

BALIKBAYAN BOXES

A balikbayan box is a package filled with gifts that Filipinos living overseas send to their families back in the Philippines. The tradition is a way for those living abroad, such as in Australia, to maintain connections with their relatives. These boxes typically contain a variety of items, including clothes, toys, electronics, and non-perishable food items. The contents are carefully chosen to bring joy and provide useful goods that might be expensive or hard to find in the Philippines.

When packing a balikbayan box, families often start by listing items that their relatives need or miss. They pack the box methodically to maximize space, placing heavier items at the bottom and fragile items securely wrapped in the middle or top. Once packed, the box is sent through a shipping company specialising in balikbayan services, which offers affordable rates and reliable delivery to ensure the box safely reaches its destination in the Philippines.

1. What is a balikbayan box?

2. Why do Filipinos send balikbayan boxes?

3. What types of items are typically found in a balikbayan box?

4. How do families pack a balikbayan box?

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