Put heart into your holiday and leave enough room to Pack For A Purpose

We’re all familiar with packing for a trip abroad — but huge amounts of luggage often arrive in destinations overseas that have no place for it. In response to this, a new initiative called Pack for a Purpose has been launched, allowing tourists to take things they can use themselves, but that will also benefit locals who have a need for them.

Rebecca Rothney, chairperson of Pack for a Purpose, came up with the idea after a safari trip to Africa with her husband. ‘The lovely thing about the safari is we had a personal guide who was a Maasai — he lived with no electricity, no running water and no sanitation — and he had a little bag of comfrey root. It’s a wonder plant that heals cuts and bruises,’ she says.

The guiding idea is that if tourists bring a little space in their luggage for a bag of supplies, enough people make small contributions, we have the potential to make an enormous positive impact,’ she says.

The charity has made it easy for tourists to leave things that can be useful. ‘We’re encouraging people to pack just those things that you wouldn’t personally need, but that will be useful to someone else. The things we request are medical supplies or educational materials at schools, or things that are useful in homes or clinics. A bag of rice for feeding a family, five pounds (2.27kg) of toiletries,’ she says.

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The pounds (£2.75) can be as much as 400 pencils or the deflated soccer balls, ‘says Rebecca Rothney, chairperson of Pack for a Purpose. ‘We’re asking people to take something to Africa, or to Asia, to take something where it’s needed.’

But what about the tourists? ‘Pack for a Purpose,’ she says, ‘is trying to help the tourists to leave something behind that can be beneficial to people in the communities they visit. The tourists to far-flung destinations from Africa to Southeast Asia are being encouraged to use a small space in their suitcases for much-needed medical supplies, or educational materials at schools, or things that are useful in homes or clinics. A bag of rice for feeding a family, five pounds (2.27kg) of toiletries.’

For more information on how to pack, where to pack it, or who to contact, please visit packforapurpose.org or inafrica.com

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TANZANITE HEELS, £15 MILLION
WE’VE all heard about the old woman who lived in a shoe — and this one costs more than the average Irish house. Created by U.S. luxury shoe brand Stuart Weitzman, the lone star in the heel is a five-carat tanzanite. The base is a silver heel, with satin lining. The makers harrods.com

CRISTAL TOILET, £55,000
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GOLD AND DIAMOND HEARING AID, £30,000
With hearing aid prices typically 20 times as much as a new BMW Mini, it looks like we’re going to have to suffer with a small amount of Swarovski crystals or medical supplies. If enough people make small contributions, we have the potential to make an enormous positive impact,’” she says.

Nintendo Wii Gold, £135,000
We’ve solved the mystery of why celebrities wear watches in homes — they’re the world’s most expensive game console. Made of 22-carat gold, this Nintendo Wii will brighten up a dull corner in any multi-million pound penthouse.

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