

International Pre-Travel Checklist

Step	Description
1. Passport Application or Renewal	<p>Ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond your travel dates. Processing times vary from a few days to 6 weeks depending on the service you choose (check the website for details).</p> <p>Resource: U.S. Department of State – Passports Website: Passport Information https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html</p>
2. Research Visa Requirements	<p>Check if your destination requires a visa and apply in advance.</p> <p>Resource: U.S. Department of State Website: Visa Requirements https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html</p>
3. Health and Vaccination Requirements	<p>Verify required vaccinations and health advisories for your destination.</p> <p>Resource: CDC – Travelers' Health Website: Destinations Travelers' Health CDC https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list</p>
4. Travel Insurance	<p>Purchase comprehensive travel insurance that covers medical emergencies and trip cancellations. To learn more about types of insurance, start here: Resource: CDC Travelers' Health Website: Travel Insurance Travelers' Health CDC https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/insurance</p>
5. Book Flights	<p>Search for flights and compare prices using trusted travel sites.</p>
6. Reserve Accommodations	<p>Book hotels or other accommodations in advance using trusted services and hotel booking sites.</p>

<p>7. Local Transportation</p>	<p>Reserve car rentals, train tickets, or other local transportation as needed. A good place to start is the US Dept. of State to learn more about your destination.</p> <p>Resource: US Department of State Website: Learn About Your Destination https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html</p>
<p>8. Customs and Entry Requirements</p>	<p>Review customs regulations and entry forms for your destination.</p> <p>Resource: U.S. Customs and Border Protection Website: Before Your Trip U.S. Customs and Border Protection & Customs and Import Restrictions https://cbp.gov/travel/us-citizens/know-before-you-go/your-trip</p>
<p>9. Currency Exchange and Finances</p>	<p>Notifying your bank of travel plans is a good idea (can also exchange currency). For official currency exchange rates for global currencies and currency conversions:</p> <p>Resource: XE Currency Exchange Website: Currency Exchange Rates and International Money Transfers https://www.xe.com</p>
<p>10. Emergency Preparation</p>	<p>Know the location of your country's embassy and emergency contact numbers.</p> <p>Resource: U.S. Embassy Finder Website: Official list of embassies from the U.S. Department of State https://www.usembassy.gov</p>
<p>Travel Tip: Documents</p>	<p>Make a list of all the required documents for the destination you are traveling to. You will want to keep all documents on you (do not pack in suitcase)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - make a copy of all for yourself - give copy to a trusted friend/family member - keep pictures of all documents on your phone as well.

***Note:** When planning a trip abroad, it is best to check the **Travel Advisories** for your intended destination.

Website: [Travel Advisories](#)

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

******You can also learn more about your destination here:

Website: [Learn About Your Destination](#)

Travel.State.Gov

******* Consider enrolling in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). This is a free service to U.S. citizens and nationals to enroll their trip abroad so the Department of State can accurately and quickly contact them in case of emergency.

Website: [STEP](#)

<https://mytravel.state.gov/s/step>

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