

Holiday Packing Checklist

A calm, practical checklist for holidays departing from the UK.

Before you begin: check your airline's current baggage allowance, your destination's entry requirements and the names on every booking. Requirements can change, so use official sources.

Documents and money

- ☐ Passports checked for validity and damage
- ☐ Visas, entry forms or travel authorisations completed where required
- ☐ Travel insurance policy and emergency assistance details
- ☐ Booking confirmations and ATOL Certificate, where applicable
- ☐ Driving licence and international permit, if required
- ☐ Payment cards, a backup payment method and a small amount of local currency
- ☐ Copies of key documents stored securely and separately

Hand luggage essentials

- ☐ Phone, charger, power bank and travel adaptor
- ☐ Prescription medicine in original packaging, plus supporting documents if needed
- ☐ Glasses, contact lenses and essential toiletries within security limits
- ☐ Headphones, reading material and entertainment downloaded for offline use
- ☐ A change of clothes and basic overnight items in case checked luggage is delayed
- ☐ Reusable water bottle to fill after airport security
- ☐ Any valuables kept with you rather than in checked luggage

Pack for the holiday you are actually taking

Use the sections that fit your trip and leave the rest behind.

Clothing and everyday items

- ☐ Comfortable travel outfit and layers for changing temperatures
- ☐ Daywear, evening wear and suitable footwear
- ☐ Underwear, sleepwear and swimwear
- ☐ Light rain layer or warmer layer for the forecast
- ☐ Sun hat, sunglasses and high-SPF sun protection
- ☐ Laundry bag and a small amount of travel detergent

Family extras

- ☐ Children's medicines and familiar comfort items
- ☐ Snacks and entertainment for the journey
- ☐ Swim aids or sun-protective clothing where appropriate
- ☐ Pushchair, car seat or travel cot arrangements confirmed
- ☐ A photo of each child's passport details stored securely with the responsible adult

Final home checks

- ☐ Check in online when available and confirm terminal details
- ☐ Arrange airport travel, parking or transfers
- ☐ Tell a trusted person where you are staying and how to reach you
- ☐ Empty bins, check windows and unplug non-essential appliances
- ☐ Set lighting or security arrangements and pause regular deliveries
- ☐ Recheck passports, phones, medicine and payment cards before leaving

Need help choosing the holiday before you pack?

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