

Holiday Travel Packing List Printable (Free PDF)

A packing checklist for holiday trips to family and friends, by plane, train or car. Cross out what you do not need and add your own items. Check your airline, rail or bus operator's rules before you pack.

Documents and essentials

- ☐ ID and any travel documents you need
- ☐ Tickets, boarding passes and booking confirmations
- ☐ Wallet, cards and some cash
- ☐ Phone, chargers and a battery pack
- ☐ House keys and car keys
- ☐ Any medications you normally take, in their original packaging
- ☐ Glasses or contacts

Clothes

- ☐ Outfits for each day: _____
- ☐ One dressier outfit for a holiday meal or event
- ☐ Warm coat, hat, gloves and scarf
- ☐ Sleepwear and underwear
- ☐ Comfortable shoes and slippers
- ☐ Layers for cold travel days and warm houses

Toiletries

- ☐ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ☐ Deodorant, hair care and skincare
- ☐ Travel-size liquids if flying
- ☐ Lip balm and hand cream for dry winter air

Gifts and extras

- ☐ Gifts, or a plan to ship them ahead
- ☐ Gift bags, tissue and tape if wrapping at your destination
- ☐ Host gift
- ☐ Dish or recipe you promised to bring
- ☐ Phone photos of gift receipts

Kids

- ☐ Snacks and refillable water bottles
- ☐ Headphones, books and small games
- ☐ Comfort toy or blanket
- ☐ Spare change of clothes in the carry-on

Car trips

- ☐ Check the weather and road conditions before leaving
- ☐ Ice scraper, blanket, flashlight and phone charger
- ☐ Water and snacks
- ☐ Windshield washer fluid topped up

Before you leave home

- ☐ Set the thermostat and check windows are locked
- ☐ Hold or forward mail and packages
- ☐ Empty the fridge of anything that will spoil
- ☐ Take out the trash and recycling
- ☐ Unplug small appliances; set light timers
- ☐ Arrange care for pets and plants