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ROAD TRIP CHECKLIST

122 ITEMS TO CHECK OFF THE LIST WHEN
PLANNING A ROAD TRIP

PLANNING AHEAD

7 days before departure

- Take your car for service (change oil, check oil filter, check air filter and change other fluids)
- Check car emergency kit (breakdown triangle, jumper cables, spare tire, etc.)
- Research your road trip route
- Print out the chosen route
- Get a travel guide
- List and print out all places to visit along the chosen route

One day before departure

- Pick up rental car (if you are not using your car)
- Check tire pressure
- Check car fluids including oil and water
- Clean the car and remove trash and unwanted items
- Wash and vacuum the car
- Charge cameras and other gadgets
- Make sure GPS maps work
- Download music, movies, games and etcetera, for entertainment
- Buy and pack snacks, bottled water and all items to take on the trip

PERSONAL ITEMS / TOILETRIES

- Soap / shower gel
- Deodorant
- Shampoo / conditioner
- Prescription glasses or contact lenses
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Towels
- Face towels
- Hand sanitizer
- Makeup
- Sunscreen
- Lip Balm
- Lotion for face and body
- Hair products
- Toilet paper
- Sewing Kit

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS & FINANCES

- Driver's License
- Passport (if needed)
- Debit/credit card
- Cash
- Coins for toll roads
- Health insurance card
- Emergency contact numbers
- Store discount cards
- National park cards

FOOD & FLUIDS

- Bottled water
- Energy bars
- Energy drinks
- Fruits
- Dried fruits and nuts
- Gum
- Garbage bags
- Collapsible cooler or cooler box
- Ice packs

ENTERTAINMENT

- CDs / iPod/ mp3 / music saved on your phone or USB
- Auxiliary cord
- Headphones or earbuds
- Smartphone
- Camera
- Camera charger & spare battery
- Chargers or converters
- Tablet/Laptop/ Portable DVD
- Multi socket power strip
- Playing cards
- Reading materials
- Journal and pen
- Football
- Snorkel mask (if needed)

NAVIGATION

- Paper maps / atlas
- GPS unit/compass in car or phone
- Printed directions and route map
- Travel guide

HEALTH & SAFETY

- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Disinfectant wipes
- Medications including pain medication
- Bug spray
- Saline solution
- First aid kit (for example: thermometer, Benadryl cream, Band-Aids, gauze, Tylenol for children, Antacids, peroxide, small scissors, tweezers, tape, cotton swabs, cold pack, antibiotic ointment and Aloe)

CAR MAINTENANCE

- Car oil
- Spare tire
- Jumper cables
- Roadside breakdown kit
- Tool box
- Spare keys
- Flares
- Folding shovel
- Duct tape
- Tow rope
- Knife
- Flashlight
- Emergency blanket
- Spare keys
- Tire sealant
- Gloves

CAMPING & HIKING GEAR

- Backpack
- Raincoat or umbrella
- Binoculars
- Tent
- Pillows
- Sleeping bag
- Blanket
- Sleep mask
- Noise machine
- Foldable table and chairs
- Cups, plates & cutlery
- Pots and pans
- Camp cooker
- Mosquito net (if needed)
- Flashlight / head torch
- Extra batteries
- Garbage bags
- Alarm clock
- Hand towel
- Wet wipes

CLOTHING ITEMS & ACCESSORIES

- Comfortable clothes
- Comfortable shoes
- Flip flops / sandals
- Hiking shoes
- Socks
- Undergarments
- Pajamas / night dress
- Swimwear
- Sun hat
- Scarf & gloves (cold weather)
- Sunglasses
- Watch
- Earrings

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ROAD SAFETY ADVICE

- Practice defense driving
- Don't drink and drive
- Don't speed
- Avoid distractions
- Don't drive while drowsy (take regular rest breaks at rest areas where you can get out of the car and stretch)
- Wear your seat belt
- Be extra careful when the weather is bad
- Don't follow other cars too closely
- Watch out for other drivers and pedestrians
- Maintain your vehicle on the road making sure it has enough water, oil, other fluids and tire pressure
- Be organized and keep the car clean and light
- Observe all traffic laws