

Road Trip Packing Checklist

Everything You Need for a Successful Road Trip

☐ Electronics & Entertainment

☐ Smartphone & accessories

- ☐ Phone fully charged
- ☐ Car charger/adaptor
- ☐ Portable battery pack
- ☐ Phone mount/holder

☐ Navigation

- ☐ GPS device or phone GPS app downloaded
- ☐ Paper maps (backup)
- ☐ Route planned and saved

☐ Entertainment

- ☐ Tablet/iPad (for passengers)
- ☐ E-reader
- ☐ Headphones/earbuds
- ☐ Aux cable or Bluetooth adapter
- ☐ Downloaded music/podcasts/audiobooks
- ☐ Downloaded movies (for kids/passengers)

☐ Other devices

- ☐ Camera
 - ☐ Laptop (if needed)
 - ☐ All charging cables
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☐ Clothing (Per Person)

☐ Everyday clothes

- ☐ Shirts/tops (1 per day + 2 extra)
- ☐ Pants/shorts (1 per day + 1 extra)
- ☐ Underwear (1 per day + 2 extra)
- ☐ Socks (1 pair per day + 2 extra)
- ☐ Pajamas/sleepwear

☐ Footwear

- ☐ Comfortable walking shoes
- ☐ Sandals/flip-flops
- ☐ Dress shoes (if needed)

☐ Outerwear

- ☐ Light jacket
- ☐ Rain jacket/poncho

- ☐ Warm coat (for cold weather)
- ☐ Hat/cap
- ☐ Sunglasses

☐ **Accessories**

- ☐ Belt
 - ☐ Watch
 - ☐ Jewelry (minimal)
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☐ **Toiletries & Personal Care**

☐ **Basic toiletries**

- ☐ Toothbrush & toothpaste
- ☐ Shampoo & conditioner
- ☐ Body wash/soap
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Razor & shaving cream
- ☐ Hairbrush/comb
- ☐ Hair styling products

☐ **Personal care**

- ☐ Sunscreen (SPF 30+)
- ☐ Lip balm with SPF
- ☐ Moisturizer
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Tissues
- ☐ Wet wipes
- ☐ Feminine hygiene products

☐ **Medications**

- ☐ Prescription medications (full trip supply + extra)
- ☐ Pain relievers (ibuprofen, acetaminophen)
- ☐ Allergy medication
- ☐ Motion sickness medication
- ☐ Antacids
- ☐ Band-aids & first aid supplies

☐ **Eye care**

- ☐ Glasses
 - ☐ Contact lenses
 - ☐ Contact solution
 - ☐ Eyeglass cleaning kit
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☐ **Food & Drinks**

☐ **Cooler items**

- ☐ Cooler with ice/ice packs
- ☐ Water bottles (filled)

- ☐ Sandwiches for first day
- ☐ Cheese & crackers
- ☐ Fresh fruit
- ☐ Yogurt
- ☐ Deli meat

☐ **Non-perishable snacks**

- ☐ Granola bars
- ☐ Trail mix
- ☐ Crackers
- ☐ Chips
- ☐ Cookies
- ☐ Candy (for energy)
- ☐ Gum/mints
- ☐ Beef jerky

☐ **Drinks**

- ☐ Water bottles (lots!)
- ☐ Sports drinks
- ☐ Coffee/tea (thermos)
- ☐ Juice boxes (for kids)

☐ **Supplies**

- ☐ Napkins
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Plastic utensils
- ☐ Trash bags
- ☐ Reusable water bottles

☐ **Important Documents**

☐ **Identification**

- ☐ Driver's license
- ☐ Passport (if needed)
- ☐ ID for all adults

☐ **Vehicle documents**

- ☐ Vehicle registration
- ☐ Insurance card
- ☐ Roadside assistance card

☐ **Travel documents**

- ☐ Hotel/accommodation confirmations
- ☐ Attraction tickets
- ☐ Reservation numbers
- ☐ Travel itinerary (printed copy)

☐ **Financial**

- ☐ Credit cards

- ☐ Debit card
- ☐ Cash (small bills)
- ☐ Emergency credit card

☐ **Health**

- ☐ Health insurance cards
 - ☐ Vaccination records (if needed)
 - ☐ Prescription information
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☐ **Car Essentials**

☐ **Emergency kit** (see separate checklist)

- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Jumper cables
- ☐ Flares/reflective triangles
- ☐ Basic tools

