
3 ESSENTIAL THINGS TO DO, PRIOR TO TRAVELING!

CHEAT SHEET

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Travelling abroad? Here's a handy checklist of the 3 essential things you need to secure and accomplish before hopping on the plane.



TALK TO A TRUSTED TRAVEL AGENT

- To make things fast and easy, organise your trip with the help of a professional travel agent. A travel agent can help you plan your trip according to your budget and assist you in any emergencies that may arise during your trip.
- Communicate with your travel agent and tell him/her exactly what you need. Don't leave anything to 'guess work'. A good travel agent should know you and your expectations as well as be able to assist with the small details to ensure you have a smooth trip.



PLAN AND PREPARE

- Ensure that you have got the right visa if your destination requires one.
- Make sure your airfare and accommodation details are taken care of at least a week before your departure date. Arranging your trip ahead of time saves you money and gives you ample time to prepare.
- Get the recommended vaccination shots for your destination within 4 to 6 weeks prior to your departure. For more details on vaccination, visit www.traveldoctor.com.au.

SECURE TRAVEL ESSENTIALS

- **PASSPORT** – Must be valid for at least six (6) months past your expected return date.
- **TRAVEL INSURANCE** – DO NOT leave home without confirming this with your travel agent and insurance provider!
- **BACK UP** – Keep a digital copy of your travel documents on your mobile device. Scan and save all necessary documents like your tickets, passport, visa, IDs, and trip itinerary on your phone, laptop, or tablet in case the original copies get lost or stolen. (*We love the convenience of “GoogleTrips” if you use Gmail. “TripCase” is also a favourite.*)
- **CASH** – Carry a small amount of CASH for small things. Most airports as you arrive have an ok conversion and are great for convenience, though ATMS are also convenient. Definitely ensure you have ‘some’ cash. In case you cannot pay by card for small expenses.
- **CLOTHING** – Bring weather-appropriate clothing at least 1 change, just in case your luggage goes astray.
- **POWER BOARDS** – If you are bringing multiple electronics, a power board can come in handy.
- **MEDICATION** – If you have some you MUST take daily - carry it with you. Note you may be asked for a letter or prescription and always check with the country you are traveling to, if you are allowed to take it, as some may be considered ‘NOT allowed’.

Follow these tips for a more convenient, efficient, and memorable trip.

Safe travels!
Ros xoxo

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