

THE ULTIMATE
TRIP
PLANNING
GUIDE & CHECKLIST

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7 Stages of a Trip



Ultimate Travel Action Plan

15 Steps to Plan & Enjoy Your Trip

STEP	ACTION	DONE
1	Establish a Budget (Download Budget Worksheet)	
2	Pick a Destination and Best Time to Go	
3	If traveling internationally, verify VISA requirements	
4	Verify Passport, IDs, Immunizations are Current	
5	Create a Rough Itinerary (Download Itinerary Template)	
6	Create a Detailed Itinerary (Download Itinerary Template)	
7	Book Your Airfare	
8	Book Your Accommodations	
9	Book Transportation	
10	Book Tours, Excursions, and Activities	
11	Purchase Travel Insurance	
12	Handle Logistics (Download Pre-Travel Preparation Checklist)	
13	Pack (Download our Ultimate Packing Guide & Checklist)	
14	Departure Day ... Be Prepared and Be Early (Preparation Checklist)	
15	Enjoy the Experience ... You're Prepared!	

Trip Planning Tips & Hacks







Advice to to minimize your time, effort, anxiety, expenses ...
and maximize your enjoyment.

- Download our [Complete Travel Kit](#) for templates and checklists to help you plan your entire trip.
- Check your passport. Verify that it is valid 6-months beyond your return date.
- Know the visa requirements of each of your destinations.
- Check/get immunizations.
- Know how you plan to handle phone and internet services at each destination.
- Get your documents in order. Make copies. Take photos. eMail yourself copies as PDFs or photos of documents.
- Establish a budget. Then stick to it. Compromise or make sacrifices on certain expenses so that you can spend the savings on other more desired items.
- Stay focused and inspired.
- Seriously consider travel insurance. You never know when you may need it and better to have it than not.
- Reputable travel insurance companies to consider include [World Nomads](#), [Allianz Travel](#), and [Seven Corners](#).
- Get a travel rewards credit card. Redeem the points you earn for travel expenses like flights, hotels, cruises, rental cars, and baggage fees. Points can also be redeemed for other products and services.
- Know how to access your money BEFORE leaving on your trip.
- Be sure to switch to **NO-FEE international credit, debit, and ATM cards**.
- Handle last minute logistics several weeks BEFORE your trip. Use our [Ultimate Preparation Guide & Checklist](#) to ensure that you don't forget anything.
- Start accumulating the things you plan to pack and take with you on your trip. Use our [Ultimate Packing Guide & Checklist](#) to ensure that you don't forget anything.
- Pack smart. Roll instead of fold. Stuff items into shoes. Use packing cubes and compression bags. Pack half of what you think you need and twice as much money.
- Confirm flights and other reservations several days prior to departing on your trip.







Travel Resources

Book Online & Save Money







Trip Planning

 Wiki Travel	 Trip Advisor	 Lonely Planet	 Planning Guide & Checklist	 Preparation Guide & Checklist	 Packing Guide & Checklist
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Airfare

 Kiwi.com	 Kayak	 SkyScanner	 momondo	 Secret Flying	 Google Flights
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Accommodation

 Booking.com	 Agoda	 AirBnB	 Hostel World	 Housesitting	 Couchsurfing
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Transportation & Tours

 GrabTaxi	 Lyft	 Car Rentals	 Rome2rio	 TourRadar	 Intrepid
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Financial Resources

 Chase Sapphire Credit Card	 Charles Schwab Debit Card	 Capital One Venture Card	 Western Union	 Money Gram	 PayPal
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Travel Insurance & Protection

 World Nomads	 Allianz	 VPN
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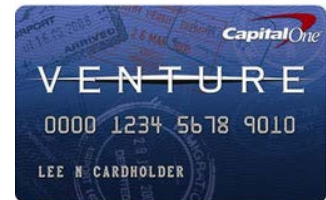
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