

Vacation Checklist

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- Preparation
 - Get information about where you are going.
 - Gather maps and handy guides.
 - Learn about places to see and things to do.
 - Talk to others who have been there for good places and good tips.
 - Get tickets and reservations.
 - Renew passport or obtain passport if needed.
 - Arrange for your shots if your destination warrants it.
 - Ask a neighbor or a friend to keep an eye on things left at your door.
 - Be sure that you will have enough prescription medicine.
 - Check your auto insurance to see if you're fully covered where you're going.
 - Buy extras you might need such as sun screen, insect repellent, camera batteries etc.
- Be Ready To Leave
 - Stop the mail.
 - Stop the newspaper
 - Update voicemail at work with absence notification.
 - Update e-mail at work with auto reply absence notification.
 - Get money and/or traveler's checks.
 - Pay upcoming bills that can't wait.
 - Put name and destination phone number or destination address in luggage.
 - Remove non-essentials from wallet or purse.
 - Record phone numbers for reporting lost or stolen credit cards or debit cards.
 - Record emergency phone numbers to leave with neighbors or relative.
 - Close and lock all windows and sliding doors.
 - Unplug small kitchen appliances.
 - Turn off water to external faucets.
 - Set your electrical timer to turn some lights on and off during the evening hours.
 - Lock your garage door
- Things To Bring
 - Tickets.
 - Passport.
 - Reservation confirmation.
 - Prescription medicine.
 - Contact lenses, lens case, and extra solutions.
 - Extra eyeglasses or lens prescription.
 - Umbrella or raingear.
 - Camera.
 - If you plan to bring back souvenirs, leave some room for them in your luggage.