

Personalize-able travel packing list - Updated and expanded!

Things to do in advance:

Make reservations for boarding your animals, having newspapers picked up, plants watered, and other things you need to maintain your household while you are away.

Have your mail held at the post office and stop newspapers from being delivered.

For a car trip, stock your vehicle with water, foods, tools, maps, and an emergency road kit.

Pay any bills that will be due while you are away

Make sure your passport is at least 6 months before it will expire.

Get some foreign currency for where you will be traveling

Inform your credit card company where you will be traveling.

Charge your camera batteries

Consider getting a mani/pedi so you don't have to worry about that grooming while traveling.

Send a copy of your itinerary to someone who cares about you—with phone numbers—in case of an urgent need to reach you.

Prepare a list of emergency contacts to keep in your wallet in case of emergency (a good idea to have on you all the time).

Things to do just before leaving:

Make sure you have your tickets, trip itinerary, passport, visas, and other important paperwork

Take out the trash (so you don't return home to a stinky home with ants crawling!)

Leave on a lights and/or set home alarm

Check appliances—are they off?

Check thermostats—don't run heat or AC you won't need!

Flush toilets

Close drapes, lock windows

Pack food and CDs in car

Count how many suitcases you have to help keep track of them

Don't forget jackets you might need where you are going

Don't leave without a house key to get back in!

Packing:

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| <p>Clothing:</p> <p>Mix of interchangeable clothing appropriate for where you are going Pajamas Underwear, bras, socks Shoes, boots, sandals, slippers Jackets, sweaters</p> <p>accessories:</p> <p>Hats Bathing suit Goggles Purse, backpack Jewelry Belts, scarves, ties Gloves</p> <p>Skincare and Beauty:</p> <p>Body soap Face Cleanser Body Lotion Facial Lotions/Moisturizers Sunscreen: facial and body Self-tanning lotion Facial prescription creams Facial other: toner, special preparations Deodorant Lip balm</p> <p>Cotton balls or pads Q-tips Tissues Shaving razor, blades and shaving cream Tweezers Hair removal cream Mirror(s) Disposable hand sanitizer wipes or baby wipes Perfume Nail care: polish and remover, nail files, cuticle trimmers</p> <p>Shampoo Hair conditioner Hair brushes /or comb Hairspray/mousse Hair other: bands, clips, blow-dryer, styling tools</p> <p>Toothbrush Toothpaste</p> | <p>Other things you might want pack:</p> <p><i>Medications!</i> Be sure to pack in original prescription bottles and do NOT put in checked-luggage; always keep your meds with you in carry-on bags.</p> <p>You might like to include eye-drops for dry eyes on planes, some aspirin or ibuprofen, and ask your doctor about medications you might need for stomach troubles if you're going to other countries.</p> <p>Extra cash Laundry soap Clock or watch Things to reading Mini sewing kit Umbrella Plastic laundry bag Spare folding travel tote (or leave room in your luggage for things you buy to bring home) Flashlight Travel iron Swiss army knife with scissors -- checkable luggage only, not allowed on flights/carry-on bags Small notebook and pens Foreign dictionaries for where you are traveling Sunglasses Extra eyeglasses Travel pillow and blanket Luggage locks</p> <p>ELECTRONIC/COMPUTER:</p> <p>CELL PHONE, and earphones with charger Laptop and/or iPad, and charger Kindle and charger GPS device and charger Outlet converters (for traveling in other countries) Extension cord Usb/storage drive Camera and batteries/charger</p> <p>Packing for children:</p> <p>A couple of favorite toys and/or blanky A few new toys and/or DVDs to keep them busy during travel Sippy cups Favorite foods and snacks</p> |
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| <p>Floss Mouthwash Teeth retainers (if you use them) Denture cleansers and paste Makeup: Foundation Powder Blush Eye Shadow Eyeliner Lipstick/gloss/lipliners Eyebrow pencil Mascara and eyelash curler Makeup brushes and sponges/applicators Concealer Primers Sharpeners for crayon-type makeups Makeup remover</p> <p>Ear-drops/swimmer's ear drops Contact lens solution and case Eyedrops Sunglasses Band-aids and/or mini first-aid kit Bug repellent Feminine hygiene, pads, tampons</p> | <p>Children's toiletries and clothing and medications (see above packing lists for reminders of what the kid's need, too!) Packing for traveling pets:</p> <p>Carriers and leashes Playpen or gates Small cat litter box and extra litter Leashes and name tags with your cellphone number on it Pet foods, wet and dry Bowls for eating and for water Favorite toys Medical documents, medications, and/or care instructions for boarding</p> <p>Basic shopping list for away-from-home kitchens:</p> <p>Salt and pepper Butter Bread Eggs Milk Juice Bottled Water Cereals Fruit Napkins paper plates and cups and plastic utensils Coffee and/or filters for coffee machine Sugar and/or sugar substitutes Dishwashing soap Dishwashing gloves, sponge</p> |
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