

Travel Checklist

Passport/Visas [When traveling or living outside the U.S.](#), passports/visas are necessary to verify your identification and citizenship.

Medical Insurance What some travelers may not realize is that the medical insurance they have at home may not be extended to illnesses or injuries they may experience while traveling abroad.

Transportation Passes Keep track of all your boarding passes and tickets. If possible, arrange for early check-in and print them off yourself.

Accommodations Make your hotel/accommodation arrangement as in advance as possible. If you wait until you arrive to find a place to stay, you may have trouble finding a hotel at the last minute. Booking your hotel early will help you plan the rest of your visit and assure that your hotel meets your needs.

Medication If you are taking prescription medications, be sure to keep all medications in original containers with their labels. If possible, carry copies of the prescriptions to refill your prescription if necessary and to prevent problems with custom officers.

Vaccinations Check with your physician to find out if vaccinations are required in the country you plan on visiting.

Local regulations and laws Every country has specific information regarding [local conditions](#). If you plan to live/work abroad, knowing the regulations and laws of the country you plan to visit is extremely crucial.

Copies of all documents Be sure to carry with you color photocopies of your boarding passes, passports/visas, insurance cards, etc.

Luggage Be sure to mark all bags/suitcases with your name and address in case your luggage is lost or stolen.

International Driver's License Local regulations may require you to have an international driver's license if you plan to drive while abroad.

Emergency contacts In case of emergency, you want to have the number to the local embassy, customer service for your health insurance, local police, etc.

Weather Weather conditions affect what you pack, where you go and what you do on your trip. Be prepared by [checking local weather listings](#).

Airport Regulations Airports are different everywhere you go. To avoid delays in your travel, familiarize yourself with airport security regulations.

Currency Exchange You may want to have a little bit of local cash to pay for a cab ride, snacks, or minor incidentals. If you decide to carry money, find out what the currency exchange rate is in the country you plan to visit before you travel.

Housekeeping Lock windows, plan for a friendly neighbor or close-by relative to pick up your mail, arrange pet care, etc. If you're planning an extended visit, you may also want to pay your bills in advance.