

How I Travel: Kelly Clarkson Has More Books in Her Carry-On Than Rory Gilmore

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We peek into the airport routines and bizarre quirks of the world's most well-traveled people.

I'm busy, you're busy, but Kelly Clarkson is *busy*. This year alone, she debuted a daytime talk show (*The Kelly Clarkson Show*), released new music, coached on two seasons of *The Voice*, hosted the Billboard Music Awards, and announced a **Las Vegas** residency. She travels between four homes in four states with her four children and her husband, Brandon Blackstock. Taken all together, you might understand why she actually looks forward to the airport: "Flying is my 'me' time," she says.

Now, Clarkson has yet another new gig: last month, Norwegian Cruise Line named her the godmother of its newest ship, *Norwegian Encore*. She just wrapped up the christening ceremony in **Miami** on November 21. "They totally won me over with the laser tag arena and the longest race track at sea, all of that fun stuff," she says. "To be a godmother to something that represents family, and making magical memories—it's pretty rad." Noting that her kids currently dominate her approach to travel, she told *Condé Nast Traveler* about the other things that define how she operates on the road.

Her favorite hotel stay ever:

We were recently in **Paris**, and **Le Royal Monceau** was amazing. Our five-year-old loves *Fancy Nancy* [the book and television series about a fancy girl who loves all things French], and we happened to be in Europe for work, and the kids love Paris, so we did this whole thing [and visited]. The hotel set up all this extra stuff—we walked into the room and it looked like Pottery Barn Kids had exploded. There were tents, there were games, there were coloring things and towers of sugar, and it was the most magical thing ever. Basically it seemed like our kids were going to the most fancy camp. We went in a horse and carriage around town on our day off, we went to this beautiful park, the **Jardin d'Acclimatation**. It was the most wonderful day that our family's had in a long time. ✧

