



Travel Planning Checklist

Full detail: <https://gatherandgotravel.com/travel-planning-checklist>

Define Your Trip	<input type="checkbox"/> Step 1: Decide Your Destination (7 Questions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Step 2: International Travel: Understand Visa & Vaccination Requirements & Travel Restrictions/Warnings
	<input type="checkbox"/> How long do you have to travel?	<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure you have an up-to-date passport & learn about visa requirements.
	<input type="checkbox"/> What do you want to do?	<input type="checkbox"/> Review travel advisories, security alerts, and vaccination & other health requirements.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Why to go?	<input type="checkbox"/> If traveling to Europe, know about/apply for EITAS, a coming-soon travel permit requirement.
<input type="checkbox"/> How to get there?	<input type="checkbox"/> US travelers, Enroll in STEP (Smart Traveler Enrollment Program) with US State Department.	
<input type="checkbox"/> When is the best time to go?	<input type="checkbox"/> Step 3: On Budgeting, Know What You Can Spend	
<input type="checkbox"/> What do you want to pay?	<input type="checkbox"/> Determine your trip budget. Use a budget calculator or create your own to include top expenses.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Is it safe?	<input type="checkbox"/> Step 4: Set a High-Level Itinerary	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Figure out if you will stay in one place or move around, making multiple stops.	
Determine Transport, Lodging & Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Step 5: Getting There, Find/Buy the Best Deals on Airfare	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Step 7: Choose Where to Stay
	<input type="checkbox"/> Compare prices across multiple airlines.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reference Google Hotels "Where to Stay" button, for neighborhood recommendations.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider redeeming frequent flier/reward miles.	<input type="checkbox"/> Run AI/online searches on best lodging options.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Use tools like Google Explore, Google price tracker, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Get more guidance for how to reliably book top lodging in your budget from this how-to article.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Step 6: Getting Around, Rental Cars & Local Transportation Options	<input type="checkbox"/> Step 8: Decide, Save & Book the Things You Want to Do
	<input type="checkbox"/> Plan for how to get around your planned destination.	<input type="checkbox"/> Search for things to do online.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Familiarize yourself with local transportation options.	<input type="checkbox"/> Save your favorites. Consider using Google Maps custom lists for easy access.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Get rental car tips & gather resources.	<input type="checkbox"/> Check out the guided activity and tour options.
<input type="checkbox"/> Learn the (local) rules of the road.	<input type="checkbox"/> Ask friends, family, & locals for recommendations.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Consider pre-booking an airport pickup & ask for advice on arrival.	<input type="checkbox"/> Step 9: Focus on Food, Reserve Restaurants & Learn About Local Dishes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Know safe walking routes.	<input type="checkbox"/> Research & make restaurant reservations.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Compare prices across multiple airlines.	<input type="checkbox"/> Learn about the food before you go in blog posts, articles, and books.	
Tackle Travel Admin Tasks	<input type="checkbox"/> Step 10: Create, Finalize & Share a Detailed Trip Itinerary	<input type="checkbox"/> Step 13: Make Your Finances Accessible on Domestic & International Trips
	<input type="checkbox"/> Use an app like TripIt or create your own detailed trip itinerary.	<input type="checkbox"/> All trips: get fee-free cash from your local ATM before you go.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Share your final trip itinerary with family or friends.	<input type="checkbox"/> All trips: download/update mobile payment apps, like Apple Pay, Venmo/Zelle.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Step 11: Plan for Emergencies & Unexpected Situations	<input type="checkbox"/> Int'l: ID which low/zero foreign transaction fee credit card to use, transact in local currency.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Conduct practical safety prep, know local emergency #s & facilities.	<input type="checkbox"/> Int'l: know currency exchange rate, download exchange app for quick conversions.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Buy travel insurance.	<input type="checkbox"/> Int'l: plan how to get cash in the local currency—ATM upon arrival or buy from bank before you go.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Know what to do in case of theft (e.g., phone, wallet, passport loss).	<input type="checkbox"/> Int'l: make copies of all credit and banking cards, share with a trusted family/friend.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Step 12: Pack & Prep Your Home Before Your Trip	<input type="checkbox"/> Int'l: have a plan to keep valuables safe with secure bags & preventative measures.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Make a packing list, or borrow a free universal list one like this.	<input type="checkbox"/> Int'l: ensure ample funds into your checking/ATM accounts for emergencies & bills.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Itemize the prep you need to do for your trip & to close your house.	<input type="checkbox"/> Step 14: Stay Connected While You Travel (International Travel)
<input type="checkbox"/> Plan for how to get around your planned destination.	<input type="checkbox"/> Set how you plan to stay connected —via Wifi, int'l plans from mobile carrier, or eSIM tech.	