

# Overseas Travel Checklist

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- ☐ Before You Go
  - ☐ Do some research on the destination country before you go.
  - ☐ Check the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's travel advice for the country/countries you plan to visit.
  - ☐ Purchase a guide book for the regions you are visiting.
  - ☐ Read up on local laws and customs, places of interest, etc.
  - ☐ Check with your travel agent or your doctor to see if any vaccinations or immunisations are required for the areas you are travelling to.
  - ☐ Get information on how to stay well while travelling.
  - ☐ Check that you have a valid passport.
  - ☐ Take a copy of your passport with you and leave a copy at home with a trusted friend or family member.
  - ☐ Make enquiries about visas well before your planned departure date.
  - ☐ Do not leave without comprehensive travel and medical insurance.
  - ☐ Find out if require an International Driving Permit to drive in another country.
  - ☐ Check with your bank or credit card company and whether ATM facilities are readily available in the countries you are visiting.
  - ☐ Consider purchasing travellers' cheques.
  - ☐ Decide how you will get emergency funds if you need them.
  - ☐ Determine your itinerary and budget
  - ☐ Book your flights.
  - ☐ Book your hotels.
  - ☐ Book your transportation (cars, train, bus).
  - ☐ Book any tours/sightseeing that require advance booking.
  - ☐ Set up mail to be held during your trip.
  - ☐ Set up timers to make the house look lived in.
  - ☐ Arrange for someone to watch your house while you are gone.
  - ☐ Turn off unnecessary appliances/utilities.