



# Windrush Day Pack your Suitcase



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You're going on a long boat journey, and you can only take a few things with you.

What items will you choose that remind you of home?

Below we've selected a few items from our collection owned by Caribbean people who came to live in Britain during the Windrush and made Croydon their home. Go to the next page to pack your suitcase.



### Joyce's Dress

Joyce moved to London in 1952 from Guyana. She lived in Croydon in the mid 1950s working as a nurse at Cane Hill Hospital. She loved dressing-up and dancing. It was a great way of meeting friends who had also moved here from the Caribbean. This dress was really cool when Joyce Daniels bought. She wore this dress to enter a fashion show.



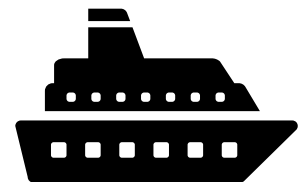
### Gee's Camera

Gee Bernard came to England from Jamaica in 1966. Gee took pictures with this camera for her photography evening class, which she took to improve her prospects in life. It took her a long time to save up the money to buy it because she didn't get paid very much and was a single mum caring for two children. She would later become a qualified social worker before going onto to be Croydon's first black councillor and represented the West Thornton ward from 1986 - 2002.



### Dahlia's Decoration

Dahlia lived with her grandparents and her sister in West Croydon. This wall decoration hung in Dahlia's home in Cavaliers St Andrews, Jamaica. Dahlia moved from West Croydon to Jamaica when she was a child: "I'd grown up in Croydon and seen quite a few black people, but 99% of the people were white. And then it was the opposite. It was me and my sister, we were these two little white girls among this vast majority of black people."



**Draw items that you would take  
with you or maybe cut out  
photographs and stick them inside.**

