

# Everything I Needed To Know About Public Transportation I Learned In Route



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# Tools You Will Need To Use Public Transportation Efficiently

- COMPUTER
- TIME
- CALENDAR
- PATIENCE

# Tools You Need to Use Public Transportation Efficiently



## COMPUTER

- Learn about available Bus, Taxi and Train services
- Access the Internet to look at different routes

# Tool Number Two



## Time

- Plan and organize routes with connections
- Available shelter while waiting for connections

# Tool Number Three

## Calendar



- Routes change with holidays, weekends and seasons
- Sometimes routes change during “rush hours” or evening hours when use increases or decreases

# Tool Number Four

## Patience



- You will need to make contingency plans for those times when things just don't go as planned
- You will need to adjust to everyone else's schedule, plan, plan and more planning required

# Most Importantly

- Purchase



- Passes

- Tickets

- Money (*Exact change only please!*)

- Transfers

# Before You Begin To Look For A Job

1. Learn your options for getting to local areas and other cities where you want to work
2. Try different routes to see what is a reasonable option
3. Make sure the type of transportation you use is not cost prohibitive

# If You Use Public Transportation For Work Or Other Events

- Be like the Postman -  
Plan for the Weather

*"Neither rain nor snow  
nor sleet or slush nor  
heat of summer will  
keep the postal carrier  
from the appointed  
rounds..."*



# "Be Prepared" Carry Contingency Items



# Contingency Weather Items

- Mittens, scarf, hats and pocket warmers for cold, windy days
- Umbrella and poncho when “light” showers are predicted (weather forecasters sometimes are a little off on the timing but they do a great job!)
- Towel and water bottle for those hot, humid days



# Really Important Stuff To Know That No One Ever Told Me

- **The right “Doo”:** How will your hair look after waiting outside during humid or rainy days?
- **Make Up:** Will you look fresh after waiting in the rain?



- **Clothing:** Color or texture of your clothing should be based on the weather
- **Footgear:** The right foot gear for traveling and the right shoe for work

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- **Jewelry:** Be safe! Don't impress – no bling bling!!
- If you use currency during your travel, only keep the amount you need in your pocket (keep your wallet safe and hidden)



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- A package of hand wipes to clean your hands – there are a lot of germs lurking around the cold and flu season (and the rest of the year too!)
- Tissues
- Finally....



- Clothes: Keep a change of clothes at work for unexpected events when you look like something the cat dragged in!



# Safety Items

- Cell phone for emergencies
- Flashlight in case you wait in an area without lighting or travel after dark
- Pepper Spray – be aware of your surroundings
- Water bottle – during hot days
- Limit what you carry – use travel sized items, heavy items can lead to serious shoulder problems



- Breath Mints!

You never know where you will meet your  
"Sweet Baboo!"

