

YOUR HOLIDAY CHECKLIST

Make your holiday as smooth and enjoyable as possible with this pre-departure guide.

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WHAT TO PACK

Don't forget the essentials

- Power Adaptor**
Make sure you've got the right one for your destination. Go to [Too Many Adapters](#) to find out what type of adaptor you'll need.
- Medication**
If you require prescription medication, ensure you pack it in your carry-on luggage. It's a good idea to have a letter from your GP stating the name of the medicine, how much you are taking, and that it is for your personal use.
- Prohibited Items**
Make sure you don't pack any prohibited items in your luggage. Go to the [TravelSecure](#) page of the Department of Home Affairs website.
- LAGs Bag**
For international travel, be sure to pack your carry-on liquids, aerosols and gel products in a clear zip-lock bag. The maximum size for each is 100ml. Any larger and you risk them being kept at Customs.

ARRIVE WITHOUT A HITCH

What to confirm before you depart

- Travel Insurance**
Travel smart, travel safe. Travel insurance is essential and covers medical costs, lost luggage, cancellations etc.
- Passport**
Did you know that most countries require at least six months validity on your passport for entry? Check it has that long before you plan to leave.
- Visas**
The DFAT website has a link to [embassies and consulates in Australia](#). You need to check with them if your holiday destination requires a visa for entry.
- Cash**
Convert some cash into the local currency before you arrive. It's always nice to have for snacks, the taxi when you arrive and tips.
- Vaccinations**
Check with your GP or a travel doctor for recommended vaccinations for your destination. Some countries may require certain vaccinations as a condition of entry. Also find out about taking medication overseas – certain medicines aren't allowed in some countries.

TRAVEL SAFE

Share your travel details

- Subscribe to Smartraveller**
When travelling overseas, subscribe to updates on your destination at [smartraveller.gov.au](#). Travel smart and be safe – you never know when trouble may arise.
- Fill in Friends and Family**
Make a copy of your itinerary and share it with a friend or family member in case of emergency. It's a good idea to give them a copy of your passport as well.
- Copy and File**
Pack two photocopies of your passport in case it's lost or stolen. Put one in your luggage and one in your wallet or purse. This makes for an easier process when contacting the Australian Embassy in the event of a problem.
- Contact Details**
Before you depart on your holiday, pack a copy of 24-hour emergency contact information for your travel agent, travel insurance provider and family members.

DID YOU KNOW?

Many travel insurance policies don't cover risky activities such as motorcycle and moped riding, skiing, parachuting, scuba diving or surfing. Make sure the policy you choose covers you for both your destination and the activities you'll be undertaking. Don't simply choose the insurance that is the cheapest.