☐ **Comfort items**

- ☐ Pillows
- ☐ Blankets
- ☐ Travel pillows
- ☐ Seat cushions

☐ **Organization**

- ☐ Trunk organizer
- ☐ Backseat organizer
- ☐ Reusable shopping bags

☐ **Cleaning supplies**

- ☐ Window cleaner
 - ☐ Paper towels
 - ☐ Trash bags
 - ☐ Hand sanitizer
 - ☐ Wet wipes
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☐ **Kids' Supplies (if traveling with children)**

☐ **Entertainment**

- ☐ Coloring books & crayons
- ☐ Activity books
- ☐ Small toys
- ☐ Tablet with movies/games
- ☐ Travel games
- ☐ Books

☐ **Comfort**

- ☐ Favorite stuffed animal

- ☐ Blanket
- ☐ Travel pillow

☐ **Food**

- ☐ Favorite snacks
- ☐ Juice boxes
- ☐ Sippy cups
- ☐ Bibs (for young kids)

☐ **Other**

- ☐ Diapers & wipes (if needed)
 - ☐ Change of clothes (extra)
 - ☐ Plastic bags (for accidents)
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☐ **Optional/Seasonal Items**

☐ **Summer**

- ☐ Swimsuits
- ☐ Beach towels
- ☐ Sunscreen (extra)
- ☐ Beach toys
- ☐ Cooler for beach
- ☐ Flip-flops

☐ **Winter**

- ☐ Heavy coat
- ☐ Gloves
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Scarf
- ☐ Snow boots
- ☐ Ice scraper
- ☐ Emergency blankets

☐ **Camping/outdoor**

- ☐ Tent
 - ☐ Sleeping bags
 - ☐ Camping chairs
 - ☐ Portable grill
 - ☐ Matches/lighter
 - ☐ Bug spray
 - ☐ Camping permits
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☐ **Work/Business (if needed)**

☐ **Work items**

- ☐ Laptop
- ☐ Chargers
- ☐ Work documents

- ☐ Business cards
 - ☐ Presentation materials
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☐ **Pet Supplies (if bringing pets)**

☐ **Pet essentials**

- ☐ Food (full trip supply)
 - ☐ Water bowl
 - ☐ Food bowl
 - ☐ Leash
 - ☐ Collar with ID tags
 - ☐ Pet carrier/crate
 - ☐ Pet medications
 - ☐ Vaccination records
 - ☐ Waste bags
 - ☐ Pet bed/blanket
 - ☐ Toys
 - ☐ Pet first aid kit
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☐ **Nice to Have**

☐ **Extra conveniences**

- ☐ Binoculars
 - ☐ Reusable coffee cup
 - ☐ Laundry bag
 - ☐ Sewing kit
 - ☐ Safety pins
 - ☐ Duct tape
 - ☐ Zip-lock bags
 - ☐ Umbrella
 - ☐ Notebook & pen
 - ☐ Book/magazine
 - ☐ Playing cards
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☐ **Pre-Departure Checklist**

☐ All bags packed ☐ Vehicle inspected (use vehicle checklist) ☐ Gas tank full ☐ Tires checked ☐ Route planned ☐ Accommodation booked ☐ Someone knows your itinerary ☐ Mail held or forwarded ☐ Pets arranged for (if not traveling with you) ☐ House secured (doors locked, lights on timer) ☐ Thermostat adjusted ☐ Plants watered

☐ **Packing Tips**

General Rules:

- Pack clothes in packing cubes for organization
- Roll clothes to save space
- Pack heaviest items on bottom

- Keep frequently needed items accessible
- Put one change of clothes in carry-on (car accessible)
- Bring plastic bags for dirty laundry

What NOT to Pack:

- Valuables (leave at home when possible)
- Excessive clothing (plan to rewear)
- Full-size toiletries (use travel sizes)
- Too many "just in case" items

☐ Packing by Location

In Trunk:

- Suitcases
- Cooler
- Emergency kit
- Tools
- Camping gear

In Back Seat:

- Pillows & blankets
- Kids' entertainment
- Snacks & drinks (easy access)
- Trash bag
- Wet wipes

In Front:

- Phone & charger
- Wallet & documents
- Sunglasses
- Coffee/drinks
- Toll money

Trip Details

Departure Date: _____ **Return Date:** _____ **Destination(s):**
 _____ **Number of Travelers:** ____ **Number of Nights:** ____

Notes:

Pro Tip: Take a photo of this completed checklist. Review it the night before to catch anything missed!

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