

Important Travel Tips

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

A little preparation goes a long way!



Make Copies of Important Documents

Make paper and digital copies of your passport, ID, travel documents, car insurance, prescriptions, and important medical information. Leave copies with one or two trusted people, keep copies in your carry-on and checked bag, and save digital versions on your phone for offline access.

Photograph Your Luggage

Take a clear photo of each bag before checking it. A current photo makes it easier to describe and identify your luggage if it is delayed or misplaced.

Pack Your Carry-On Wisely

In your carry-on, pack a complete change of clothes, essential toiletries, chargers, and all medications in their original containers. Bring enough medication for your trip plus a few extra days in case of delays.

Split Clothing Between Bags

When traveling with someone else, divide clothing between both checked bags. If one suitcase is delayed, each traveler will still have clothes and essentials.

Save Important Contact Information

Save my contact information, travel insurance provider details, policy number, and emergency assistance number on your phone. Keep a printed copy with your travel documents as backup.

Leave Room for Memories

Pack a lightweight, foldable duffel bag or tote for souvenirs and extra purchases. Check airline baggage fees before using it as an additional carry-on or checked bag.

Notify Your Bank and Credit Card Companies

Notify your financial institutions of your travel dates and destinations to help prevent transactions from being flagged. If you need cash, ATMs generally offer a better exchange rate than currency exchange counters.

Download Before You Go

Download airline apps, boarding passes, travel documents, maps, entertainment, and hotel information before leaving home so they are available without Wi-Fi or cell service.

Check Baggage Limits

Confirm your airline's baggage size and weight limits before packing. Weigh checked bags at home to avoid repacking or paying unexpected fees at the airport.

Bring a Portable Charger

Carry a fully charged portable power bank and charging cable so your phone stays available for boarding passes, maps, confirmations, and emergency contacts.

Make Your Luggage Easy to Identify

Add a brightly colored luggage strap or strip of duct tape to the handle or sides of your suitcase. Use a luggage tag with your name, cell phone number, and email address, but not your home address. Add a Bluetooth tracker for extra peace of mind.

Arrive Early

Allow plenty of time for traffic, parking, check-in, security, and unexpected delays. Follow your airline's recommended airport arrival time.



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