the ocean., or some folks may want to lay on a towel to dry off in the sun. Others might want to use a towel to wipe off sandy feet.

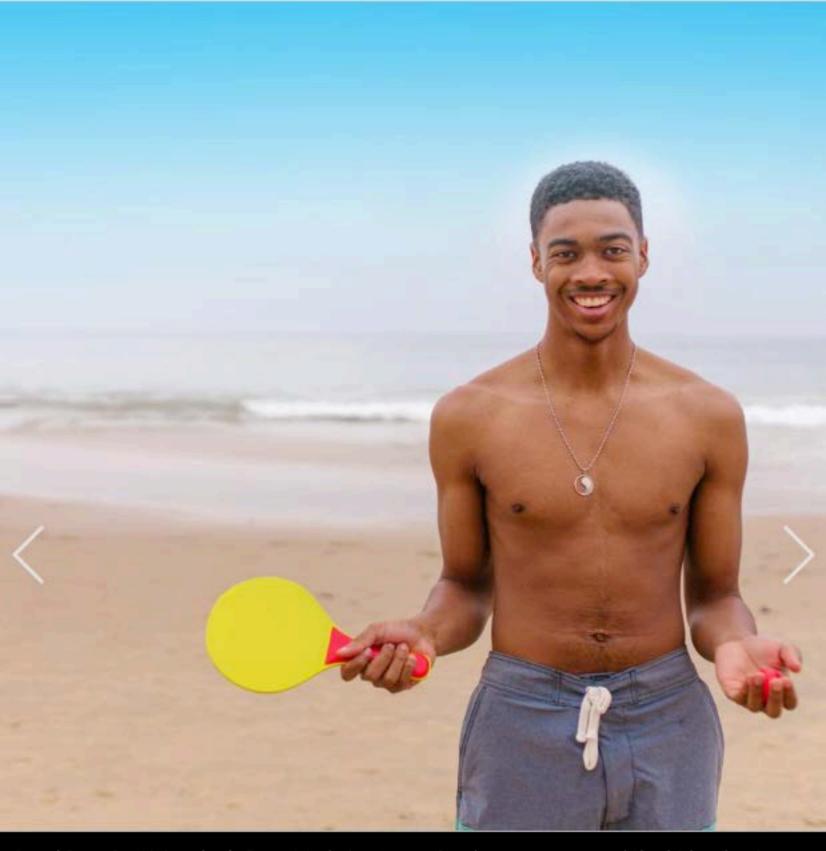




Food. Of course, you need to bring food! If you'll be at the beach all day, bring lunch and plenty of snacks for everyone. Equally or even more important, don't forget to bring water. With the hot sun and lots of activity, family members can quickly get dehydrated.



With all the food and drinks your group will consume, you'll need a trash bag to collect all the empties. Bring one or two kitchen trash bags, plus a clip of some sort to attach the bag to your canopy or chair.



Speaking of activity, don't forget to bring toys—for the grownups and the kids. Plastic sand pails and shovels will keep the tots occupied, while older kids might enjoy a Frisbee to toss around. Bocce ball is another favorite beach activity, as are washer pitching and paddle ball.



Many beach goers like having a chair to sit on, as sitting on the sand can be tiring after a while. Camp chairs or low beach chairs work just fine. Some chairs have a built-in awning, which is great for keeping the sun off your skin.