



General Pre Travel Checklist

Use this final preparation checklist for cruises, resorts, road trips, guided tours, and other vacations. Complete the sections that apply to your trip.

Destination: _____ Departure: _____ Return: _____

Documents and reservations

- ☐ Verify names, dates, destinations, room types, and travelers on every confirmation.
- ☐ Confirm the identification accepted for each journey; check current TSA ID rules if flying in the U.S.
- ☐ Check passports, visas, entry authorizations, transit rules, and any required validity periods.
- ☐ Confirm consent or other documentation required when children are traveling.
- ☐ Save tickets, confirmations, addresses, and backup copies for offline access.
- ☐ Complete required check-in or entry forms and record arrival or boarding cutoffs.

Transportation and destination planning

- ☐ Confirm flight or train status, terminal locations, transfers, hotels, and parking.
- ☐ For road trips, review the route, vehicle condition, fuel or charging stops, and roadside assistance.
- ☐ Confirm rental car documents, local driving requirements, insurance, and return instructions.
- ☐ Check weather, official travel advisories, local rules, and attraction reservation requirements.
- ☐ Allow time for connections, baggage, security, traffic, and possible delays.

Health and travel protection

- ☐ Review destination health guidance and discuss relevant needs with your healthcare professional.
- ☐ Arrange prescription refills, medication permissions, and required medical equipment.
- ☐ Confirm accessibility, dietary, and other essential arrangements with providers.
- ☐ Review travel insurance coverage, exclusions, assistance contacts, and claim requirements.
- ☐ Keep essential medication, medical information, and assistance contacts accessible.

Current guidance: [U.S. Department of State travel checklist](#) | [CDC cruise travel health guidance](#) | [U.S. Department of State travel insurance guidance](#)

Important task still outstanding



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Home preparations and the final departure check

Money and communication

- ☐ Check payment-card access, international fees, available funds, and any travel-notice requirements.
- ☐ Carry a backup payment method separately and arrange local currency if useful.
- ☐ Check phone coverage, roaming costs, and any eSIM or internet plan you intend to use.
- ☐ Save important phone numbers, maps, reservations, and account recovery options offline.
- ☐ Give a trusted person your itinerary and a way to reach you.

Home and work

- ☐ Arrange pet care, plant care, mail, deliveries, and any home checks.
- ☐ Confirm caregiver instructions and access arrangements with the people helping you.
- ☐ Set bill payments, work coverage, and an out-of-office reply if needed.
- ☐ Remove perishables and trash; adjust household settings as appropriate for the season.
- ☐ Secure doors and windows and check any alarm or monitoring arrangements.

Bags and the last check before leaving

- ☐ Review baggage allowances and prohibited-item rules for every carrier or provider.
- ☐ Check liquids, battery, and medical-supply packing rules where applicable.
- ☐ Keep documents, medication, valuables, chargers, and a clothing change in your carry-on.
- ☐ Recheck weather, travel status, pickup times, and the route to your departure point.
- ☐ Charge devices and keep the necessary charging cables accessible.
- ☐ Check for wallet, identification, phone, keys, and required travel documents.
- ☐ Know how to reach your supplier or travel assistance provider if plans change.

Flight packing guidance: [FAA battery packing rules](#)

My final reminder

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