

Gemut.com Basic Travel Checklist

DO IN ADVANCE:

- _ Make sure passport is current / renew passport
- _ Buy airline / rail / cruise tickets (800-521-6722 x 2)
- _ Reserve rental car
- _ Reserve shuttle to/from local airport
- _ Make hotel reservations
- _ Photocopy passport / all tickets / travel & health insurance information
- _ Photocopy travel information from guidebooks
- _ Arrange for house sitters / pet sitters / or pet boarding at kennel
- _ Prepare information for house/pet sitters (travel itinerary, contact phone numbers, pet feeding schedule, veterinarian phone number, etc.)
- _ Purchase all pet-sitter supplies (pet food, cat litter, etc.)
- _ Notify home security company of house/pet sitter names & dates of service
- _ Check home security system batteries
- _ Arrange for lawn mowing service & payment
- _ Pay utility bills & other house bills in advance (if necessary)
- _ Select credit cards to take
- _ Notify credit-card companies & bank about countries (& dates) in which you will be using credit & debit cards. Increase ATM limit & ensure 4-digit PIN
- _ E-mail hosts with your travel schedule & contact phone numbers
- _ Vote absentee

TAKE:

- _ Passport(s)
- _ Airline tickets / other tickets (rail, cruise, airport shuttle)
- _ Frequent flyer cards
- _ Itinerary
- _ Hotel reservation information
- _ Phone numbers / addresses for each country
- _ Emergency contact information (names, phone numbers)
- _ Cell phone
- _ Laptop computer / tablet / ebook reader / chargers / converter plugs
- _ Digital camera / memory cards / batteries / charger / converter plugs
- _ Travel alarm clock / extra battery
- _ Phrase book / small dictionary / menu translator
- _ Books to read
- _ Maps
- _ Travel guidebooks / photocopies of travel guides
- _ Medicine kit (aspirin, bandaids, antibiotic cream, anti-diarrhea medicine, etc.)
- _ Insect repellent
- _ Suntan lotion
- _ Hand sanitizers (individual packages)

- _ Facial tissues
- _ Small sewing kit
- _ Hair dryer
- _ Backpack
- _ Tote bags
- _ Fold-up expandable bag for bringing back souvenirs from the trip
- _ Small flashlight (check condition of batteries & bulb)
- _ Bathtub/sink stopper
- _ 2 expandable clotheslines (for drying hand-washed laundry in hotel rooms)
- _ Liquid soap for hand laundry (small bottles)
- _ Leatherman tool / Swiss Army knife (packed in check-on luggage)
- _ Picnic supplies (flatware / small plastic tray / tea cups & towels / immersion heater)
- _ Plastic bags (various zip-lock sizes / laundry bags)
- _ Notebooks & pens
- _ Large envelopes for travel brochures & receipts
- _ Tags on all luggage / 2 extra luggage tags
- _ Gifts for hosts

PACK: (men)

- _ Passport / visa(s) / vaccination record
- _ Photocopy of passport / visa(s) / credit card information / insurance information
- _ Airline tickets / other tickets
- _ Emergency contact information (names, phone numbers)
- _ Cash / credit cards / debit cards
- _ Insurance cards
- _ Business cards
- _ Shaving kit (razor / soap / shampoo / toothbrush / toothpaste / deodorant)
- _ Brush / combs
- _ Night clothes
- _ Underwear (briefs / T-shirts)
- _ Socks / support hose
- _ Slacks / jeans / dress pants
- _ Shorts (outerwear)
- _ Shirts (casual, dressy)
- _ Suit / tuxedo
- _ Coats (sports coat / overcoat / raincoat)
- _ Jacket / anorak
- _ Tie(s)
- _ Sweater
- _ Fleece vest
- _ Swimsuit
- _ Shoes (walking shoes / dress shoes / shower shoes)
- _ Hat
- _ Gloves
- _ Neck scarf

- _ Umbrella
- _ Wrist watch
- _ Extra pair of eyeglasses / sunglasses
- _ Eyeglass repair kit
- _ Contact lenses / contact lens solution
- _ Hearing aids / batteries
- _ Sleeping mask
- _ Prescription medicines
- _ 2 copies of personal prescription list (medication names & dosages) / eyeglass prescription

PACK: (women)

- _ Passport / visa(s) / vaccination record
- _ Photocopy of passport / visa(s) / credit card information / insurance information
- _ Airline tickets / other tickets
- _ Emergency contact information (names, phone numbers)
- _ Cash / credit cards / debit cards
- _ Insurance cards
- _ Business cards
- _ Makeup kit (makeup / soap / shampoo / toothbrush / toothpaste / deodorant)
- _ Magnifying makeup mirror
- _ Hair curling iron
- _ Brush / combs
- _ Face cloths
- _ Night clothes
- _ Lounge dresses / pool dresses (can double as nightgowns)
- _ Swimsuit
- _ Underwear (panties / brassieres)
- _ Socks / pantyhose / support hose
- _ Dresses (casual, formal)
- _ Skirts (casual, formal)
- _ Slacks / jeans / dress slacks
- _ Shorts
- _ Blouses / tops / formal top
- _ Coat / jacket / raincoat
- _ Sweater
- _ Fleece vest
- _ Shoes (walking shoes / dress shoes / shower shoes)
- _ Costume jewelry
- _ Wrist watch
- _ Hat
- _ Gloves
- _ Scarf
- _ Umbrella
- _ Extra pair of eyeglasses / sunglasses

- _ Eyeglass repair kit
- _ Contact lenses / contact lens solution
- _ Hearing aids / batteries
- _ Sleeping mask
- _ Prescription medicines
- _ 2 copies of personal prescription list (medication names & dosages) / eyeglass prescription

HOUSE:

- _ Clean out refrigerator / pantry / give perishable foods to neighbors
- _ Move pot plants to neighbors
- _ Move patio plants near lawn sprinkler heads
- _ Cover plants that can freeze (in winter)
- _ Put pet carriers in accessible place in garage
- _ Organize pet food for pet sitters
- _ Cats (trim claws / groom / change litter box)
- _ Dogs (trim claws / wash & groom)
- _ Transport pets to boarding kennel
- _ Put home security keypad in accessible place for house-sitters
- _ Put basket for incoming mail in accessible place for house-sitters
- _ Unplug computer / TV / other electronics
- _ Program lawn sprinkler system
- _ Close & lock windows
- _ Lower window blinds / close curtains
- _ Check all water faucets / turn off washing machine at wall
- _ Set air conditioner (or heating) to maintenance temperature
- _ Take out trash