

CHECKLIST FOR HOLIDAY TRAVEL

Travel Smart. Travel Safe. Travel Well.



GET INFORMED

- Learn about your destination and its unique travel requirements at travel.state.gov/destination.

GET REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after the date of your return. Some countries won't allow you to enter if your passport is set to expire!
- If your child is under 16 years old, his or her passport is only valid for 5 years. Children under 16 must apply in person with parents/guardians.
- Routine passport service takes 4-6 weeks. Expedited service is available for an additional \$60 and takes 2-3 weeks.
- Those travelling within 2 weeks may apply by appointment at one of 26 regional passport agencies. For appointments and locations, call 1-877-487-2778 or book at passportappointment.travel.state.gov.

STAY CONNECTED

- Enroll in STEP to receive safety and security information, and to help us locate you in an emergency. Visit step.state.gov.
- Leave emergency contact information, a copy of your itinerary, and a copy of your passport with family or trusted friends.
- Inform your bank or credit card company that you will be traveling overseas.
- Ask if your bank has any international banking partners where you can safely deposit or withdraw funds as needed.
- Remain vigilant in places with large crowds, such as holiday markets, places of worship, and transportation hubs, as extremists have targeted these locations in the past.

GET INSURED

- Consider purchasing additional health insurance, including medical evacuation in the event you need to return to the U.S. unexpectedly.
- Check with the embassy or consulate of the country you plan to visit to ensure that your medications are not considered illegal substances under local laws.

INFORMATION CARD

Look up the closest U.S. embassy or consulate information at travel.state.gov, write it here, and **keep this card with you!**

Name: _____

Passport number: _____

Emergency contact name: _____

Emergency contact phone: _____

Embassy/consulate address: _____

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