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ROAD TRIP ESSENTIALS YOU'LL THANK YOURSELF FOR

If you've ever found yourself on a road trip where you're faced with heavy traffic, then you know what it's like to see your ETA turn red and slowly push back later and later. While there's no getting around that frustration, there are a few products you can pack in anticipation of delays (*ahem*, perhaps on a holiday weekend) that you'll be happy you have.

There's nothing worse than being trapped in the car and *hungry*. My number one recommendation is to pack some food ahead of your journey. Using [Lunchskins reusable sandwich bags](#) makes it easier to store sandwiches, snacks, and keep them fresh while doing it. If your journey is particularly long to begin with, you'll want to pack your food in a [soft cooler](#) like the [Titan by Arctic Zone](#)—it comes in several sizes so you can select the right one for your needs, and it's easy to transport and has excellent cold retention.

On top of food, you'll want to make sure you're properly hydrated, both with water and caffeine if necessary. You'll have to stop for bathroom breaks more frequently, but you'll have a much more pleasant experience if your thirst is quenched. For [water bottles](#), we're big fans of the [Owala FreeSip](#) for its leakproof lid and ability to keep drinks cold for up to 24 hours. On an iced coffee kick? You need a [proper travel mug](#). We prefer the [BrüMate Era](#) tumbler because it's easy to clean, has a leakproof lid, and can maintain temperature well.

Now that your hunger and thirst are both satiated, let's get you entertained. Make sure to pack a fully-charged [tablet for the kiddos](#), like the [Amazon Fire 10 Kids](#), which offers endless fun content and is available in bold colors to boot. To keep the whole family entertained, give the [Audible](#) audiobook service a try. [We like it](#) because it allows you to take reading on-the-go with access to thousands of books and podcasts. Want to give it a try? Right now, you can get a 30-day free trial ahead of [Amazon Prime Day](#).

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