



PACKING CHECKLIST

Going to Center Parcs? This is the only packing list you'll actually need!



Center Parcs Packing List

Over the years I've made a note of everything we've felt we needed to bring for next time! It looks like a long list but remember.... some are *must haves* (especially if you want to save some money buying them on site), some are optional and the rest are just some things that might help make your stay a little more enjoyable! Either way, you can take this list and totally personalise it for your own trip... and remember, there's a well-stocked shop on site if you DO forget or run out of anything, so don't panic.

You can also check out my favourite Amazon picks for Center Parcs [here](#)

Please note: I only recommend products I genuinely like and/or have bought myself. Some links below are affiliate links, and I may earn a small commission if you do choose to buy them.

Villa Essentials:

- Hand soap
- Bin bags (recycling & general)
- Toilet rolls (*always pack a couple extra – you get some, but NEVER enough!*)
- Dishcloths
- Dishwasher tablets (*You usually get 3 on arrival but these soon go!*)
- Washing up gloves
- Surface spray (*Dettol/ sanitiser spray*)
- Kitchen roll
- Washing up liquid
- Washing up brush/ scrubber
- Tin foil
- Tea towels (*you get one, but I like to get out 1 or 2 new ones each day – especially if you're using it to dry hands & dry up! [This pack](#) is great value!)*
- Spare pack of chalk for drawing on chalk board (*you do get some in the villa but for £1.50 I like to take our [own pack](#) so the have new chalk sticks!*)
- Food thermometer (*I highly recommend [this one](#)*)
- First aid kits (the essentials plus kids medicines – calpol etc)
- Bags for wet/ dirty clothes (*There are no washing facilities at the villa*)
- Fillable Ice cube bags
- Games to play in the evening (*Our favourites; Uno, chess board, dominoes, cards, 1 or 2 board games. If you have little hands, our girls love this [card holder!](#)*)
- Colouring/ sticker books (*Perfect for the kids to have some downtime when you just need to relax or shower after swimming!*)
- Freezer bags/ Tupperware to store leftovers (*optional – you could use foil*)
- Mini Bluetooth speaker (*Just a small one - Enough for a little bit of music inside! If you don't have one, you can usually play music through the TV*)
- Disco light – always a fun addition! (*We love a mini disco party for the kids whilst dinner is cooking. We take [this one](#)*)

- Glass charms to identify your glass (*especially if there's a big group of you! I recently bought [these](#) as a gift and loved them!*)

Food Essentials:

- Any food prepped in advance for the duration of your stay!
- Bottles of water
- Tea/ coffee/ hot chocolate
- Milk
- Squash/ soft drinks
- Villa snacks
- Salt & pepper
- Condiments

If you're going with a baby.....

- Bottles/ portable steriliser etc if applicable
- Baby inflatable swim float
- Baby drinking cups
- Baby feeding cutlery
- Plastic plates/ bowls for baby
- Swim nappies
- Baby bike seat for bike (if using)
- Cot sheets – (cots are provided, but no sheets)
- Bibs
- Anti bac wipes
- Flannels for washing face & hands

Swimming Essentials:

- Towels for swimming (*you can hire on site but it's ££!*)
- Goggles
- Waterproof phone case (*I use [this one](#)*)
- Inflatables – *Don't struggle blowing these up before swimming! There is usually a compressor you can use in the subtropical swimming area to blow up inflatables – just ask at the desk.*
- Buoyancy aid for young children (*these are provided free of charge & readily available if you don't already have your own to take with you*)

If taking bikes:

- Baby Bike seat (We had [this front mounted seat](#) for both our girls and would highly recommend!)
- Helmets
- Bike locks
- Spare carrier bags to pop over bike seats if raining

- Bike repair kit
- (& make sure you write the serial number in your booking details! We once had to ask staff to cut a bike lock when the key broke, and we had to prove it was our bike so luckily we had completed this information beforehand)

Some points to note;

Towels aren't changed in the bathroom during your stay. We have successfully requested new towels by calling Customer Services halfway through the week after using our bathroom towels to clean up a spillage but beware to keep your bath towel clean & hung up!

The deer & animals always love to come to the villas. We take some food to feed them which is the highlight of our morning with the kids!