



## Pre-Travel Checklist: Trip Essentials\*

- 1. Check your prescriptions.** Do you have enough prescription medication to last for your entire trip (plus a little extra, just in case)? If not, call the pharmacy ASAP. The [Allianz Travel 24-hour assistance hotline](#) can help you refill prescriptions overseas, but it's much simpler to do it before you leave.
- 2. Double-check your boarding passes and itinerary.** I once stood in an airport check-in line behind a distraught family that had purchased their tickets for the wrong day: June 12 (6-12) instead of December 6 (12-6). Don't let this happen to you!
- 3. Check travel requirements for your destination.** If your destination country requires certain vaccinations, visas, an arrival tax or a specific number of free pages in your passport, you want to know that *before* you leave. [Check our interactive map](#) for the latest information on travel requirements and entry restrictions for international destinations, including COVID-19 testing, vaccination policies, necessary travel documents and quarantine periods.
- 4. Put your passport in a safe place.** You don't want to be frantically hunting for it right before your departure. You may want to put it in the same place as your other last-minute essentials: sunglasses, phone charger, etc.
- 5. Print all of your travel info/documents.** Don't rely solely on your phone or other device for directions, reservations and other crucial information! Batteries die, and electronics get stolen.
- 6. Scan or photograph your passport, driver's license and credit cards.** This can help you get replacements more quickly, should you lose the originals.
- 7. Read your travel insurance documents.** We know it's not exactly thrilling, but it's so important to read through your policy so you know what's covered and you understand what you have to do to file a claim.

- 8. Purchase travel insurance, if you haven't already.** Even if you're leaving the next day, it might not be too late to protect yourself and your trip! You can purchase travel insurance any time before the date of your departure, although your plan choice may be limited if you wait until the last minute. If you want a plan that includes valuable trip cancellation and trip interruption benefits, as well as benefits for existing medical conditions, you'll want to purchase travel insurance as far in advance as possible.
- 9. Withdraw some cash.** Small bills are useful for tipping.
- 10. Check your bank balances.** Make sure your bank account and credit limits are prepared to handle your vacation spending.
- 11. Schedule a ride to the airport, if necessary.** Cab and ridesharing services will often let you arrange a pickup in advance.
- 12. Sign up for STEP.** The [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#), run by the U.S. Department of State, helps the local embassy reach you in an emergency.
- 13. Check in for your flight.** If your airline allows you to check in online, go ahead and do it. You can also pre-pay for checked bags.
- 14. Charge all of your electronics.** No one wants to stand elbow-to-elbow with strangers at the airport charging station.
- 15. Download useful travel apps.** Number one on your list should be [the free TravelSmart app](#) from Allianz Travel, which can guide you if you experience a travel emergency and help you manage your travel insurance plan. Other ideas: apps for navigation, translation and even guided meditations for serenity on those bumpy flights