



Your international trip checklist

A step-by-step guide to planning your dream trip

1. Check entry requirements for your destination

- Confirm visa requirements and passport validity.
- Review vaccine rules and safety advisories.
- Use tools like Travel Off Path's Top Entry Checker.

2. Research the destination basics

- Identify top attractions and must-do activities.
- Learn local food, customs, and basic phrases.
- Check currency, sunrise/sunset, and embassy details.

3. Use Google Maps to build your trip blueprint

- Map activity clusters to plan days efficiently.
- Identify ideal neighborhoods for accommodations.
- Save bookmarks to create a visual itinerary.

4. Watch real traveler vlogs for insider tips

- Search for "[destination] travel tips" and "what I wish I knew."
- Learn about neighborhoods, etiquette, and transportation.
- Follow trusted creators.

5. Sketch a simple itinerary

- Outline days by region or activity type.
- Add day trips, recovery time, and family preferences.
- Leave space for spontaneity.

6. Book flights the smart way

- Use Google Flights for price alerts and flexible date grids.
- Compare destinations using the "anywhere" feature.

7. Choose the right accommodation for your trip

- Compare Hotels.com, VRBO, Booking.com.
- Check transit access, laundry, breakfast, and bed types.
- Consider 3-star suites for better value.

8. Reserve tours, tickets, & experiences

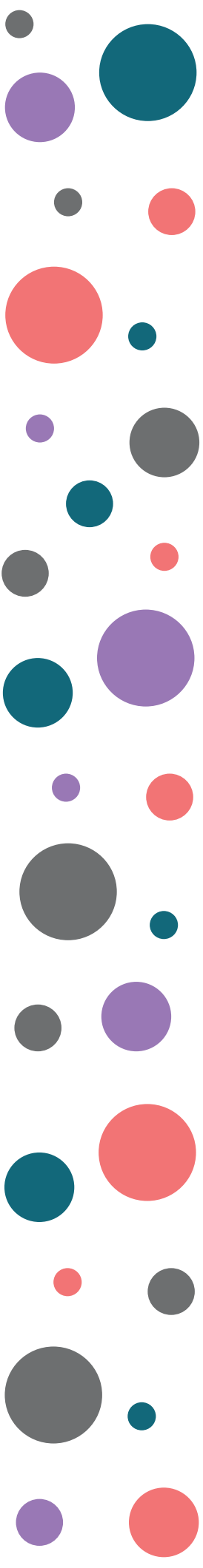
- Book cultural tours, food tours, and skip-the-line tickets through Viator, GetYourGuide, Klook, WithLocals or other sites.

9. Figure out local transport before you go

- Review subway maps.
- Download transit apps.
- Check Uber/ride-share availability.
- Consider Daytrip for intercity transfers.

10. List food must-haves & make reservations

- Search "best restaurants in [destination]."
- Reserve high-demand spots 2–3 weeks ahead.



11. Prepare your electronics and travel apps

- Order eSIM or Pocket WiFi.
- Download Google Translate and save language packs offline.
- Download local ride-share apps.

13. Register your trip for safety

- Enroll in STEP for alerts and embassy communication.
- Use a crossbody or hidden wallet in crowded areas.

12. Order foreign currency before you fly

- Order from your bank 2 weeks ahead to avoid airport fees.
- Keep small bills for tips and cash-only spots.

14. Final pre-trip prep checklist

- Print tickets & save reservations offline.
- Review cultural etiquette.
- Adjust packing list.
- Save embassy information.



Have a wonderful trip!

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