

Before You Go: TRAVEL CHECKLIST



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6 - 12 MONTHS BEFORE

Book Hotel, Airfare, & Travel Protection

Save money and reserve and pay for your trip in advance

Passport

Be sure to get passports and other travel documents well in advance

Start Planning Activities

Look up maps, research things to do and places to see

Health and Vaccines

Get any required vaccinations necessary for travel and check prescriptions

1 - 2 MONTHS BEFORE

Finalize Travel Plan

Create travel itinerary and decide on any last-minute activities

Pets & Home Care

Find a pet sitter and arrange for mail and newspaper collection

Appointments

Schedule any necessary appointments (hair stylist, dentist, doctor, etc.)

Know the Rules

Be sure to check custom rules and regulations for the country you're visiting and look up any airline carry-on or baggage restrictions.

Sign up for STEP

The smart traveler enrollment program, which helps the local embassy reach you in an emergency

1 - 2 WEEKS BEFORE

Reservations

Prevent itinerary glitches by confirming all reservations

Shopping

Make a list of what to pack and shop for anything new you'll need

Phone

Get an international phone and data plan and download any useful travel apps

Banking

Schedule online bill payments, inform your bank of travel dates, exchange foreign currency, and take out cash for taxis, tipping, ect.

VACATION EVE

Home Prep

Put valuables in safety deposit box, unplug electronics, water plants, and contact alarm company

Pack

Organize essentials and weigh luggage for checked bag regulations

Charge

Guarantee all batteries are charged and pack all chords, cables and chargers

Clean

Deep clean, take out trash and be sure to empty fridge of perishables

Print

Make copies of passports and print out documents

Airport Prep

Set up flight alerts and check-in to airline within 24 hours