

Barbara Corcoran, one of the sharks on the wildly popular TV show *Shark Tank*, had straight Ds in college and 20 jobs by the time she turned 23. She borrowed \$1,000 and started a little (very, very little) real estate company in New York City. Corcoran turned the enterprise into a smashing success. Indeed, Corcoran is also the author of best-seller *Shark Tales, How I Turned \$1,000 into a Billion Dollar Business*, and is a contributor to NBC's *The Today Show*.

What are you likely to forget to pack?

Everything! I've left my passport home, my iPhone, my iPad! The bigger problem is what I leave on the plane: Bose earphones, souvenirs, iPod.

Carry-on; checked baggage?

Carry on. I can pack for anywhere for two weeks in a carry on. I pack around one pair of shoes.

Do you read books electronically?

I don't like reading books on a screen.



It tires my eyes and never makes me feel I'm in the company of an old friend.

How do you spend your time between security and boarding?

I always head to XpresSpa for a back, head, or foot massage. I absolutely love it. (I've missed flights this way!)

Aisle or window?

Always window, so I can pretend to look out in case I get stuck next to a talker.

Can you easily sleep inflight?

Sleep inflight? Never. Drives me crazy when people can.

What is your dream trip?

Chartering an old gulet to tour the black waters of the Turkish coast.

What's on your bucket list?

Life gets simpler as you go. There's only

one thing on my bucket list: that I live to see 100 with good health.

What hotel amenities do you like?

A hard mattress and a down pillow. Just to be sure, I bring my own pillow.

Do you have a favorite airport eat/drink vice?

Having a mojito at the bar nearest the gate—in the afternoon or the evening. In the morning, I have coffee.

Do people in airports or on planes recognize you as a Shark and start pitching away?

All the time! I usually take photos with them and listen to their stories, then I tell them if they want to be on *Shark Tank*, they should go to abc.com.

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