

# In the Bag



## TRAVEL IN STYLE: SOLEDAD O'BRIEN

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ALWAYS IN PURSUIT OF THE LATEST STORY, EMMY AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST Soledad O'Brien travels to the end of the world and back to break the latest news on location. The globetrotting correspondent has covered exciting stories that put her on the front lines of major world events, including the 2007 Israeli-Hezbollah conflict in Cyprus for CNN. From luxury accommodations while covering the 2004 tsunami aftermath in Thailand to sleeping in her car following the 2010 Chilean earthquake, her experiences are far and wide ranging but she revels in exploring every facet of local culture.

The former "Starting Point" anchor recently left CNN to launch her own production and distribution company, Starfish Media Group, where she continues to partner with high-profile media outlets like HBO, Al Jazeera and National Geographic. "I travel for shoots and ... for meetings around the country and around the globe," she says. "The good news: I love to travel—it's the greatest thing about being a journalist; meeting new people, trying new food, experiencing other people's lives and environments." When she's not circling the globe for work, she loves enjoying leisurely travel with her husband and four children. "My favorite recreational destination is Miami," she adds. "I love the beach; I love the Cuban food. It brings back great memories of going to Miami as a kid." **B**

"I always pack cute and comfortable flats—I tend to wear high, high heels for work and sometimes you just have to walk home."



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"I [also] bring a cashmere wrap in my bag. I'm always chilly—I'm in LA right now ... wearing a long-sleeved top and it's 86 degrees."



"The only things I spend money on when it comes to skin care is face cream (La Mer) and my perfume (Carolina Herrera). I wear a ton of makeup for work, and I practically live on planes. I find La Mer is worth the exorbitant price; and Carolina Herrera ... the smell in the morning just makes me happy. What a great way to start the day."



"I still haven't figured out how to type fast on my iPhone, but I take it everywhere because I shoot on it and Instagram video, too. I also travel with a Blackberry—while the pictures aren't TV quality, I'm a super fast typist on the keyboard and can churn out scripts and articles in no time."



"My favorite travel bag is my Tumi roller board and matching tote designed by Anna Sui—it's purple with flowers, easy to distinguish at baggage claim, and super lightweight and well made."