

Before You Go Checklist

Quite a few things are worth arranging while you're still at home — lining up these details before you travel is a big part of having a smooth trip.

- ☐ Check your passport expiration
- ☐ Make reservations
- ☐ Call your debit- and credit-card companies
- ☐ Do your homework if you want to buy travel insurance
- ☐ Make copies of important travel documents
- ☐ If you're planning to buy a rail pass
- ☐ If you'll be renting a car, you'll need a valid driver's license
- ☐ If you plan to use your US mobile phone or smartphone in Europe
- ☐ Get a proper guidebook
- ☐ Download any apps you might want to use on the road
- ☐ Take care of any medical needs
- ☐ Attend to your household needs
- ☐ Give a copy of your itinerary to family or friends
- ☐ Make a list of valuables